

County Councillor Report to Parishes for December 2025

There are currently a number of local consultations still ongoing....

HCC Budget until 7th December www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

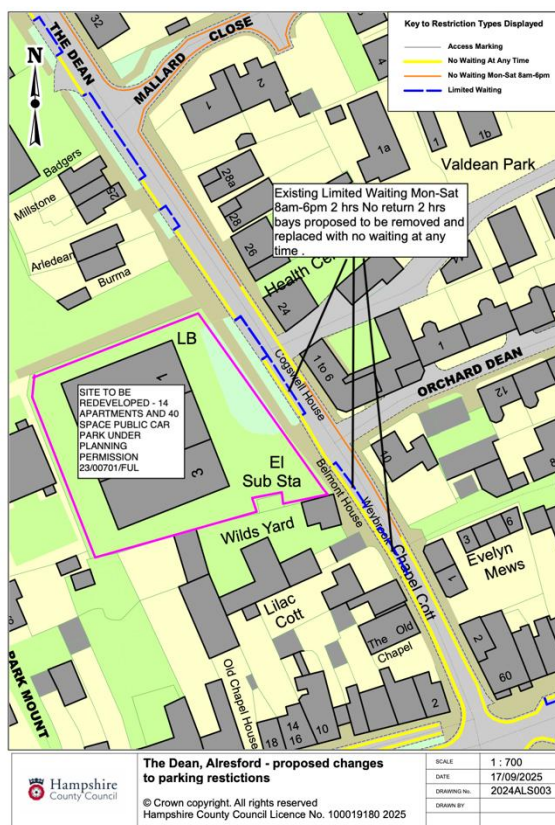
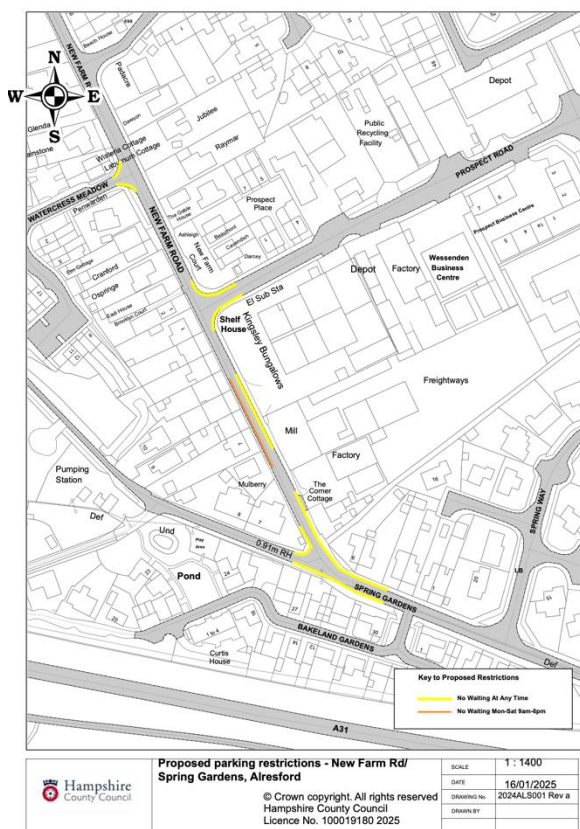
Although this is a local one, and primarily for New Alresford TC, many of you will shop there or visit and may be interested, so I have included this in detail.



New Farm Road and The Dean, Alresford- proposals for additional car parking restrictions with yellow lines and removal of parking spaces. This is proposed because the new car park will come out into the Dean, and there have been complaints about parking in New Farm Road too. The detail is complicated, with revocations and reintroduction of old legal documents, included in the paperwork **but these maps show the additional parking restrictions and removal of parking bays.**

If you wish to comment by December 19th, please email public.notices@hants.gov.uk quoting reference A2101/MJB

(note: the online detail says the 5th- it has been extended to the 19th December)



There are three other consultations on School Transport, and the HCC Budget:

see here for details: deadline 6 December

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations>

Local Government re-organisation

The options put forward include Hampshire's proposal , Winchester's proposal and one put forward by other districts which includes boundary changes. Whilst this is an interesting option, WCC prefers the simplicity of no boundary changes, and HCC is trying to amalgamate Hart, Rushmoor Basingstoke with Winchester East Hants and possibly Test Valley. This structure would cover from Portsdown Hill stretching northward up to the London Weighting area, and in my view this is just too large an area, and unfortunately allows HCC to take its hold in this area..

You can use this link or search LGR + Hampshire on gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-and-southampton> deadline 2359hrs on 11 January 2026

One challenge of Local Government Reorganisation is the number of processes and amount of data that is held by each council- from where the drains flow, and how potholes are assessed to more complex information such as the number of children with SEND and also the circumstances of families with children in care at any one time.

Officers at the County Council have a lot of work to do in preparation for the institution of the Mayor following their election in May 2026, and the creation of the shadow authorities for the new Unitary Councils (maybe 4, maybe 5?) in May 2027. In either event, the County Council won't exist after 2028.

Your Parish plan priorities.

In the 'noise' of LGR, it is inevitable that maybe, the County won't recognise your priorities as their own, but **I want to make sure that I can push for your priorities to be realised**, and would be grateful for a list from your Council as soon as practicable. Thank you

M3 Junction 9

Piling work has just been finished for the A34 subway. There are major road closures after Christmas 9pm 24 Jan to 6am Mon 26th Jan, (Jn 9-8 S'bound) and from 9pm on the 30 Jan to 6am Mon 2 Feb 2026 (Jn 8-9 N'bound) to install the first bridge sections. I hope you are getting the detail direct from the National Highways website by now, (as many are doing) but I can send you updates if you prefer.

Worthys School Bus

The County has proposed that these buses will stop at Easter 2026, following an audit of the route in August 2025. I have walked the route (3miles from Henry B to the King Charles' Pub) in good and bad weather, day and darkness, with the Head teacher, and with parents. There are a number of points which make the route unsafe- and we have all pointed this out to HCC, saying the route is not 'available' and the bus should be retained. I have formally asked for the buses to continue past Easter 2026, and HCC must address all safety concerns before any bus changes are made.

River Quality and Water Treatment plant at Micheldever and other sites

I spoke to the WCC Director and like local city cllrs, received this response about the Micheldever site. If the Parish Council or the complainant wish to receive a briefing (indeed it would be most appropriate for the Parish Council to refer this to the District whose plant is on question) WCC can respond. The last complaint that initiated an EA investigation costs the council £ 500 for no good purpose so we would encourage those that are concerned to speak to the District and those who are qualified to advise on the current situation.

SEND consultation

The link is long but the easiest way to see it is a www.gov.uk search SEND consultation. There are a number of online and in person events. I am attending one on the 3rd December. All other in person events are sold out. I have asked our MP to seek another 'in person' event in /near our constituency. I have put this on all the social media of the villages and will include it in my post-Christmas County Corner for local magazines.

£5000 for specific local project/causes (max of £1000 per application)

Although I have had several expressions of interest, I have only had one application to date. Applicants must be Parish Councils or charities. The conditions are much more stringent than in previous years. Please could you encourage people to talk to me regarding this fund which closes in about eight weeks time. Thank you

