



Winchester Council January 2024



A Very Happy New Year to you All!

Carbon Reduction and Winchester City Council

On a positive note: At a planning meeting in December a large electric vehicle charging facility was approved, on a site at Three Maids Hill that had been ear marked for waste transfer. The charging site is supplied only by solar panels. As it is close to the A34, it will attract passing traffic as well as benefitting local residents. One of the reasons for people not buying electric cars is the lack of a good widespread charging infrastructure that allows for long journeys which this country needs desperately in the carbon reduction programme.

Demolition of the Friars Gate Surgery

In June last year the demolition of the old Friars Gate surgery in Winchester was approved. The site will have a meanwhile use as a temporary pocket park for about two years and as a site for an archaeological dig. Most of the site is now cleared.

Revised WCC Constitution

We have our first Council meeting under the new Constitution on 17th January, we hope it will be an improvement in efficiency and information.

Some of you may have seen the video of the zoom meeting of the Handsworth Parish Council held during the pandemic. It is good demonstration of the need to have a clear, agreed, and well-understood constitution. All the formal meetings of the WCC, the full council, the cabinet and the various committees are recorded and available to watch again. None of the dramatics of Handsworth, rather more solid, and workmanlike and nearly always polite. Rules do matter in human society. Look around you if you disagree.

Sun Hill Employment Zone (23/02845/REM)

The details planning application for the Sun Hill Employment Zone have been submitted for comment, following the outline planning consent (17/1528/OUT). It is useful to compare the size of the units with those in Prospect Road. The eight smallest units of the total of twenty two, have a footprint of 108m² which is very close in size to the units in the Prospect Business centre which are of 102m². The Covers building is 1265m². The three largest units are 2167, 2230 and 2413 m². Shelf House, in Prospect Road, composed albeit of different businesses has a floor area of 2043m². The Co-op distribution warehouse in Andover, at 44,300m² is larger than the entire site. Topics for comment might usefully include, colour of buildings, lighting, hours of working, relationship to footpaths, landscape, and boundary treatments.

Sun Hill CEMP

Taylor Wimpey have re-submitted this plan for approval by HCC highways. TW favour the Tichborne Down and New Farm Road route.

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