

## **Winchester City Council Report**

### **Meeting With Hampshire County Council about Road Safety**

We have working with The Highways Agency and the local Parish Councils for the last 18 months looking at how closures on the M3 impact local communities. In September we had a meeting with Cllr Rob Humby who is the Member for Economy, Transport and Environment looking at issues relating to road safety and how residents lives are impacted by M3 closures. Following the recent closure of J9-J11 and the traffic problems that arose, we have continued to talk with Hampshire County Council and the Highways Agency to make sure residents views are considered.

Please note that there will be continued closures from now till mid-December. The closure of the north bound carriageway of the M3 from junction 12 to 9 over the next few week-ends. Dates and timing are: -

The work to replace the expansion joints on the M3 at Winchester will now take place over the following weekends: -

- Friday 15 through to Monday 18 November – lane closures on the M3 and a weekend closure of the northbound exit slip road at junction 11
- Friday 22 through to Monday 25 November – lane closures on the and a weekend closure of the northbound exit slip road at junction 11
- Friday 29 November through to 2 December – lane closures on the M3 and a weekend closure of the northbound exit slip road at junction 11
- Friday 6 December through to Monday 9 December – lane closures on the M3
- Friday 13 December through to Monday 16 December – lane closures on the M3
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**In addition, the M3 northbound carriageway between junction 12 and junction 9, and the M3 southbound carriageway between junction 9 and junction 11 will be closed overnight on the following dates: -**

- Friday 8 November
- Sunday 10 November
- Friday 15 November
- Sunday 17 November
- Friday 22 November
- Saturday 23 November
- Sunday 24 November
- Friday 29 November
- Saturday 30 November
- Sunday 1 December

During the closures clearly signed diversions will be in place.

As most of you know your Councillors and Parish Councillors have had meetings with Hampshire County Council about the diversions when the M3 for the upgrades next year. It would be very helpful if we could have feedback from local residents on their experiences with these diversions via email please.

### **Climate Emergency and Plastic Pollution**

Since declaring the Climate Emergency in May Winchester City Council has worked proactively and the administration is ensuring that climate change and its impact are considered in everything that

they do. This issue is one that impacts us all and we feel that the best way to tackle it is to work together. With that in mind your councillors would very much like to hear your ideas and how we can make lasting change for our communities.

Plastic Free Winchester and The University of Winchester with funding from HCC hosted the first Plastic Free Schools Conference on Wednesday 16th October. This event saw children from 20 schools (including Compton School) across the district come together to work on single use plastic reduction. It was a unique chance for young people to take responsibility and work with adults to make real changes in their community.

From this event a petition has been launched to get Hampshire County Council to reduce single use plastic in school canteens.

<http://chnng.it/FZm57Y2kWR>

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