

Welcome to the September edition of my e-Focus in which I update local residents on news items, council meetings and planning applications in the Alamein ward. As before if you no longer wish to receive these e-Focus newsletters please contact me on len.gates@andover.co.uk and I will remove your email address from the circulation list.

Following on from last month, the deadline for comments on the transfer of responsibility for concessionary fares to the county council is now passed. The matter will be discussed at today's (Sep 1st) Test Valley cabinet meeting and I have also tabled a motion to full council calling on the county council to continue to provide the same level of service as currently provided by Test Valley. Full details can be found at the following link - <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/08/31/farepass-under-threat/>

I will also be proposing a further motion calling on the council and our local MPs to support proposal to ban wheel clamping on private property. For more details on this see - <http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/2010/08/20/lib-dem-action-on-wheel-clampers/>

We are still waiting a decision on the re-routing of Smannell Road. Since the public enquiry I have been contacted by many more local residents opposed to the plan. I hope to see that the inspector has listened to local views and keeps the existing road open.

I am pleased to report some action from Hampshire Highways in resurfacing the entrance to Galahad Close, dealing with overgrown trees on King Arthur's Way and a number of temporary repairs in other places. They have also responded to calls from town councillors Barbara Carpenter and Kevin Hughes to clear drains and repair street lights. If there are any other issues needing attention please let me know.

I can also report some action on under age drinking and the resultant littering of Smannell Road open space. Following two test purchasing operations where alcohol was sold to underage customers the police served a closure notice on Tesco Cricketers Way prohibiting the sale of alcohol over the bank holiday weekend. I fully support this move and hope the police continue to enforce the law in this area.

And finally another blight on the area is being addressed. Test Valley are looking at taking on additional powers to deal with abandoned shopping trolleys and would like your comments on their plans Follow this link for more details - <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=9843>

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For all the latest news visit

<http://lengates.mycouncillor.org.uk/>

<http://www.nwhampshire.libdems.org.uk/>



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been submitted in the past month. If you wish to see more details or comment on them go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=5600>

10/01831/CLPN	02/08/2010	Inglenook Cottage 29 Anton Lane Enham Alamein SP11 6HW	Certificate of Lawful proposed development - Single storey extension to rear
10/01870/RESN	06/08/2010	Land At East Anton Smannell Road Smannell	Erection of 164 dwellings and garages and associated works (parcels F and G1 of TVN.09258)
10/01926/FULLN	23/08/2010	1 Shears Road Andover SP11 6DY	Erection of dwelling (amended design to include erection of conservatory)
10/02046/FULLN	27/08/2010	Park House East Anton Lane East Anton SP11 6AB	Erection of 2 storey side extension

THIS MONTH'S BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Test Valley council meetings this month are as follows. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council. To view the agenda of the meeting, go to

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=201>

01.09.10	Cabinet	Council Chamber, Dutton's Road, Romsey	17:30
08.09.10	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Council Chamber, Dutton's Road, Romsey	17:30
09.09.10	Council	Council Chamber, Dutton's Road, Romsey	16:00
16.09.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
21.09.10	Planning Control Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
23.09.10	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
28.09.10	Audit Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
29.09.10	General Purposes Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	16:00
29.09.10	Cabinet	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Smannell Parish Council	Mon 6 Sep 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 8 Sep 19:15	Enham Shop, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 21 Sep 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Andover Town Council	Tue 28 Sep 19:00	Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover

If you wish to comment on, or need any further information about, any of the issues mentioned in this newsletter or any other local issue, please contact me on -

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