

Welcome to the October 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.

The campaign to retain all the discretionary elements of Test Valley's concessionary fare package continues. The matter was discussed at last month's council meeting when councillors voted unanimously in support of my motion calling on the county council to continue to provide the same level of service as currently provided. The deadline for the county's consultation has been extended until 8 October. Councillors also voted to continue to support community car schemes like Neighbourcare.

At the same meeting the council also supported plans to outlaw wheel clamping on private property. Unfortunately they decided not to back a call for meetings to be held at 5:30 instead of 4:00 so as to allow more members of the public to attend.

There is still no news on the re-routing of Smannell Road or on resolving traffic issues in Icknield Way. I have chased highways officers for an answer on this and am speaking to them about a number of other issues relating to highway repairs, parking and overgrown trees around Alamein ward.

Another successful meeting of Roman Way residents took place on 4 September where the police, town councillors and housing officers were available to answer questions from, and deal with issues raised by, local residents. These meetings will now become regular Roman Way Forums every two months. Future meetings are scheduled for November, when Neighbourhood wardens have been invited to attend, and again in January. More details on this next month.

On 21st October there is a by-election for a county councillor in Andover South and I have been asked and agreed to stand as candidate. This to me is a logical progression to the work I am already doing working with county officers on a number of issues in Alamein ward and around the town. I will continue to sit on Test Valley Borough Council to represent you and if elected I look forward to representing all of Andover on both Test Valley and Hampshire county councils as does Alamein and Andover North's current county councillor.

Cllr Len Gates, Alamein ward, Test Valley Borough Council

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<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>

10/02046/FULLN	27/08/2010	Park House East Anton Lane East Anton SP11 6AB	Erection of 2 storey side extension
10/02201/FULLN	14/09/2010	Park House East Anton Lane East Anton SP11 6AB	Erection of 7 dwellings

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>

06.10.10	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
07.10.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	16:00
12.10.10	Planning Control Committee	Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey	17:30
14.10.10	Standards Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
19.10.10	Licensing Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30
27.10.10	Cabinet	Council chamber, Guildhall, Andover	17:30
28.10.10	Northern Area Planning Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	16:00
0.11.10	Planning Control Committee	Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover	17:30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

Smannell Parish Council	Mon 4 Oct 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
Enham Alamein Parish Council	Wed 13 Oct 19:15	Enham Shop, Enham Alamein
Alamein Community Association	Tue 19 Oct 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
Andover Town Council	Thu 14 Oct 19:00	Venue to be confirmed

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