

Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report May 2018

Sun Lane Outline Planning Application

Once again the outline application has been deferred – current date is Thursday 21st June. 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.

Local Elections – 3 May 2018

The result of the Local Elections for the Winchester City Council were 23 v 22 (Conservative v Liberal Democrat).

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park

The Design Framework for the Parkland at Bar End has been published. Viewable here :

<http://winchester.gov.uk/projects/consultation>. Consultation sessions are being held on Friday 18th May at Bar End and attendance requires booking, so please contact leisureparkproject@winchester.gov.uk ASAP if you wish to attend.

Following approval of the Design Framework and Playing Pitch Strategy, the planning application will be submitted in June. The next step is for WCC to procure an operator, and this should be agreed later in 2018. The Movement Strategy, under HCC responsibility, takes into account this development and the need to improve road, cycle, pedestrian and public transport links.

The next Cabinet (Sport and Leisure) Committee meeting on Thursday 7th June at 4.30pm in the Walton Suite, Guildhall.

Winchester Criterium and Cyclefest 2018

Reminder : Winchester Criterium and CycleFest is back on **Sunday 10th June**. 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! See: www.winchestercriterium.org

Life-changing adaptations for homes

WCC have recently accommodated a Stanmore couple into a new Council home with special adaptations to improve their quality of life, and this is the basis of our refreshed Housing Strategy.

There is a grant programme for disabled residents and WCC has agreed to double its spending on adapting residents' homes as part of its bid to improve the level of choice available to local people. As well as helping Council tenants by installing disabled adaptations they are investing more than £1m through the Disabled Facilities Grant each year to support residents to live in the community. This can involve extending properties to help disabled and vulnerable residents to be able to continue to live independently and avoid the disruption, distress and expense of being placed in care homes or needing hospital stays. Grants are also available for private home owners.

Residents can apply to the Council for Disabled Facilities Grant assistance by emailing PrivateSectorHousing@winchester.gov.uk and calling 01962 848 455.

Winchester (and Alresford) - the gin capital

Always drink responsibly, but this is a real celebration of local businesses to Alresford!

Britain's appreciation for gin is on the rise – and locally this has been evidenced as 250 tickets to the Mid-Hants Railway Watercress Line's 'Gin Train' event sold out in just two minutes. Passengers enjoyed cocktails created by official partner, Winchester Distillery using local Twisted Nose Gin, whilst travelling in style on the steam train through the rolling countryside of the South Downs National Park. Food offering was by Pulpo Negro. And of course, passengers could use

the improved bus service to get to and from the event. We have our own distillery in Old Alresford. And of course, The Naked Grape stocks local gins, as well as numerous other local brews.

As I say though, drink responsibly but enjoy your local produce and celebrate what our Ward has to offer.

Council asks public to be 'dragons'!

A new business innovation fund is being launched by WCC, giving members of the public the opportunity to vote on which innovative business ideas the council should fund.

The fund is aimed at small businesses located within the Winchester District. It will focus on innovation and the creation of new business ideas, services and projects – and the awards will be in the region of £1,500 per business. Businesses have until 30 June 2018 to apply by completing an online application form and providing their business plan and cash flow forecasts. They will then produce a three minute online pitch to market their innovative idea to the public. Winchester City Council residents and businesses will vote over the summer for the ideas they would like to fund, with the final decisions being made in early autumn.

For further information on the business innovation fund, online application form and full eligibility criteria visit: www.winchester.gov.uk/business-innovation-fund or email businessgrants@winchester.gov.uk

Consultations

Winchester District Disability Sports

There are currently 3 consultations which **close on 1 June 2018**. Surveys take around 10 minutes to complete and your participation would be appreciated to assist WCC to plan to support the future needs of participants, providers and facilities.

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/participant/>

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/providers/>

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/facilities/>

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/>

If you have any comments or questions on the content of this report, please do not hesitate to get in touch. And of course, on any matter relating to WCC responsibilities where I may be able to help.

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