

## **Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report October 2017**

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### **Missed bin collections :**

If your bin is not emptied when expected, please report via the following : <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/> Click on the link to “missed bin collection” after 5pm on the expected day of collection and by midday the day after. The team should return to address the oversight!

There is also a link on the waste and recycling page to report a fly tip.

### **High Hedges**

The Council has powers to deal with nuisance high hedges under a provision of the Antisocial Behaviour act 2003.

There are some important points to note about these powers:

- They only apply to evergreen or semi-evergreen hedges more than two metres high;
- The height has an adverse affect on the reasonable enjoyment of your domestic property.
- We can only deal with a complaint if you have taken reasonable steps to settle the dispute yourself. Making a formal complaint should be a last resort.
- You will have to pay a fee of £450 to the council to have a formal complaint considered. This is reduced to £100 if you are receiving certain benefits. This will be non-refundable even if your complaint is upheld.

There is information on the Planning Portal website, and your first action should be to try to resolve this with your neighbour directly or via The Winchester Mediation Service (01962 813320).

### **Working with Voluntary Organisations**

Voluntary and community sector organisations (such as community groups, social enterprises, cooperatives and arts/sports/heritage clubs) make a significant contribution to the support and well being of local residents.

We work in partnership with Community First in Winchester District to provide support for not-for-profit organisations across the District, including:

- Information and networking
- Training
- Funding workshops
- One to one advisory visits
- Toolkits and general advice (eg setting up a community organisation)
- Recruitment of volunteers, including trustees

Find out more at [www.cfheh.org.uk/services/winchester/](http://www.cfheh.org.uk/services/winchester/)

### **Don't forget : VIRGIN MEDIA BUSINESS 'VOOMS' INTO WINCHESTER**

The Virgin Media Business of 2017 'VOOM' competition (to find the best new business ideas across the UK) comes, along with the 'Voom Bus', to Winchester on Thursday 19 October 2017. For more details on the tour and for anyone with a great business idea, who wants to register to pitch at their local event, they should visit [www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/voom](http://www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/voom)

### **Timetable for Central Winchester Regeneration Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Finalised**



The consultation timetable for Central Winchester Regeneration's Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been finalised. The timetable has been developed to ensure the technical work (including archaeology, movement and traffic and flooding defences) is completed along with options for affordable housing and discussions with the owners of the land in the area.

The draft SPD will be presented to the next meeting of the Council's IPG, which is being held in public on Monday 30 October. Architects and masterplanners JTP will unveil the draft SPD which has incorporated the feedback gleaned during the extensive public engagement process.

The Council's full Cabinet will meet in public on 6 December to approve the draft SPD for consultation. The formal consultation period will then run from mid-December until early February 2017. During an eight week period a variety of meetings and exhibitions will be held so that as many people and organisations as possible can have their say.

### **New Winchester Sport & Leisure Park – Bar End**

On 9 October 2017, Overview & Scrutiny discussed various aspects of the progression of the new facilities which is hoped will open in late 2020. The planned facility is : 50m pool (which will most often be used as 2 x 25m pools with a boom to separate the two pools and a moveable floor in one half for flexibility of use), 20x10m pool (with moveable floor), splash pool, hydrotherapy suite for treatment and rehabilitation, 4 squash courts, clip and climb, exercise studios (including a spin studio), 180-200 station gym, sports hall and cafe. The suggested amendment for a reduction in the sports hall from a 12 court to 8 court hall is under discussion. (The existing hall at River Park is equivalent to 6 courts and the suggested enhanced facility would be 300 sq m larger.) Further understanding of the data to inform this discussion will take place to decide if this is an appropriate amendment.

A third phase of engagement is due in the autumn which will show emerging designs/layout of the building at Bar End. It is expected the Full Council will be asked to approve the business case in late Autumn and, should that be confirmed, a planning application will be submitted in Spring 2018. It is anticipated that building of the new facility will commence later in 2018.

### **Walking Netball**

Not everyone likes to be highly active and competitive, however if you fancy a game at a lower pace, there is a walking sessions 1-2pm on Monday's at River Park Leisure Centre. £3 per session.

It's a fantastic way to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle, not only does this have huge social benefits but also provides an opportunity for women to return to the sport. Walking Netball is a slower paced version of the game, with a couple of other modifications to ensure it is safe for those with mobility issues, lower fitness and activity levels. All sessions are delivered by trained Walking Netball Hosts who know how to make the session's fun and engaging - you won't realise just how hard you have worked as you will be laughing so much!

### **New Trade Waste Action for a Tidier, Cleaner and Safer Winchester**

Growing concern from residents, visitors and the business community that trade waste is spoiling the presentation of the historic city centre has resulted in an initiative to remove the unsightly market bins from the Market Lane/St Maurice's Covert area, the Council is looking to encourage a tidier environment by working directly with the businesses who leave their own bins out on the streets for long periods. A three-way partnership with Winchester BID and Hampshire County Council will identify businesses whose refuse causes an issue and look at solutions to the problem.

### **Archaeology in the spotlight as new publication puts 2000 years of Winchester's history on the record**

A bit of history reading : Winchester City Council and Historic England launched the publication of 'Winchester, St Swithun's 'City of Happiness and Good Fortune' - An Archaeological Assessment' by Patrick Ottaway. The volume is published by Oxbow Books of Oxford (<http://www.oxbowbooks.com>) in association with Historic England.

### **What can I comment on?**

No consultations are currently running however, residents might like to join :

#### **"ePanel"**

A consultation panel to help when consulting about Council initiatives, activities and various proposals. The panel is an 'electronic panel' where we consult members via email and the completion of online survey forms. A survey is sent once every two or three months which consists of less than a dozen questions on each occasion (i.e. 10 minutes or less of your time for each consultation). If you are interested in becoming part of the panel please email our Engagement and Insight Officer, Nadine Fox - [nfox@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:nfox@winchester.gov.uk) - putting 'Join E\_Panel' in the subject line. Nadine will then send you more information and a short questionnaire to complete.

## **Feedback**

### **“Statement of Community Involvement Refresh”**

#### **We Asked**

Your preferred methods of engagement and communication in relation to planning policy issues and for planning applications.

#### **You Said**

A total of 159 responses were received (157 on line and 2 by paper).

When asked how you would like to be informed of new planning policies, new planning applications and how to be made aware of decisions on applications, the majority of people expressed a preference for being notified by email.

In responses to the questions on how best to participate in planning policy issues and how developers should consult with communities regarding their proposals, a variety of responses were received.

Further analysis of this survey is being undertaken which will provide more detail on the range of answers to each question. The written comments provided in response to a number of the questions are also being collated and considered/assessed

#### **We Did**

The results of this survey are helping to inform the current update of the SCI. Public consultation will be undertaken on the refreshed SCI when the draft is published later this year. Further information from the survey will be included as part of this process.