

# Memo (Agenda August 2021)

**To: Parish Councillors**

cc: Nigel Jupp (County Councillor) & Toni Bradnum (District Councillor)

**From:** Sarah Hall

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021)

**Re:** COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

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I have outlined below a number of recent developments for your information.

**(1) Planning Applications Issued**

| Number | Applicant & Reason | Consultation Closes | NPC Meeting |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
|        |                    |                     |             |

**(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)**

| Number                                     | Applicant & Reason   | Consultation Closes | Councillor         |
|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| <a href="#">DISC/21/0180</a><br>23.06.2021 | Approval of details reserved by conditions 6,8,9 and 12 to approved application DC/20/1840<br>Former Swallowfield Nursery, Church Road, Mannings Heath | Not available       | Delegated Decision |

**(3) HDC Decisions**

| Number                     | Applicant & Reason  | Comment to HDC | HDC Decision |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| <a href="#">DC/21/0319</a> | Installation of an outdoor swimming pool and associated pump house<br>Copsale Farm, Copsale Road, Copsale | No Objection   | Permitted    |
| <a href="#">DC/21/0657</a> | Erection of a first floor extension<br>Copsale Grange, Broadwater Lane, Copsale                           | No objection   | Permitted    |

**(4) Applications going to Planning Committee (North)**

| Number | Applicant & Reason | Comment to HDC | HDC Recommendation |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|        |                    |                |                    |

**(5) Enforcement Numbers**

| Number | Nature of Complaint | HDC Action |
|--------|---------------------|------------|
|        |                     |            |

(6) Appeals

| Number | Applicant & Reason | Planning Inspectorate |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|        |                    |                       |

Community Speed Watch Data



Community SpeedWatch  
Cotner



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group

Reporting between 01-07-2021 and 31-07-2021

**Current Volunteers = 22**

Summary for this Period

|                                |   |     |
|--------------------------------|---|-----|
| Number of Sessions this period | = | 0   |
| Total Vehicles exceeding limit | = | 0   |
| DVLA Valid vehicles            | = | 0   |
| Accuracy                       | = | n/a |

Police Actions this Period Overall

|  |   |            |
|--|---|------------|
| My group started Recording* on                     | = | 30-05-2019 |
| Number of Sessions since start date                | = | 76         |
| Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date | = | 377        |
| Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit                 | = | 49         |

mph(+63%) Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit = 60 mph(+50%)

| Date                       | Time           | Type   | Location   | Recorded<br>Percent | Letters | Vehicles |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------|--|---------------------|---------|----------|
| 28-07-2021<br>Horse Pub... | 15:30 -> 16:30 | BOOKED | A281 south of Horsham-On the grass island by the Dun                     |                     |         | Unknown  |
|                            |                |        | traffic heading South  |                     |         | n/a      |
| 27-07-2021                 | 15:30 -> 16:30 | BOOKED | Nuthurst Road-Going South, 500 yards from Junction of A281 and Nuthurs.. |                     |         | Unknown  |
|                            |                |        | traffic heading East   |                     |         | n/a      |
| Totals                     |                |        |  | 0                   | 0       |          |

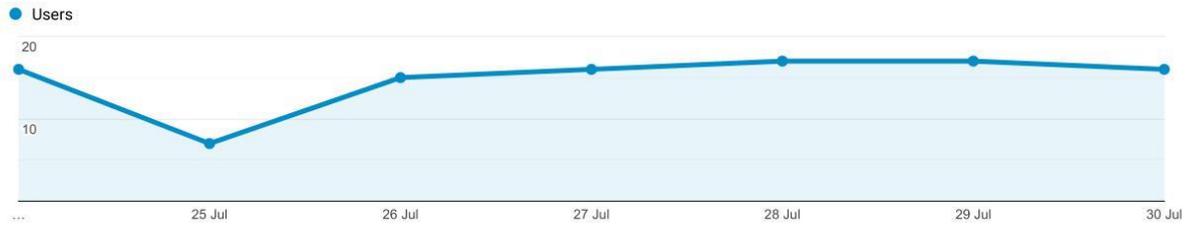
# Website Analytical Data

## Audience Overview

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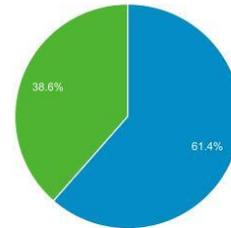
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Overview



|  |                              |                              |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Users</b><br>76                         | <b>New Users</b><br>51       | <b>Sessions</b><br>115       |
| <b>Number of Sessions per User</b><br>1.51 | <b>Page Views</b><br>311     | <b>Pages/Session</b><br>2.70 |
| <b>Avg. Session Duration</b><br>00:02:43   | <b>Bounce Rate</b><br>46.96% |                              |

■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



| Language       | Users | % Users |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| 1. en-gb       | 55    | 72.37%  |
| 2. en-us       | 19    | 25.00%  |
| 3. c           | 1     | 1.32%   |
| 4. en-us.utf-8 | 1     | 1.32%   |

## **Correspondence**

### **Email dated 30/07//2021 from HDC Greg Charman's Departure**

Dear Colleagues,

A quick note to let you know that I leave HDC after 20 years, next week on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. I have enjoyed a good career with the Council but felt an itch to try something new and so I am moving into the aviation sector and joining a company called Air Partner who specialise in a range of support services. More specifically my role is as Group ESG Manager which will see me taking on the challenge of making the company greener and more socially responsible, so quite a change but an exciting opportunity.

It's always the people that make a job and I have been privileged to work with a huge variety of talented and interested people, yourselves included and for that I am very grateful indeed and proud of what has been achieved.

The Community Safety and Wellbeing Teams will remain very much important features of HDC into the future, although there will be a slight restructure as a result of my departure. My suggestion therefore for an initial point of contact would be to use the generic team email address for Community Safety: [Communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Communitysafety@horsham.gov.uk) For Wellbeing related queries, please contact: [tess.davison@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:tess.davison@horsham.gov.uk) and if you haven't visited our new shop in Horsham town centre (The Forum) please do take the opportunity of coming in and having a look.

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### **Email dated 30.07.2021 from WSALC National Resilience Strategy Call for Evidence**

NALC will be responding to the Call for Evidence and seeks the views of member councils in response to the questions in order to help form its own submission to MHCLG.

Please email your responses to this consultation to Chris Borg at [chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk) by 5pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 along with any examples of local resilience strategies.

<https://nuthurstpc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/General/EdSNkVzjqQZDIKrN2gleWwIBFVbBCVFFfpynGx0MkHUNgQ?e=OUyYVD>

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### **Email dated 30.07.2021 from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**

#### **NALC Star Council Awards 2021**

This week we announced the finalists for the 2021 Star Council Awards. The judging

panel included representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Local Government Association, the Rural Coalition, the Transport Planning Society, BHIB Councils Insurance and the University of Exeter. They had a tough time witting down the entries from over 200 across the five categories. Once again, the public will determine this year's Council of the Year winners — [find out more about the finalists](#) and [cast your vote](#).

### **National Network: Young Councillors**

We held our first National Network: Young Councillors meeting on 26 July 2021, which featured three of England's youngest councillors. The network aims to connect young councillors from across the country, learn from and support each other, and share good practices. Discussions at the meeting included issues faced by young councillors and getting more young people involved — [read more in our news story](#).

### **NALC's event on planning and power**

NALC held another sold-out online event on 28 July 2021. The planning and power event discussed were the lack of democracy in the planning system, planning with and for people, and ensuring that climate change remains at the heart of democratising the planning process. We want to thank our expert panel of Richard Blyth (Royal Town Planning Institute), Hugh Ellis (Town and Country Planning Association) and Cllr Anna Watson (ShIPLEY Town Council).

### **Future Communities 2021**

We're delighted to announce Jackie Weaver (Cheshire Association of Local Councils), Mick King (Local Government and Public Services Ombudsman), and Lord Evans (Committee on Standards in Public Life) as our headline speakers. Our speakers centre around three main themes; NALC's [#MakeAChange](#) campaign and diversity, public services, and civility and standards. The one-day online conference takes place on 2 December 2021 — [register your place today!](#)

### **National Association Awards**

I've been immensely proud of our sector over the last 18-months in supporting the national response to the pandemic and continues to do so, which is why we were delighted to finalist at the National Association Awards in the Best Covid Response category. Our chair, Cllr Sue Baxter and NALC colleagues attended the event in London on 27 July 2021. As you would expect, it was a heavily contested field with lots of membership organisations from various sectors showcasing their outstanding work and that of their respective members. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but a huge congratulations to Hire Association Europe and CPD Standards Office on their gold and silver awards. It's great to see our sector's hard work recognised, and I want to thank everyone for their incredible work.

### **Times Radio features young councillors**

Through NALC's [#MakeAChange](#) campaign, we've encouraged people from all backgrounds and experiences to get involved in their communities and stand as councillors. So it was great to [listen to three newly-elected 18-year-old councillors on Times Radio](#). Cllr Freya Davies (Flore Parish Council, Northamptonshire), Cllr Jessica Michie (Oswestry Town Council, Shropshire) and Cllr Connor Winter (Bexhill Town

Council, East Sussex) joined Luke Jones (standing in for Matt Chorley) to discuss why they got involved and their experiences so far. I'm grateful to our partners Breakthrough Communications for their help in delivering a bite-sized media training session to help them prepare for the interview.

### **Civility & Respect Working Group**

Just a quick reminder that applications for this vital project manager post supporting the Civility & Respect Working Group closes on 2 August 2021 — [find out more about the role](#).

### **County officers meeting**

Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils discussed disability and the obligations local councils have concerning the Equality Act and Public Sector Equality Duty (more information in [Legal Topic Note 78](#)). There were discussions on several HR topics and lifting most of the remaining [COVID-19 restrictions](#) while I gave updates on the latest pay offer information.

### **Society of Local Council Clerks meeting**

Cllr Baxter and Steve Trice, SLCC chair and clerk at Haywards Heath Town Council, met this week and stressed the importance of working together around sector improvement and promoting civility and respect. They agreed to review the working protocol between the two organisations, and Cllr Baxter will speak at the [SLCC National Conference 2021](#) in October.

### **Suffolk Association of Local Councils AGM**

This week I attended the Suffolk Association of Local Councils' AGM and heard from the director of Public Health about the significant role local councils played in the pandemic and the significance of building on this community spirit to support resilience in the future. The association has a highly impressive [annual report](#), which sees them securing 95% membership and a 300% increase in networking. As part of the association's commitment to promoting diversity, they updated their constitution to use gender-neutral terms such as chair instead of chairman.

### **Prime Minister's Champion Group on dementia**

NALC provided secretariat support to the Prime Minister's Champion Group (PMCG) on dementia today. The group looks to make the UK the best in the world for dementia care, support, research, and awareness. Headlines from the meeting include:

- The Rail Delivery Group provided an overview of their work to make railways welcoming for passengers with dementia, including carrying out Disability Equality Training, recognising Sunflower Lanyards and undertaking equality impact assessments.
- The Dementia Friendly Technology subgroup identified the need for two guides on digital for dementia — one for consumers and one for commissioners — the group is currently exploring options for this.
- The group received an update from the Alzheimer's Society on how dementia friends training has continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, other ways they've engaged around dementia and plans to encourage people to keep in touch.

- Achievements from the PMCG include three million Dementia Friends, 400 dementia-friendly communities, and 15 sector dementia-friendly guides. The group will highlight the expertise amongst members to the prime minister and encourage government departments to nominate a dementia champion.
- The University of Plymouth has produced a Dental Dementia Friendly Guide for all UK dentists next month.
- The group heard from BBC Radio Devon about the BBC's Make a Difference Campaign, including partnering with retailers to give away digital radios to vulnerable residents, providing a Sunday service weekly at 8 am and running in content in Polish.

#### **New guide on insurance and accounting from BHIB Councils Insurance**

Our insurance partner BHIB Councils Insurance has developed a helpful guide for new local council clerks and councillors. *Insurance and Accounting for Councils* is a detailed guide to the different types of insurance available to local councils and provides valuable insight into keeping council accounts. You can find out more about the guide in their [blog](#) and download the guide FREE from their [website](#).

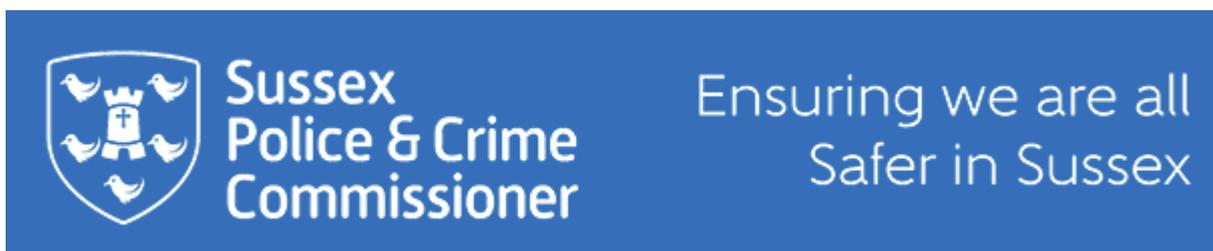
#### **Boundary Commission for England**

The deadline is fast approaching to tell the Boundary Commission for England your views on their initial proposals for new parliamentary constituencies. Visit their [website](#) to share your opinions before the consultation closes on 2 August 2021.

#### **And finally...**

Places for our online events are selling out fast, so please grab your tickets before they sell out to avoid disappointment. We have a great lineup of events and speakers to take us into 2022. Events on the future of high streets and town centres, [levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain, making rural housing more affordable](#), and our first-ever one-day online conference, [Future Communities 2021](#).

**Email dated 30.07.2021 from Sussex Police**  
**Keeping Sussex Safe**



This week marks 35 years since Suzy Lamplugh disappeared presumed murdered so I thought it was timely to highlight the Government's new strategy to tackle violence against women and girls.

Following an extensive public consultation – organised by my office - that received 2,000 responses, the strategy has a long-term aim to tackle underlying drivers of violence and abuse. It also includes some practical interventions and substantial new investment.

A new national policing lead will be brought in to coordinate the policing response.

An online StreetSafe tool will be developed to gather feedback from women and girls to identify areas where they have felt unsafe. This will be added to local intelligence so that PCCs and councils can 'design out' crime with improvements such as lighting and CCTV.

As the night-time economy opens up there will be a focus on safety in public spaces, including routes and alleyways to/from pubs and clubs. The £25m available from the Safer Streets Fund (Round 3) will be boosted by a £5m Safety of Women at Night fund.

My office is already working with our local authority partners to support this important work and I'll provide regular updates on progress.



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### A sobering reminder of the danger that police officers face every day

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I was invited to Downing Street this week with PCCs from across England and Wales to hear more about the Government's Beating Crime plan launched on Tuesday. The huge improvements in Sussex Police's 101 non-emergency service will serve as a model for other forces as the Home Office introduces a league table so the public can see how their force is performing.

I was very pleased to see the recognition in the Plan for the unique Domestic Abuse video reporting process the force put in place at the start of lockdown last year. Sussex is also leading the way on countering drug harm and dealing and related crime with

Operation Adder, with the Hastings area receiving a share of £148m allocated to areas with high levels of drug related deaths and crime.

The Government will be extending Operation Adder to other areas to bring a co-ordinated approach that combines prevention and treatment for drug users with targeted enforcement against dealers and users. In Hastings, Sussex Police have made several arrests of dealers coming into the town from urban areas and seized drugs, cannabis plants and destroyed a cannabis factory.

On Wednesday this week there was a dedication ceremony for a new Police Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire attended by HRH The Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister and Home Secretary. They were joined by senior leaders from across policing including Sussex DCC Julia Chapman, and the families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

It was a sobering reminder of the dangers faced by police officers every day to keep the rest of us safe and the added dangers and pressures of policing during the pandemic. I have joined fellow PCCs in writing to the Home Secretary to urge the Government to recognise this with a centrally funded pay award for this financial year.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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**Email dated 28.07.2021 from HALC  
Cancelled Local Plan Meeting this evening**

Dear Parish Clerks,

You will have seen the press release from Horsham explaining that this evenings meeting is cancelled and that the Reg 19 vote on the Local Plan will not be taking place. You will also have seen the follow up email from Glen Chipp.

At lunchtime today at his instigation Glen Chipp telephoned me and we had an open and honest discussion about the position that we now find ourselves in. We explored the implications, the risks and agreed some actions that should help us to move forward.

We in our Parish Councils have an active part to play if we are going to rescue this situation and I would like to ask each of you please to ensure that your Members attend our HALC Meeting next Wednesday evening (4th August). It is imperative that each of your parishes is represented at least for the section in the agenda where we will cover the Local Plan and if Members cannot attend for any reason please could you nominate somebody else, Councillor or Clerk to attend and carry back the key messages.

I want to share very openly the key messages that Glen and I talked about and to suggest and agree some actions that we should all take away and implement.

A further delay in our Local Plan is something that none of us want of course and it is very disappointing. If I can find a positive in all of this it is that Horsham are at least now communicating more effectively with us and there is some encouragement that Glen made the arrangements to talk to me as HALC Chairman first thing this morning. We can see a way forward where we can still deliver a Local Plan if we all work together and push in the same direction.

I look forward to a lively discussion on Wednesday evening.

Kind regards, Malcolm

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**Email dated 28.07.2021 from Glen Chipp  
Delay in the Local Plan Process**

Dear All,

I'm aware that various rumours are circulating about the reasons for the postponement of the Local Plan meeting this evening with some suggesting the postponement was due to uncertainty about the outcome of the vote. All I can say to that is that it is complete and utter nonsense! The Council received QC's advice on Tuesday afternoon that recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) meant that further work was necessary to ensure our Plan is sound. Most problematic is the requirement to produce a 30 year vision for sites that are expected to be developed over a period longer than the 15 years considered in the Draft Regulation 19 Plan.

This change was unexpected and applies to all councils whose Plan has not yet reached Regulation 19 status. So Horsham finds itself in the same position as numerous other councils across the country that have not yet approved their Regulation 19 Plan at full Council. The timing is particularly unfortunate for Horsham as we were so close to reaching this stage. In all other respects the Draft Plan was and remains sound.

In view of the QC's advice, it clearly made no sense to progress with a Draft Plan that did not meet the new requirement and which would consequently be found unsound at Examination. We are awaiting guidance from central Government on the what further work is needed to meet the new requirement and early discussions with MHCLG give cause for cautious optimism that these requirements will not be overly onerous. We hope that this work can be completed quickly and in time to progress Horsham's Regulation 19 Plan before the introduction of the much heralded new planning

system. Once we have this guidance we will be better able to estimate timescales for completion of this work.

Some Members have asked why was the meeting postponed so close to the date of the meeting and I have set out the chronology of events to inform those that are interested.

NPPF issued – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Officers edit the Draft Regulation 19 Plan to reflect NPPF changes prior to draft for submission to QC - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>/ Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Revised draft submitted to QC - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Advice received from QC mid-afternoon - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

In reality, Strategic Planning have turned this around at lightning pace and initial external advice was that the changes to NPPF could be incorporated relatively easily. Hence it made sense to progress the Plan but this was always subject to QC final opinion. These changes to NPPF are not the full scale planning reforms due later this year so that's why it appeared we could address them by amending the Draft Plan. It clearly didn't make sense to halt progress until we had confirmation whether or not there was an issue, especially as our initial advice was that it would probably be ok. Sadly, considered opinion turned out to be that further work was necessary.

I hope this helps explain the situation and whilst I'm sure that the conspiracy theorists will make up their own version of reality, I thought it best that you at least are armed with the actual facts.

Brgds, Glen

(Sent by Sue Weston on behalf of Glen Chipp)

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## Email from Mulberry & CO

### Mulberry and Co Training Programme **\*\*NEW TOPICS ADDED\*\***



### MULBERRY AND CO TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL COUNCILS **\*\*NEW TOPICS ADDED\*\***

*Each 2 hour module below is delivered by Zoom by Breakthrough Communications, NALCs national partners for Data Protection, GDPR, FOI and communications, and is charged at the reduced rate of £35 + VAT for WSALC members (non-member rate £50 + VAT).*

**\*\*new\*\*** Improving internal council communications

Effective internal communication is the cornerstone of good council operations. Yet ensuring the development and sustainability of good internal communication is often a challenge for councils of all shapes and sizes. This session explores strategies to identify gaps and challenges in internal communication, and ways to build more positive and outcome-focused communications between Members and Officers in the future.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Tuesday 5th October 2021 @ 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**\*\*new\*\*** Creating a social media strategy for your council

Social media provides town and parish Councils a unique opportunity to significantly enhance their communications – yet few Councils are fully reaping the benefits on offer. Moreover, few councils have a clear social media strategy in place. This comprehensive course looks at how to build a social media strategy that seeks to promote your services and key council priorities.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Wednesday 13th October 2021 @ 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**\*\*new\*\*** Working with local media to engage your community

Traditional media offers Parish and Town Councils a platform to engage and communicate with their residents, but engaging journalists can be daunting. We help you build the confidence needed to succeed, exploring how you can build effective two-way relationships with journalists.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Tuesday 26th October 2021 @ 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**\*\*new\*\*** Managing difficult people and conversations

Managing professional relationships effectively is important, and this is particularly true for Clerks and local council officers. Yet whether it's with other officers or with councillors, sometimes difficult situations will present themselves, and it's vital to have the skills to manage the challenges. This session for local council officers explores practical techniques and ideas to manage difficult relationships in a council environment.

**Thursday 11th November 2021 @ 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**\*\*new\*\*** Managing people and teams effectively

How can you get the most from your team, collectively and individually? What are the most effective strategies to manage people effectively, whether it's a team of two or a team of twenty, whether they're all working remotely or in the office or in a hybrid context? This session explores people management techniques and best practice from across the sector beyond, helping you to grow in confidence in being an effective manager, whilst getting the most from your team.

**Tuesday 23rd November 2021 @ 10.00am - 12.00pm**

**\*\*new\*\* Chairing in-person Meetings & Events**

Effectively chairing in-person meetings and events requires a range of skills. This practical session explores strategies and techniques to help new and experienced councillors alike to get the most from the meetings they chair, including skills to encourage everyone to participate and to manage conflict when it arises.

**Tuesday 7th December 2021 @ 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

**\*\*spaces remaining\*\* Creating accessible council documents and content**

This session is all about the practical application of accessibility, and will provide you with a practical understanding of the application of accessibility from the perspective of a local council. We will teach you how to create accessible documents, content and multimedia for use throughout the work of your council. This session will review the basic principles of accessibility, and walk you through tools and techniques to ensure your council is working towards accessibility compliance.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Wednesday 11th August 2021 - 10.00am**

**\*\*spaces remaining\*\* Dealing with a Crisis: planning ahead and managing crisis communications effectively**

We never know when a crisis could strike. From local flooding to a council meeting going viral there are many ways in which local councils can find themselves in the eye of the media storm. This session takes participants through the detail of preparing for a crisis no matter what form it may take. Passing on expert tips and guidance on being as prepared as you can be should the worst happen.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Thursday 26th August 2021 - 10.00am**

**\*\*spaces remaining\*\* Building a Two Way Conversation with your Community**

This session will help you consider practical and effective ways for your Council to systematically and proactively find out what really matters to people living within your parish, through a range of print and digital tools. Discover the tools, strategies and techniques needed to not just better promote your own messages but also to better hear and respond to the voices within your local community, and get buy-in on your vision for your community's future.

Suitable for Officers and Councillors.

**Wednesday 8th September 2021 - 10.00am**



Wednesday 28 July 2021

## Thank you for signing up to receive updates on our review of the Horsham District Local Plan

We are reviewing our Local Plan for the Horsham District.

The Horsham District Local Plan sets out how the District will deliver developments in a sustainable way and support the delivery of community infrastructures, transport links and opportunities for local jobs.

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## News announcement: Delay to the Horsham District Local Plan process

The Government announced changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on Tuesday 20 July, without notice. These changes have significant implications on the Horsham District Local Plan.

Horsham District Council is now required to prepare a Local Plan detailing a 30-year vision.

The current draft Plan prepared under the previous requirements sets out planning policies and proposals to guide development up to 2038 only.

We have sought legal advice and it is clear that we will need to commission some additional work to support this new 30-year vision requirement. Consequently, we have been recommended to delay the development of the Local Plan.

## Council meeting Wednesday 28 July - CANCELLED

This follows the Government's announcement of changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on Tuesday 20 July. These changes have significant implications on the Horsham District Local Plan.

As a result of the changes required and the legal advice sought, it was announced last night that the meeting of full Council on Wednesday 28 July to approve the Regulation 19, Pre-Submission Horsham District Local Plan document, has been postponed.

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## Leader of the Council Cllr Paul Clarke said:

“This is hugely disappointing news. We have sought help from MHCLG to reduce our housing requirements without any substantive success. As a result we have worked hard to prepare a plan that would pass muster with a Planning Inspector in order to protect the District against speculative development.

“The Government consulted on the possible requirement for Local Plans to include a 30-year vision some months ago and we responded asking for guidance on how this could be evidenced. We received no feedback and had no advance warning of this substantive change in the NPPF.

Worse still, no guidance has been published alongside the changes to the NPPF to explain what Local Authorities need to do to meet this new requirement.

“Our legal advice is clear that we have no choice but to delay our Plan. “

## The next steps

We are currently taking further advice on how we can best proceed with the Local Plan process to support this new 30-year vision requirement.

No decision has yet been made so we kindly ask that you please do not contact Horsham District Council in the next few days with further questions about this until we can find a clear way forward. As soon as we know more we will post news on our website, in the media and on social media. Thank you.

[Visit our website for the latest updates](#)

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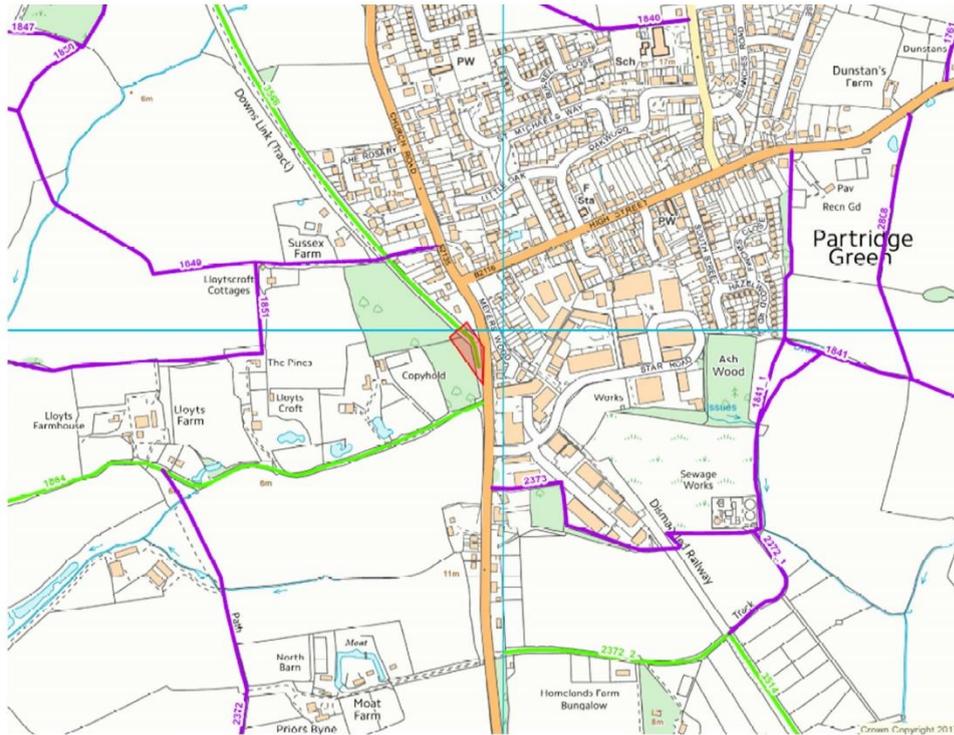
Horsham  
District  
Council

# Downs Link Advanced Notice

Maintenance work will be taking place in the parish of  
**West Grinstead at Partridge Green.**

Anticipated date of works 11th August 2021.

Duration of Works 1 day.



Areas of works highlight in red.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Email: [countryside@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@westsussex.gov.uk)



Email dated 28.07.2021 from Rampian 2 Team  
Rampian 2 Parish Council Virtual Forum - reminder

The Rampion 2 formal public consultation has now been live for two weeks at  
[www.rampion2.com](http://www.rampion2.com), where you can find all the consultation documents including a series of

videos, fact sheets, and maps, in addition to the more detailed Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

We have been holding virtual meetings with a wide range of local authorities and our series of Project Liaison Groups, to present our draft proposals and listen to local feedback. Following my email of 21 July, I wanted to send a gentle reminder of our dedicated virtual events for parish councillors only.

The first such event is being held at:

[5:30pm tomorrow, 28th July](#)

The second event is being held at:

[6pm on Monday, 23rd August](#)

To register to attend an event, please follow one of the links above to fill out your name and email. Once you have registered, you should receive an email from Zoom which contains a link to join the meeting. If you have any technical challenges please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance. During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to submit questions that you'd like us to answer, or you can email questions in advance to [Rampion2@rwe.com](mailto:Rampion2@rwe.com).

I would be very grateful if you could share the event details with your councillors and I look forward to hearing from you at one of the meetings and answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks, Chris Tomlinson

Development & Stakeholder Manager, Rampion 2

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#### **Email dated 28.07.2021 from NALC NALC Newsletter**

## **News**

Star Council Awards 2021 finalists  
NALC has announced who is in the running for the  
2021 Star Council Awards — [find out more about  
the finalists.](#)

## **News**

Involve more communities in planning  
NALC has written to all MPs and planning minister  
Christopher Pincher MP urging them to listen to local  
councils in the planning process — [read the letter.](#)

**Levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain**

Levelling up the environment  
NALC has added a new online event on levelling up the environment through biodiversity net gain, taking place on 27 October 2021 — [register your place](#).

**Making rural housing more affordable**

Making rural housing more affordable  
NALC has added a new online event on making rural housing more affordable to its calendar, taking place on 17 November 2021 — [register your place](#).

**Future Communities 2021**

Future Communities 2021  
NALC's ground-breaking one-day online conference, Future Communities 2021, takes place on 2 December 2021 — [register your place](#).

**New blog**

New blog by BHIB Councils Insurance  
In our [latest blog](#), BHIB Councils Insurance talks about their new guide aimed at providing council insurance and accounting information.

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**Email dated 27.07.2021 from WSCC  
West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036**



We're reviewing the...

# West Sussex Transport Plan 2022 to 2036

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Visit our website for the consultation  
and details of two webinars.

[westsussex.gov.uk/  
wstpconsultation](https://westsussex.gov.uk/wstpconsultation)

The public consultation runs from  
**16 July to 8 October 2021**

Contact us using the details below if you are  
unable to access the survey online, or you need  
the information in an alternative format.

Email: [ltp@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ltp@westsussex.gov.uk) or phone **01243 642105**

- Transport emissions and climate change
- A growing and ageing population
- Rural isolation
- Public health and wellbeing
- Congestion
- Road safety



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texting app installed on your computer, laptop or  
smartphone, you can contact us on 18001 (01243 642105).



## news release

### Cabinet approve Early Help service redesign

Vulnerable children and families across West Sussex will see an enhancement to the support available to them. Following a ten-week public consultation West Sussex County Council's Cabinet today (Tuesday 27 July, 2021) unanimously approved the redesign of the Early Help service.

The Early Help service provides support to children and families who are facing any number of challenging circumstances, working to ensure every child has a safe environment in which to thrive.

The proposals approved by Cabinet will:

- Maintain Early Help services from 12 of the 43 Children & Family Centre buildings; maintaining at least one centre in each district and borough of West Sussex
- Increase the support and focused response to vulnerable children
- Ensure families have access to the most appropriate support, including closer working with schools
- Protect a full-time drop-in service for young people in each district and borough by merging our 12 Find It Out (youth) Centres with our 12 remaining Children and Family Centres
- Increase the 'Find it Out' offer to young people allowing for daily appointments at a location to suit the young person
- Ensure Early Help continues to offer some specific group work when there is an identified need
- Support community groups to deliver in the remaining centre
- Ensure dedicated staffing in Children and Family Centres to publicise services so people know how to get the support they need

These proposals were also reviewed by the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee prior to the Cabinet decision.

Jacque Russell, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "Demand on our Early Help services has been increasing since before the pandemic with requests now at record high levels. The redesign will see the current service model shift away from being centre based and becoming more flexible and able to maximise the use of its resources out in the community to reach our most vulnerable children, young people and families.

“In terms of next steps we will work with our staff, partners and families who use our Early Help service to develop a detailed communication and engagement plan so West Sussex residents are well informed about how they can access the support they need in the future.”

We are in discussion with providers who offer services from the buildings affected by these changes to look to support them to continue to deliver these services.

A consultation with Early Help staff affected by the changes is scheduled to take place from September 2021. The Early Help service redesign is expected to be fully implemented in December 2021.

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**Email dated 27.07.2021 from Sussex Police  
Horsham Weekly News & Appeals**

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## **Horsham Weekly News and Appeals**

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### **News and appeals**

#### **Appeal for witnesses after unprovoked assault at Storrington petrol station**

Police are appealing for witnesses to an unprovoked assault at a petrol station in Storrington, West Sussex.

The incident, on Thursday 10 June, happened at an Esso garage in Pulborough Road. As the victim went inside to pay a group of four men in a white convertible BMW car made a comment towards him, which he replied to.

Two of the men got out of the vehicle and one of them hit the victim twice on the head, causing a cut behind his ear. The group then left the scene. Officers investigating the matter believe the man who can be seen by clicking on the link could help with their enquiries.

Anyone who recognises him, or who has any other information about what happened, is asked to report it online or call 101, quoting serial 1544 of 10/06.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/appeal-for-witnesses-after-unprovoked-assault-at-storrington-petrol-station/>

## First 13 people convicted following drink/drug-driving campaign identified



13 people, arrested during a summer crackdown on drink and drug-drivers, can now be identified having been convicted in court.

A total of 279 arrests were made in Sussex during the operation between 11 June and 11 July, which was run in addition to our routine roads policing duties 365 days year. A large proportion of the arrests (79) were in relation to an unlicensed music event in Steyning.

Police carried out dedicated patrols to tackle one of the five most common causes of fatal and serious injury collisions, through education, engagement and enforcement. Of the 279 arrests, the following people in the Horsham district are:

Hayden Brock, 21, a student, of Rowlands Road, Horsham, was arrested in Rushams Road, Horsham, on 19 June and charged with driving with 86mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system. At Crawley Magistrates' Court on 5 July, he was disqualified from driving for 21 months. He was also ordered to pay a £120 fine, £85 costs and a £34 victim surcharge.

David Power, 36, a telecommunications employee, of Dacre Gardens, Upper Beeding, was arrested on the A2037 in Upper Beeding on 19 June and charged with driving with 68mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system. At Worthing Magistrates' Court on 20 July, he was disqualified from driving for 17 months. He was also ordered to pay a £700 fine, £85 costs and a £70 victim surcharge.

Elliot Ward, 21, a builder, of Middle Mead, Steyning, was arrested in Kings Barn Lane, Steyning, on 23 June and charged with driving with 47mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system. At Worthing Magistrates' Court on 20 July, he was disqualified from driving for 12

months. He was also ordered to pay a £400 fine, £85 costs and a £40 victim surcharge.

In keeping with previous campaigns, details of people convicted as part of this campaign will be published on our website.

If you're prepared to drive under the influence of drink or drugs, prepare to face the consequences. These could include the following:

- Killing or seriously injuring yourself or someone else;
- A minimum 12 month ban;
- An unlimited fine;
- A possible prison sentence;
- A criminal record, which could affect your current and future employment;
- An increase in your car insurance costs;
- Trouble travelling to countries such as the USA.

People in Sussex can text officers on 65999 with the details of people they suspect of drink or drug-driving, or visit the Operation Crackdown website.

You can also contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it online.

To see the full list of the 13 people please click on the link or go to our website. If you know someone is driving while over the limit or after taking drugs, call 999. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/first-13-people-convicted-following-drinkdrug-driving-campaign-identified/>

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### **Officer and PCSO patrols**

Our neighbourhood policing team in Horsham have been busy this last week, these are just a couple of things they've been up to:

On Wednesday PCSO Priest was out and about in Horsham carrying out enquiries in relation to a recent pedal cycle theft. Please remember to lock your bike frame and wheels to a secure bike rack when you're out and register your bike with bike register or Immobilise.

On Thursday our officers and PCSOs were in Lintot Square, Southwater to speak to local residents about the recent anti-social behaviour in the area.

If you would like to contact your neighbourhood policing team to speak to them about any concerns you might have, please email the team on [horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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### **Help us keep Sussex safe**

If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please **contact us online**, email us at [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or call **101**,

quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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**Email Dated 27.07.2021 from West Sussex Mind**  
**Supporting people left behind by suicide**



## Supporting people left behind by suicide

A free webinar for people in West Sussex to mark World Suicide Prevention Day

To mark **World Suicide Prevention Day** on Friday 10th September, we are holding a special free webinar on supporting people left behind by suicide.

This webinar is suitable for anyone who would like to know more about supporting people left behind by suicide - whether staff or volunteers supporting those impacted by suicide, frontline workers that may be involved in the aftermath, or friends and family trying to support the bereaved.

Our panel, including guests from Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SoBS), Olly's Future and Mayor of Littlehampton, Michelle Molloy will focus on the emotional impact on those left behind by suicide and those who may have been involved in the event. We will also look at how professionals, the community, friends and family can offer support.

If you cannot attend the live webinar on **Friday 10th September at 12pm**, this event will be recorded and made available to watch afterwards, so please book a free ticket to ensure you are sent the recording.

If you have any questions about this event, please email our training team at [training@westsussexmind.org](mailto:training@westsussexmind.org)

**Book Now**

West Sussex mind

**Email dated 27.07.2021 from Rural Services Network  
Rural Bulletin**



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## LATEST RURAL NEWS & ANALYSIS



Health in Coastal Communities



UK food shortages: Rural areas at 'back of queue' for deliveries



Cornwall holidaymakers urged to 'pack Covid tests'



Rural vacuum for getting hold of cash



Cross-Party UK MPs Consult on ECC Changes to Boost Fibre Rollout



Future of Cash



Revised plans for housing development at Birch Close in Freshwater



Ian Botham highlights the importance of shooting to the environment and economy



Rural Issues Raised in Westminster Planning Debate



Public grateful for benefits countryside visits bring to mental and physical health, new survey finds



Rural UK suffering from 'streaming divide'



Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review

## WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

our services and working with you!

The Rural Services Network would like to welcome **West Northamptonshire** to membership. If you would like to learn more about what we are currently working on, please click here to read about our [Revitalising Rural campaign](#). We look forward to delivering

If you are a member of RSN, we have two more **RSN Seminars** taking place in autumn this year. You are welcome to register in advance for by following the links below:

- [RSN Seminar: Rural Town Centres, High Streets & Village Hubs - 11am to 1pm, Wednesday, 27 October 2021](#)

- [RSN Seminar: Rural Economies - 11am to 1pm, Wednesday, 24 November 2021](#)



## FEATURE ITEM

**RURAL LENS REVIEW**

**Tourism Recovery Plan**

Published July 2021

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The graphic features a green background with a magnifying glass icon. Inside the lens is a photo of a woman in sunglasses smiling in front of a large building. The Rural Services Network logo is in the bottom right corner.

### Tourism Recovery Plan through a Rural Lens

The Tourism Recovery Plan was launched by the Government on 11 June 2021 with promises to help the sector build back better from the pandemic.

It aims to recover domestic tourism to pre pandemic levels by 2022 and international tourism by 2023 – both at least a year faster than independent forecasts predict.

The Rural Services Network has examined the Tourism Recovery Plan from a rural perspective

[Read more...](#)

## KEY TOPICS

Do you want to find all of our news stories, analysis and commentary on a particular topic? Select one from the buttons below to find out more...

**RURAL ECONOMY**

**RURAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**RURAL FAIR FUNDING**

**RURAL VULNERABILITY**

**RURAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY**

**RURAL HOUSING**

**RURAL YOUNGER PEOPLE**

**RURAL OLDER PEOPLE**



### RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

The **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** can be viewed [here](#)

Looking for funding for your local project or community group? This monthly bulletin includes links to various sources of grant funding that you may be able to access!



### GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

Read the **latest RSN suggested draft responses** for key rural consultations and view the latest Government Consultations that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



### MEMBER INSIGHTS

Member Insights is the place to discover the statistics that define communities within our membership  
Visit the Members Insights [here](#)



### FAIRER FUNDING

Find out about our campaign for fairer funding for rural areas [here](#)  
This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement

## MEMBERS

**RSN Members**

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| <b>213</b> | Rural Services Partners          |
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**EVENTS & MEETINGS**

**RURAL SERVICES NETWORK**  
**JOIN US**

Email dated 26.07.2021 from HDC  
 Summer sessions for young people and parents, improvement plans for Horsham Park Pond and more news from Horsham District Council



## Latest news and information

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### New summer events to support parents and young people

Horsham Town Centre's new Wellbeing Centre will be hosting drop-in sessions from 2 to 6 August where parents and young people in year groups 7 to 11 can come along to access advice and information. There will also be specialist staff on hand throughout the week.



[Find out more](#)

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### Improvement plans for Horsham Park Pond

Essential improvement work is set to be carried out to improve the overall long term health of Horsham Park Pond from August 2021.

The pond has become heavily silted which reduces its capacity for storage.

The improvement work will include the dredging and excavation of silt which will need to be deposited in the park, near to the pond to dry out. Work of this nature has been undertaken twice before, latterly in 2002.



[Read more](#)

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## Horsham Museum and Art Gallery Curator bows out after 32 years

Jeremy Knight, Curator of Horsham Museum and Art Gallery, has decided after 32 years of incredible service to Horsham District Council, to retire. He will leave his post at the end of September.

Jeremy's exceptional ongoing commitment and dedication has created a very special legacy. He has ensured that the local community has a truly wonderful unique resource, creating a very special place in the heart of Horsham.

Jeremy will be greatly missed and impossible to replace, his impact in both protecting and promoting the District's rich heritage is immeasurable.



[Read more](#)

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## Special event to thank vaccination hub volunteers

The Council organised and facilitated a special event for volunteers who have worked and continue to work at the Christ's Hospital Vaccination Centre as a token of thanks for their amazing efforts during the pandemic.

The thank you event took place on Saturday 24 July at local microbrewery, Brolly Brewing Ltd in Wisborough Green and saw over 125 volunteers and NHS staff attend for an evening of food, drink and music.



[Read more](#)

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## New Y-WISH Hub opens to find local jobs for local people

In response to the negative impact of the pandemic on local employment, the Council opened a new Youth Employment Support Hub in Swan Walk Shopping Centre on 23 July.

The new centre is specifically for 18 to 24 year olds in the Horsham District who have been particularly hard hit by unemployment as a result of the pandemic.

Y-Wish Support Officers are available to help with CV writing, job-matching, finding training courses, job applications and interview preparation.



[Read more](#)

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## Accolade for our Community Link service

Horsham District Council's Community Link service has received an outstanding rating in its recent Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Quality Standards Audit, proving that it offers the very best in health and social care provision for the residents of the Horsham District.

The audit was carried out by UKAS accredited auditors from the TSA, the national body for TEC services.



[Read more](#)

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## Our new Wellbeing Centre hosts a community day

The District's new pop-up Wellbeing Centre hosted a community day on Thursday 22 July where the Council's Community Link, Environmental Health and Wellbeing teams were on hand to offer advice on how to stay safe and healthy during the hot weather.

Thanks to everyone who came along, we hope you enjoyed the day.



# Jeremy Quin MP visits a Wheels 4 ALL inclusive cycling session



Horsham MP Jeremy Quin visited our Wheels for ALL inclusive cycling session on Friday 23 July. Here's Jeremy joining in on an adapted bike for a lap around the track at The Bridge Leisure Centre.

Wheels for ALL provides a much-needed service for children and young people with additional needs and their families. Parents and siblings are given the opportunity to ride a bike if they wish, meaning everyone in the family can take part.

[Find out more](#)

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A horizontal banner with a green and blue background. On the left, it says "Sign up to our new Climate Change Action newsletter" with a "Sign up" button below. The center features icons for a house with a CO2 cloud, a recycling symbol, a leaf, and an electric car. On the right, there is a logo for Horsham District Council.

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**Email dated 26.07.2021 from Southern Water**

**Southern Water's drought plan consultation and opportunity to catch up on webinar**

Our public consultation on our latest plans to manage droughts is due to finish shortly (August 2<sup>nd</sup>) and we're grateful for the useful feedback we've received already.

The updated draft Drought Plan sets out how we would promote water saving, reduce leakage and, if necessary, introduce restrictions on water use for homes and then businesses and use drought permits and orders to maintain supplies for life's essentials.

We've held two webinars during the consultation and recordings of these are now available online if you'd like to listen to our water resources team talk through the plan, at a time to suit you.

Both webinars cover the same key content but share details of drought permits and orders for the east and west of our supply areas:

- [The first](#) covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove and was hosted jointly in partnership with Portsmouth Water
- [The second](#) covers our supply areas in Kent and East Sussex

You can also view the drought plan documents, including a short summary, and share your feedback online at [southernwater.co.uk/droughtplan](https://southernwater.co.uk/droughtplan). The consultation closes on August 2.

We're also happy to talk through our plans in a smaller group or on a one-to-one basis. Please reply directly to arrange this.

Kind regards, Richard

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Email dated 26.07.2021 from WSCC

Town and Parish Council News - Special edition: Have your say on CLCs



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## Send us your views on the new County Local Forums

All Town and Parish Councils are invited to comment on the arrangements for new County Local Forums that will replace County Local Committees (CLCs).

We'd like to hear your views on how the new County Local Forums could work and your thoughts on any opportunities to connect these forums with existing community engagement activities you already undertake.

Several town/parish councils previously provided feedback, which was considered by the Council's Governance Committee on 28 June.

At that meeting, the Committee supported the removal of County Local Committees, and their replacement with more flexible and informal County Local Forums for a one year trial. This proposal was endorsed on Friday 16 July at the full County Council meeting.

An outline of the arrangements for the new County Local Forums will be considered by the Governance Committee on Monday 6 September 2021.

If you have any comments on how town and parish councils might be involved, please forward these to [democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk) no later than **Monday 16 August 2021**, so they can be reflected in the report to Governance Committee (although feedback already received will be taken into account in the development of the new approach).

Thank you.



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### Keeping in touch

For daily updates, residents can follow us on social media [@WSCCNews](#) and [@WestSussexCC](#).

We are also now on [Nextdoor](#), the app designed with communities in mind. Your residents can follow the link and join the conversation.

Thank you for your support. Keep safe.

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