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with St Bartholomew Ward



LAUNCH OF 13 NEW HOMES IN HILLIER WAY

On a sunny, if cold, morning in mid-January, the Mayor of Winchester and the Leader of the Council cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of the new Hillier Way affordable housing development. The unveiling of the scheme marks a progression for the Council – which has announced that it has doubled its target to now build 600 new homes by 2020. It is hoped a number of other schemes will be finished in 2018, and more are planned for St Bartholomew Ward.

All of the homes will be owned and managed by the Council, and several are already let. Some have been adapted for use by those with disabilities. As the Leader (who is also the Portfolio Holder for Housing) Caroline Horrill said, “This is central to what we are doing as a Council to ensure Winchester and the District can be a place where residents can comfortably live and work.”

The development was designed by Design Engine to a high specification and Drew & Son were the main building contractors. All agreed at the launch that this was a really well designed, attractive scheme which sat well in keeping with neighbouring properties.



Cllr Rose Burns with Leader of Winchester City Council, Cllr Caroline Horrill, after the launch

HILLIER'S HAVEN

In conjunction with the Hillier Way development, a previously inaccessible area of open space has been transformed. The construction works are mostly complete and new pathways lead through this beautiful woodland area.

Some work remains to be done, such as a sculpture trail, seating and bird boxes. A trim trail has been installed at Chandler Road open space and there are six fitness stations by the pathway which are already proving popular with local residents. The Scout Hut is on its way, initially in temporary form.

EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY

An empty property is a valuable wasted housing asset. By bringing properties back into use, owners can possibly generate an income and the property will cease to deteriorate and cause problems such as fly-tipping, vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Rose Burns first raised the issue, and the resulting Empty Property Strategy was adopted in March 2016 with the aim of providing advice to owners. In 2016-17, officers have been reviewing the database, visiting empty properties, liaising with landlords and taking action to return homes into use. 236 properties, empty for more than 6 months, are now occupied.

Should you be aware of an empty property that needs action please complete the online form ‘Empty Properties’, available at :

www.winchester.gov.uk



One of a number of empty houses in the Winchester area

CENTRAL WINCHESTER REGENERATION CONSULTATION CONTINUES

The formal consultation, following the extensive and popular public engagement focused on creating a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), started on 11 December 2017 and closes at noon on Monday 5 February 2018. The Consultation Statement sets out what consultation and engagement has been undertaken to date and how it has influenced the content of the draft plan, which has been formulated by a team from JTP, working with the Central Winchester Regeneration Group of councillors (including Cllr Rose Burns) and officers. Hopefully you have had your say on the draft SPD via the online survey available under the Major Projects tab on the WCC website.

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NEWS IN BRIEF....

- Thanks to Cllr Rose Burns’ persistent efforts, a pedestrian guard rail has been installed outside the Hyde Tavern, for the safety of all Tavern-goers.
- We are one stage nearer the implementation of residents’ parking in Winnall, following positive public feedback. Hopefully this will benefit the entire community but comments are welcome.
- The Winnall Article 4 Direction, which now requires planning applications to turn homes into Houses in Multiple Occupation, was confirmed by the Council in 2017 and will come into force on 1 May 2018.



The refuge where we want the pedestrian crossing

Working for residents in St Bartholomew Ward