

Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report April 2018

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Sun Lane Outline Planning Application

It appears that this application will be heard at the meeting on Thursday 24th May 2018. At this stage, it is an OUTLINE application and a further fully detailed plan will need to be submitted for permission to proceed with the development later in the year. For it to pass, the application needs to comply with the Planning Policy, Local Plan Part 2, National Planning Policy Framework and Highways England requirements.

LEADER funding available to support rural enterprise

Rural businesses are encouraged to apply for grant funding from the Fieldfare LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) to support projects that will create jobs and boost the local economy. Farmers, foresters, growers, rural businesses and rural communities have until the end of August 2018 to bid for a share of a £1.6million fund across the East Hampshire, Eastleigh & Winchester areas.

Further details about Fieldfare LEADER can be found at www.Fieldfareleader.org.uk

Local Elections – 3 May 2018

If residents will be away, there are two ways they can still vote :

Postal Votes : Postal Votes are available to residents on the electoral roll, either as a one-off, for a set period of time, or permanently. An application form needs to be completed, stating where you would like the ballot paper to be sent. Regulations require applicants to supply a date of birth and current signature to help prevent fraudulent claims. If you are unable to supply a consistent signature or have any other questions please contact the helpline on 01962 848 125.

Applications must be delivered by Wednesday 18th April 2018 to the Electoral Registration Officer at City Offices, Colebrook Street.

Proxy Votes : Proxy votes (where someone else votes on your behalf) are also available as an option if you are unable to vote yourself. **Applications need to be at WCC's office by no later than 5pm, Tuesday 24th April 2018.** Using a proxy vote requires specific reasons (that can be being on holiday) and details can be found on the WCC website.

Please contact Cllr Lisa Griffiths (lgriffiths@winchester.gov.uk or 07545 375632) if you need either form.

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park

WCC has recently received feedback on a pre-planning application from WCC and SDNP in order to address issues they are concerned about in terms of meeting planning policy. In addition, the Football Association, English Cricket Board and the sports National Governing Bodies are commenting to ensure the new facility meets requirements for the level of competition played in the Winchester District. Alongside this, we continue to engage with local residents to ensure we meet aspirations as far as is possible.

The planning application is expected to be submitted in June following the next Cabinet (Sport and Leisure) Committee meeting on Thursday 7th June at 4.30pm in the Walton Suite, Guildhall. The procurement of a construction company is proceeding, alongside the operator for the new centre. Permission to go to the market was agreed some months ago for construction, and approval for operator procurement will be sought at the June meeting.

City Council announces purchase of Coventry House, Barfield Close

WCC has announced a decision to purchase Coventry House, Barfield Close from Vaultex UK Ltd. This was purchased through the Strategic Asset Purchase Scheme (SAPS) and will, in the future, allow this site to be redeveloped to create further parking on the edge of the City and be able to take advantage of the Park & Ride service or pedestrian routes to travel into central Winchester.

Trade Waste Action Plan

WCC is working to tackle unsightly trade waste bins in the City centre – with some positive early results in Hammond's Passage - a problem area in terms of this issue, being cleared and deep cleaned. Growing concern from residents, visitors and the business community that trade waste was spoiling the presentation of the historic city centre WCC has worked closely with Winchester BID, Hampshire County Council, businesses and waste collection companies to find more acceptable storage arrangements for their waste. WCC has made previously unused space in Middle Brook Street car park available for business to store their bins.

Winchester Criterium and Cyclefest 2018

Winchester Criterium and CycleFest is back for its sixth year on **Sunday 10th June**, bigger and even better for 2018 - supported again by Hargroves Cycles. The event is widely regarded by riders and fans as the best of its kind and takes place in the heart of the historic City centre.

Entries are now open for those wishing to race in the Criterium with categories ranging from juniors to elite. In addition this year, CycleFest will offer brand new activities and stalls on The Broadway and Abbey Gardens - from Hargroves Cycles Roller Racing and arts & crafts to face painting – something for everyone!

For more information please contact info@winchestercriterium.org or visit www.winchestercriterium.org

Eighteen71 Café receives silver accreditation for excellent accessibility

The Eighteen71 Café has been awarded silver accreditation from Winchester Area Access for All (WAAFA) which is a scheme assessing accessibility in Winchester area. WAAFA is dedicated to improving general access and wheelchair access conditions for people with physical or sensory impairments in the Winchester area. Staff play a huge part in this and training is implemented in a way that goes above and beyond to help those who may need it more.

Station Approach Development

The Station Approach exhibition for March 2018, Broadsheet, Public Realm Strategy and Masterplan Framework are all available for viewing on the WCC website (<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/projects/5741/station-approach>)

Although the formal consultation period has closed for the March exhibition, comments may be contributed at any time, for feeding into the project as it progresses at stationapproach@winchester.gov.uk

Consultations

- **Parks and Green Spaces Visitor Survey**
Closes 30 Nov 2018, Opened 1 Dec 2017

Contact : Landscape & Open Spaces Team 01962 848 533 slord@winchester.gov.uk

Why We Are Consulting

Your views on our parks and green spaces are important to us and help to inform how we manage these spaces in the future. WCC want to know what you think about our parks and green spaces and how we could improve them. You can fill out this survey for as many different sites as you wish, but please refer to only one site per survey.

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/landscape-open-spaces/parks-and-green-spaces-visitor-survey/>

Feedback

- Central Winchester Regeneration Draft Supplementary Planning Document

A week-long touring exhibition was held between 10 – 15 January 2018 which enabled people to see the latest materials and meet the architects JTP and Council staff in a range of locations including Alresford, Bishops Waltham and Winchester. The exhibition display was also available to view in The Brooks Shopping Centre from 12 December until 8 January 2018. The draft SPD were also available to be viewed at local libraries in Winchester, New Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Waterlooville, Eastleigh, Chandler's Ford, Fareham and Romsey from 11th December 2017.

210 responses from members of the public, local businesses and statutory stakeholder groups.

All submitted responses are available to view on the WCC website and we are continuing to review the feedback and incorporate it into the final SPD where relevant. Proposed amendments will be presented at a public IPG meeting on 14 May ahead of a Cabinet meeting to agree to adopt the SPD in June.

- Tree Planting 2017/2018

WCC invited residents to view proposals for a tree planting programme for 2017/2018. A downloadable document was published online on Winchester City Council's Citizen Space portal where residents were asked to comment by contacting the Tree Team by phone or via email. The consultation was open to the public from 6th January to 2nd February 2018. Residents indicated WCC should aim to plant more trees within the City/District. Comments from the public will be considered during planning for the tree planting programme for next season and we are aiming to increase our planting numbers over the coming years. The planting process has to be carefully planned by our Tree Officers in order to ensure we're diversifying our tree stock and not planting in inappropriate places.