



Winchester City Council May 2025

While discussions on the Mayoralty and local government reorganisation continue, your City Councillors also remain focussed on issues of concern to residents of Alresford and Itchen Valley. Topics at the top of our inboxes include:

Sun Lane Development: the piling has now been completed for all houses that have current agreement for completion, but there may be more necessary in the future. It's all to do with the how stable the underlying chalk is, there may be fissures or other stability problems.

The din was appalling, there is hope that the buildings already built will mask the noise to some extent, but extra acoustic barriers may be necessary.

We would like to hear of any other disruption to residents, as we continue to monitor the site. Please do copy us into any emails you send to info@alresfordmeadows.co.uk – our email addresses are below.

New Waste Water Treatment Systems: we have now seen my first S106 agreement where the system is funded by nutrient credits. It is a cumbersome process which we are working to improve.

Road Closures. UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-2026 and Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025-2026 - now open for applications. More funds for local business and charities are available via Winchester City Council. £327,000 is available under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and £223,500 under the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) following the UK Government's decision to extend both funds for an extra year. Businesses and not-for-profit organisations are being invited to apply for UKSPF grants from now until 25 May, with the REPF opening a little later in April until early June. Closing dates:

- UKSPF - 27 May 2025, 9am
- REPF - 11 June 2025, 9am

In 2022, Winchester District was awarded almost £1.75 million to spend on local investment through both the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund. At the close of the three-year funding period, Winchester City Council had successfully invested in around 60 projects, details of which can be seen here:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/uk-shared-prosperity-fund>

Through the funds, organisations can apply for between £25,000 and £50,000, with commercial businesses required to match-fund their projects. Larger or smaller sums may be considered at the council's discretion and projects must be completed before 28 February 2026.

Any business or organisation, including not-for-profit and community groups, can contact prosperity@winchester.gov.uk for a chat about possible grant funding for their project.

Winchester City Council's funds have been designed to align with both the national agenda and the council's local objectives of:

- Tackling the Climate Emergency and Creating a Greener District
- Vibrant Local Economy
- Living Well

As ever, the work continues and we look forward to hearing from you.

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