

District Councillor Report November 2018

Priority Leafing

Autumn is underway and after a hot and dry summer, and recent winds the leaves are beginning to fall. The leaf removal programme started on **Monday 29th October**. The programme (attached for your convenience) is also available on the City Council's website at the following address so hopefully this will be useful in directing any enquiries about when the next leaf clearance visit is due.

<http://winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/grounds-and-streetcare>

It's probably helpful to remind you that the programme is based on a list of priority roads deemed to require additional attention during leaf fall, these roads have been identified by residents and contract monitoring officers as high profile and footfall areas (priority roads in your area are attached). All other roads (i.e. those not on the list) will get routine sweeping in line with usual contract requirements – usually a 13 week sweep frequency. **However, this year again we have a Hit Squad as a rapid response unit to deal with problems that arise in between scheduled removal but this option is limited to emergencies only such as blocked gullies, flooding risk or significant slip hazards.** If anyone still wishes to report a leafing problem then please do so using the Customer Service Centre on 0300 300 0013 or the 'Report' option on the Council's website <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/report>

Locally we have identified some additional roads needing a regular sweep during autumn since the priority lists were drawn up and these are also attached where relevant.

Southampton Airport

Winchester City Council has responded to Southampton Airport's draft masterplan (attached). The airport is aiming to more than double its passenger numbers over the next decade and to do this, it is planning to extend the northern end of the runway by around 170m, which will potentially enable larger aircraft to take off and travel to a wider variety of European destinations.

The council supports in principle the growth of the airport and its value to the local economy, however it does want to see the infrastructure provided to accommodate the airport's growth. This would take into the account the potential impact on air quality and details of measures put in place to address the airport's carbon footprint. The council has also asked for more detailed information to be made available to show that noisy aircraft would not affect the District's residents.

Sport and Leisure

A new Informal Policy Group has been set up to look at the future use of the River Park Leisure Centre site in central Winchester. The Council now has planning

permission to build a state-of-the-art leisure centre at Bar End, it needs to examine how it can best use the land at and around the existing centre once the proposed new Sport & Leisure Park is up and running. In addition to redeveloping the site of the current building, this will also include considering how best to improve and enhance the existing facilities and open spaces surrounding the Centre, ensuring that Hyde Abbey's memorial garden, walls and historic monuments are respected and preserved.

Archaeology

On Tuesday 11 December, members of the public are invited to an information evening at Winchester Guildhall 6pm-8:30pm to hear from the specialist Archaeology Panel for the Central Winchester Regeneration area. Independently chaired by Ian Murray, an award-winning journalist and editor, the evening will be a mix of information from the expert panel, round table discussions about the key topics on archaeology in the area, such as how we can protect and preserve the area, and an opportunity to put questions to the members of the expert panel and hear their answers. The Cabinet Committee for the Central Winchester Regeneration area will also be in attendance.

Cllrs Bell, Laming and Warwick