

Winchester District Councillors Report
Shawford and Compton Parish Council
2nd September 2014

Shawford Road White Lines

This took longer than anticipated but the lines are now down as requested unanimously by all affected residents in Shawford Road.

Sunday Train Service

The enhanced Sunday hourly service reverts to every two hours from the end of September.

South Winchester Park and Ride

Patronage of the South Park and Ride continues to grow. We have just announced the availability of a limited number of park and cycle annual season tickets to encourage people to park and cycle/walk. The City Council has just completed a user consultation process mainly relating to the current bus service and its destination to see what if any changes should be made to future bus tenders. We are also investigating Solar Panels over parking bays 'continental style' to see whether the P & R can become a stand alone energy facility. This would include the charging of electric cars.

Silver Hill

A great deal of time has been devoted to assessing the various issues raised relating to the Silver Hill development. In the view of the City Council and its independent advisers this proposal still represents the best consideration for the City Council in the current circumstances. The area is much run down and areas like the Friars Gate car park may need to close at short notice for safety reasons.

Hendersons have submitted a revised plan to WCC Planning Committee to include improvements in the public realm, housing and retail. The full plans can be seen on the Winchester City Council's website.

Local Plan Part 2

Following responses from various parties including the Parish Councils Part 2 is now nearing completion and should be before Council this autumn.

Local Government Boundary Commission Review

This is on your agenda for tonight.

Cultural Network

Winchester City Council is inviting local artists and creative businesses to the inaugural meeting of a new Cultural Network. The creation of a local network was a key recommendation in the Council's Cultural Strategy approved earlier this year, called Culture, Innovation and the Creative Economy. The network will provide opportunities for information-sharing, collaborative working, joint funding bids and lobbying.

2014 Cycle Fest

This took place on Sunday 17 August and once again appeared to be very popular. The event took place in the Broadway from 10am to 2pm with stunt displays, vintage bikes, a mountain bike track and 'roller-racing' – bike racing to music. This was followed by the second Winchester Criterium - a number of professional and amateur cycle races around secured roads in central Winchester. This event complimented the success of Hat Fair in July bringing different attractions to Winchester for both the local residents and to benefit the local economy.

Hampshire Cultural Trust

Discussions are currently under way with the Charity Commission about charitable status, various other issues are also under discussion. It is anticipated that the current WCC and Hampshire Museum services will transfer across before the end of the year. (Mike Southgate is a Trustee).

New Affordable Homes

Three new affordable homes for the Winchester district were handed over on 12 August at Bourne Close in Otterbourne. These were the first new build for a decade.

The three 3-bedroom houses are owned and managed by Winchester City Council. They will be let at an affordable rent, which is well below market prices, and priority will be given to people in housing need with a local connection to Otterbourne who are registered with Hampshire Home Choice. The houses are located on a former Council garage block. They are designed to meet 'Code for Sustainable Homes' level 4 with code 5 for energy, which means that they are very energy-efficient.

The City Council is keen to provide more new affordable home, and are currently seeking further suitable sites.