

PORTFOLIO LEADS REPORTS

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Requesting Action or Information

We would appreciate feedback from Parish representatives that attend the Climate Change workshops run by WCC.

For information

Alresford Parking

HCC are still minded to take control of the on-street parking, our priority will be to press for a parking strategy for Alresford which represents the needs of a market town economy and residents.

New Car Park, The Dean

Discussions continue with both leaseholders and officers on moving this forward. We are minded that anything but ground level parking would be unacceptable. Steel framed deck car parks are noisy and there can be problems with anti-social behaviour.

Enforcement

The information provided to councillors, parishes and complainants is to be enhanced, MP is part of the group working on this. A resource efficient method is essential to ensure officers can spend time enforcing! The circulation of a monthly up-date of cases is to be re-started. An additional locum lawyer is now on-hand to process the backlog of enforcement orders.

Development of the Local Plan

Local Plan workshop for market towns and rural area is to be held at the Marwell Hotel on 16th November: two sessions, one at 3.30 and another at 6.0. Please register to attend the event via Eventbrite <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2018-2038-emerging/local-plan-events> Your ideas and opinions are of value.

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The settlement from national government is expected in December and then the budget for 2022-23 can begin in earnest. The Policing budget looks to be easier work than the Winchester City budget at present.

Nitrates Mitigation

The problem of serious eutrophication in the Solent and the subsequent need for nitrate mitigation is close to solution with a scheme for WCC to sell nitrate credits. Much hard work by WCC officers has gone into sorting this issue and to free various planning applications to proceed. Various deals had to be struck between DEFRA and English Nature.