



1. Sun Lane Employment area planning application

The application seeking approval of Reserved Matters for the Sun Lane development Employment Area to the far south, not previously detailed, has been submitted. Please do comment with your views.

Planning reference 23/02845/REM or use this link <https://planningapps.winchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S57CTTBPJ7B00>

2. Is it time for a community run waste recycling centre?

Hampshire County Council is launching a public consultation on future services between Monday 8th January to 31st March 2024. The consultation outlines proposals to meet a £132m budget shortfall by April 2025 whilst continuing to keep our most vulnerable residents safe. It is really important to hear your views on the range of proposals and particularly those most likely to affect us here in Alresford and Itchen Valley ,such as the future of our local waste recycling centre. Would you support a reduction in opening hours or days for example to help keep this service open? **Or is it time for a community run recycling centre? If anyone would like to join me looking at a community lead scheme (non political group)so we can ensure it stays open and recycle what the community feels is important to us then please contact me.** Many residents know I fought hard for pedestrian access and I am a regular user of the service . I believe in positive action, I know we have many residents with fabulous ideas on this and like me, value this site. So let's get together and see what we could potentially do with some teamwork and community spirit. I will be organising a meeting with interested parties on this.

3. Vehicles driving the wrong way on A31

After residents initially contacted me about these issues, although I and others reported these issues I personally contacted Cllr Nick Adams-King , lead portfolio holder for Hampshire Highways and asked him if the team could do an urgent review of this entire road from Winchester to Alresford to identify any possible issues that could have been causing this. The review was carried out and I posted their findings via social media on 11th December. Unfortunately, whilst I emailed many Parish councils this the first time I have put it into my report.

These areas are:

Rodfield Lane appears to be a key location for vehicles entering the A31 incorrectly. To mitigate this a directional sign will be placed at the southern end of the junction, along with signage reminding drivers that there is a dual carriageway ahead. Whilst not legally essential, a 'No Entry' roadmarking will also be added.

Replacement 'No Entry' signs will also be added on the backs of the westbound 'Layby Closed' signs, with a repair ordered for the sign that was damaged in a recent collision.

Thank you to all the residents who contacted me about this along with some Cllrs. Hopefully this will fix the issue but please do let me know if there are further issues.

4. Station carpark Glass recycling issues

I am disappointed at the response from WCC cabinet as to supporting residents who are experiencing issues with the glass recycling at the station car park. This site is open 24hrs a day 7 days a week unrestricted. I asked this question at the last full council meeting as to what alternative provision they are planning to take. Sadly, they have not taken responsibility on this and as it is entirely their responsibility to ensure that residents are supported, who are experiencing issues, be it move it, put in alternative doorstep provision or put gates up, none of these have been considered. I have submitted another question regarding this to full council at the requested assistance from residents on this issue.

5. Household DIY waste charges ended.

From 1 January 2024, residents using Hampshire County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will no longer be charged for disposing of their DIY waste - in line with the Government policy changes.

Up to two 50-litre rubble bags, or one bulky item such as a sink or toilet pedestal, will be accepted for free, at a maximum frequency of four visits over four weeks. Anything more than this amount will be chargeable at current rates, as permitted by national legislation, to cover specialist disposal costs. DIY waste can be accepted at all HWRCs in Hampshire except New Alresford due to its restricted size.

6. Flooding, Storms and Drainage

Groundwater levels continue to rise following the wet autumn and winter with cellar and sewerage system flooding

You can report **flooding and drainage** issues here:

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/reportingflooding

You can report **fallen trees** here:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

7. Happy New Year My best wishes to everyone for 2024, I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.