

## STATION APPROACH – WHERE NEXT?

The re-development of this important area of the City has had a chequered history so far however the Council has drawn breath and taken a step back to enable some re-thinking to ensure that the area gets the right solution.

It's clear from comments made by various businesses and their trade representatives across the area that there is a severe shortage of high quality office accommodation in close proximity to the station so it looks almost certain that this will be what is delivered here. That said, it is also evident that meeting the needs of local residents will be essential for a successful outcome. The Council is keen to hear the views of stakeholders so there will be further opportunities for residents to express their thoughts through further public engagement events.

The best way to check progress is through the Council's web-site and details



can be found under the pages headed Station Approach, selected from the alphabetical list on the home page. It does need to be recognised that **there probably isn't a scheme** which will satisfy all the various stakeholders however hopefully this time they can all feel that their views have been fairly considered.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.....

- Stoney Lane zebra crossing a success! Cllr Eileen Berry is pleased that after years of hard campaigning the new crossing is offering a safe route across this very busy road.
- Symonds Close – Westman Road – Local architects T2 have designed a brilliant, award winning scheme for 12 new Council homes all now fully occupied!
- The Council supported Party in the Park 2016 in Sommers Close Stanmore. This was a resounding success and hopefully will be repeated later this year.

## CLEANING UP THE CITY CENTRE

Whilst Winchester is regularly featured as being one of the best places to live residents often raise concerns over the sorry state of our City Centre streets with the area being blighted by over flowing commercial rubbish bins, pigeons, weeds and such like.

Having raised these issues many times Cllr Ian Tait been appointed by his fellow City Councillors to work with Council officers to see what can be done and plans are afoot to address these problems.



Cllr Ian Tait

## TRAFFIC CALMING IN CHERITON ROAD

With the new Westgate All Through School up and running, traffic on the surrounding roads has increased so the County have implemented a number of highways works along Cheriton Road – hopefully they are starting to make a difference although the road is in dire need of resurfacing.

Also before the school was opened there were fears that traffic would grind to a halt along Chilbolton Avenue however the parking arrangements appear to be working satisfactorily.

## MP MEETS NEW CHIEF CONSTABLE

Steve Brine MP met with the new Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney in the New Year, to discuss a range of issues including preparedness for flooding, the new national police funding formula and rural crime.

They also discussed the unique challenges around policing events such as Boomtown, which is held on the outskirts of the city each summer.



## AIR AMBULANCE RECEPTION IN PARLIAMENT

Steve Brine attended a Parliamentary reception for Air Ambulances before Christmas, which gave MPs the chance to meet with air ambulance charities and ambulance services.

He said: "Our air ambulance crew, which covers Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, need to raise a staggering £275,000 each month just to keep flying, so I ask my constituents to take a look at what they do for our community."

[www.hiowaa.org](http://www.hiowaa.org)



## M3 ACCIDENTS

Steve Brine has expressed growing concern over the increase in accidents between J9-13 of the M3.

He said: "This is a growing cause for concern. We should be careful not to jump to conclusions but the figures don't lie and I plan to meet Highways England to get their thoughts on what is happening."

## MP HOLDS LATEST 'ASK THE NHS' MEETING

Steve Brine held his latest public meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January on the future of the local NHS.

The event heard from a top panel of key local clinicians, with the focus on the recently published Service & Transformation Plan (STP) which charts future health and social care services across the county.

The Q&A raised the link between the NHS and social care, the management of long term conditions, future NHS funding and local GP services, as well as the proposal from HHFT to build a new £350m Critical Treatment Hospital between Winchester and Basingstoke to care for the sickest patients.

**Steve Brine said:** "The NHS has been my number one priority from day one and, while we all know it's under great demand at this time we should all be really proud of what it delivers day after day and be positive about its future. The fact that was the overwhelming the tone of this meeting was just great."



See more: [www.stevebrine.com/asktheseries](http://www.stevebrine.com/asktheseries)

## DAN SMYTH WINS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Dan Smyth, from St Faith's C of E Primary School, won Steve Brine's sixth annual Christmas Card competition back in December.

The 6 year old came top over 370 entries from 11 schools across the constituency, and won a family trip to see the Cinderella pantomime at the Theatre Royal.

**Steve Brine said:** "My congratulations go to Dan and all the Year Group and Commendation winners, alongside my thanks to Professor Joy Carter from the University of Winchester who was a brilliant guest judge."

## CONSERVATIVE CONTROLLED COUNTY COUNCIL CUTS CARBON EMISSIONS BY MORE THAN A THIRD

Energy efficient buildings and street lights have helped Hampshire County Council to cut its carbon emissions by more than a third since 2010 and to save £3 million for Hampshire taxpayers (£2.9 million in avoided energy costs and £200,000 of carbon tax savings).

Councillor Fiona Mather said "I welcome this news which is great both for Hampshire taxpayers and the environment."

This has been achieved by adoption of good energy saving habits by both HCC staff and Hampshire school pupils, by improvements such as re-roofing projects, boiler and lighting replacements and a major programme of street lighting replacements.

In addition 23 Solar Photovoltaic systems across the County Council's corporate buildings deliver efficiency savings of £45,000 per year, and generate 450,000kWh of power annually.

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## THE SECRET IS OUT...

Winchester is the best place to live in the UK in terms of quality of life, a study has found.

One key measure was Winchester's weekly earnings which were found to be 27% higher than the UK average, while crime, education, population densities and the weather were also taken into account.

The study found 96.6% of residents reported being in good or fairly good health, compared to a national average of 94.6%. Life expectancy rates were also higher than the national average.

Steve Brine said: "Seems the secret is out then. Of course those of us who live here know this to be true but I don't think we ever take it for granted. If this helps with investment into the city and spreading prosperity further across the area then it's good news.

"We should remember however, that Winchester has its challenges and pockets of relative poverty so nobody should see this as job done.



Winchester is also known nationally as Christmas City

## COUNTY COUNCIL FUNDS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING CENTRES

Hampshire County Council is committing nearly £6million over the next five years to supporting the expansion and development of the county's network of community based mental health wellbeing centres.

The Wellbeing Centres are currently provided by voluntary sector organisations with mental health expertise and act as a 'one stop shop' with a menu of services covering employment and housing, as well as a range of support to help people with their physical health as well as their mental health. People can self refer or are referred by their local GP. The centres also support people with more serious mental health conditions, working in conjunction with the local County Council/NHS mental health team.

In a further boost for mental health provision, Steve Brine has backed new government measures to transform the way we approach and deal with how youngsters receive support and care, and there will be new support for every secondary school to increase awareness and help tackle the unacceptable stigma around the issue.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WINCHESTER??

The City Council has set out its priorities for the next 3 years: promoting the local economy; ensuring that all residents have access to quality housing; improving health and happiness; and protecting and improving the environment of Winchester. With all Government grants being stopped, the Council will deliver these outcomes by being more efficient and entrepreneurial.

The City Council has purchased the Garrison Ground from Tesco. The 14 acres of playing fields at Bar End will be used by the community for sports and leisure purposes. This is great news for Winchester, as it gives us more options for delivering excellent new leisure facilities, which should be finished by 2019.

Plans to double the number of Council homes being built by Winchester City Council over the next 3 years will be achieved by the Council taking a fundamentally different approach from many other councils. In addition to the 92 new homes being built now, more will be started this year, helping more people to afford to live in Winchester.

## KNOWLEDGE PARK AMBITION

Business leaders and the City Council have joined the University of Winchester and Steve Brine to launch ambitious plans for a local knowledge park.



They aim to bring hundreds of high-skilled jobs to the Sir John Moore Barracks site which the MoD have confirmed will close in 2020.

Steve Brine said: "I hear time and again from business leaders that we have a serious lack of commercial space in the city so this land becoming available could tie up well with our long-stated ambition to foster high quality, well-paid, employment."

Steve Brine MP with Professor Joy Carter of the University of Winchester and Cllr Stephen Godfrey, recent leader of WCC

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# KEEPING IN TOUCH

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- Stand for Council

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## SILVERHILL AREA – RENEWED COMMITMENT TO TIDY UP THE AREA

Irrespective of the wider long term plans for the area there is a pressing need to give the site a "make over". To this end the old fountain will shortly be removed and the surrounding buildings are being painted and generally tidied up. The Friarsgate carpark will re-open later in the year with around 70 spaces (and be three stories lower) and signage will be improved for the Kings Walk shops.

It is almost certain that T K Maxx will move into the Brooks and with this very popular store taking up a significant amount of retail space new life will be breathed into the area. There are also plans to shift some of the High Street market food stalls here as well.



Cllr Ian Tait in front of the soon to disappear Kings Walk fountain

## NEW COUNCIL HOUSING TO BE BUILT IN THE VALLEY?

As residents will know the Council has an ambitious programme for building many more Council houses and the numbers are starting to rack up with schemes completed in Stanmore Lane and Weeke. However the housing problem is getting worse not better and so the Council is actively looking at whether the Valley in Stanmore is the right location to build possibly as many as 80 new homes.

If not here then there may be a need for some blue sky thinking if we are seriously going to give it a go to make real inroads into the waiting list.

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The County Council Division of Westgate has changed, losing the area north of Stoney Lane (between Stockbridge Road and Andover Road) to the Downlands division, but gaining the area north of Worthy Lane. The wards of St Luke and St Pauls (excluding the Sleepers Hill/University area) remain in Westgate division.

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