

Report for Hambledon Parish Council 3rd October 2016 - from Cllr Vicki Weston, Cllr Frank Pearson, Cllr Linda Gemmel

On 13 September 2016, the Boundary Commission for England published its Initial Proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries for the South-East Region. A 12-week consultation period will follow and accordingly, relevant documents including maps have been left for public inspection in the City Council's Customer Service Centre.

In summary, the changes proposed will impact on Winchester as follows:

- The Meon Valley constituency (which includes part of Winchester District) is to be abolished.
- The Colden Common and Twyford, and Compton and Otterbourne wards will be moved to the Test Valley Constituency.
- The Whiteley ward will be moved to Fareham Constituency.
- The Eastleigh wards (Hiltingbury and Chandler's Ford) there were previously in the Winchester Constituency will be moved to Test Valley Constituency.
- All remaining wards in the Winchester City Council area will be in the 'new' Winchester Constituency.

Note: the review is based on the wards as they existed at 7 May 2015 – following the 2015 Boundary Review for Winchester District, these wards no longer exist, but the new constituencies will be drawn based on the old ward boundaries, as set out above.

Proposals are set out on the Boundary Commission for England's website, together with details on how you can make comments <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

Consultations

Access the latest consultation off the home page of the WCC web site.

Joint Waste Consultation

Overview

Essential services...have your say...

Winchester City Council is reviewing its waste, recycling, grounds maintenance and street cleansing services.

Residents are invited to give their views by completing this questionnaire and returning it to us. By filling in this questionnaire you will have the opportunity to influence the way services are provided to you in the future.

Why We Are Consulting

As part of Winchester City Council's commitment to consultation we would like to hear our residents' opinions on a number of services provided by contractors on behalf of the Council. We are looking at how these services can be provided in the future so understanding our residents' thoughts on the services currently provided is very important to us.

The survey is in two parts; first a random sample of residents will receive a paper copy through the post. This is the second part; our web based survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/joint-waste-consultation/consult_view

Winchester's young people helped on their journey to employment

Winchester City Council has been working with Southampton City Council to produce a monthly jobs bulletin for young people living in the Winchester District.

The electronic bulletin includes information on job vacancies for young people starting their working life, at local employers such as local authorities, the hospital and University as well as private sector jobs and information about volunteering opportunities, apprenticeships and traineeships.

The new bulletin was requested at a meeting of careers advisors from local schools and colleges which is coordinated by Winchester City Council. It is needed because young people are not always aware of the various employment opportunities available to them on leaving school or college. The careers advisors meet regularly to develop relationships between local schools, colleges and employers, and to find ways to support young people finishing compulsory education and thinking about their future.

Funding for research into heat network

Winchester City Council has been awarded £25,125 by the Heat Networks Delivery Unit.

The funding, together with a £12,275 contribution from the City Council, will fund research into the feasibility of using a new local heat network to provide lower carbon and lower cost heating in the Bar End area of Winchester.

Heat, ideally from a renewable source such as a heat pump, heat recovery or wood fuel, would be supplied from a central source through a network of local pipes to buildings at Bar End.

The proposed new leisure centre, together with other proposed developments in the area, provide a prime opportunity to investigate the use of renewable energy sources to heat and cool buildings.

The City Council's commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of new leisure facilities was one of Twelve Actions for a Lower Carbon Council announced by Winchester City Council in January this year, in the wake of the Paris Climate Conference.

The funding is for initial studies only. If this study shows that a heat network is realistic and likely to reduce heating bills and the carbon footprint of Bar End, the Council hopes to undertake the more detailed work needed to take the project further.

Silver Hill

The regeneration of the area of central Winchester around the bus station and Friarsgate buildings needs a fresh approach. The aim is to establish a new vision for redevelopment that will reinvigorate Winchester's town centre with a mix of commercial, residential and cultural activity and improve local services.

The principle and broad scope of development in this area of the city has been set out in the City Council's emerging Local Plan. Now the Council is looking to put the detail into the plans by producing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which establishes the way in which different uses will fit together on the site.

Cllr Victoria Weston, Winchester City Council's Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, is chairing the Central Winchester Regeneration Informal Policy Group (IPG). The group had its first meeting on Tuesday 13 September.

Local Plan

Gypsy and traveller needs/Site Allocations development plan of Winchester District excluding SDNP.

Work on two key evidence studies has now progressed and we are expecting a report this week which should detail the numbers of Traveller and gypsy sites required in the district.

What has been allowed as a site after April this year will count to the numbers required.

The inspector made it clear that numbers needed to be in LPP2 to ensure soundness of the plan and the Development Plan Document will have the detail of the sites. By next meeting I hope to give you more information on this section of the Local plan. Cabinet report 2837 sets out the process and planned way forward. This will not actually affect Hambleton as you are totally in the SDNP.

Cllr Vicki Weston

Ward Councillor Swanmore and Newtown