

Hampshire County Councillor Update 15 (Abridged version)

I hope you have survived the hot spell, although there's no sign currently of the warm weather diminishing anytime soon.

Welcome to August's County Councillor update.

Highways Information

A27 Sherfield English resurfacing

Confirmation that the resurfacing work on the A27 in Sherfield English between Melchet View and the Wiltshire border will commence on Monday 22nd August. These works are expected to last for 5 nights. Due to the nature of the work and for safety reasons, it is necessary to close this section of the A27 Salisbury Road to traffic. Due to the impact the closure will have on traffic and to minimise disruption, it is necessary to carry out this work at night between 20:00 – 06:00hrs. The road will be open outside of these hours

Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the published programme dates there may be times when we have to postpone works at very short notice, e.g. because of poor forecasted weather. We will always endeavour to provide you with up to date information, but sometimes these last minute decisions can be difficult to relay to residents and road users in a timely manner. The dates will be updated on the yellow sign boards located at each end of the site so the travelling public and local residents are aware.

Reporting Highway Problems Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

20mph Speed Limit Consultation

Hampshire County Council are consulting on the introduction of 20mph speed limits more widely. There's been a vocal campaign over the last year to introduce a blanket 20mph limit in all built up and residential areas.

There's certainly an argument to do so in many of our local villages and in the residential areas of our towns. However, the challenge in doing so would be enforcement. The police struggle to provide enforcement of the speed limits we have in place now, so there would be an enormous challenge for us to ensure 20mph limits were adhered to.

However, in my opinion, because something is difficult isn't a reason not to do it. What do you think?

Tell us what you think by taking part in our survey, which will help shape future policy across Hampshire.

Read more about it, and fill in the survey online here:

[Consultation on 20mph Speed Limits | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

It shouldn't take any more than about 15 minutes to complete and it will be **open until 12 September 2022**. We want to hear from as many people as possible

Southern Water Hosepipe Ban

[Drought restrictions checker \(southernwater.co.uk\)](#)

Southern Water has taken the decision to introduce a Temporary Use Ban (TUB) for all customers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who have their water supplied by Southern Water, from Friday 5th August 2022.

Prohibited Uses

The use of a hosepipe, including using sprinklers, dripper hoses, automatic irrigation systems and similar devices, is prohibited for the following:

1. Watering a garden using a hosepipe;
2. Cleaning a private motor-vehicle using a hosepipe;
3. Watering plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe;
4. Cleaning a private leisure boat using a hosepipe;
5. Filling or maintaining a domestic swimming or paddling pool;
6. Drawing water, using a hosepipe, for domestic recreational use;
7. Filling or maintaining a domestic pond using a hosepipe;
8. Filling or maintaining an ornamental fountain;
9. Cleaning walls, or windows, of domestic premises using a hosepipe;
10. Cleaning paths or patios using a hosepipe;
11. Cleaning other artificial outdoor surfaces using a hosepipe.

Note that customers can still undertake the above activities if they use mains water from a bucket or watering can or use water that is not sourced from the mains such as grey water, rainwater from a water butt through a hosepipe, or private boreholes.

It appears that blue badge holders can carry on regardless under the Discretionary Universal Exception but are asked to use water wisely.

Getting About

I was asked along to the opening of the Romsey Flood Alleviation Scheme this afternoon.

The scheme has been delivered as a response to the 2014 floods, and is a collaboration between the Environment Agency, Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council.

Essentially the scheme uses bunds and water control structures to stop water running into the Fishlake Stream and canal north of Fishlake Meadows and direct it to the flood plain to the west of the town, before diverting it back into the river using spillways along the Causeway.

Costing almost £10 million in total it will hopefully mean no repeat of the awful events of 2014. Huge thanks go to former town and borough councillor Ian Richards who has chaired the Romsey Flood Group and has been assiduous in pressing for the introduction of the scheme.

Additionally, I've been along to Parish Council meetings in Chilworth, and Michelmersh and Timsbury. (missed a couple more due to holidays).

Contact

Do please get in touch if I can ever be of any help. For those of you using social media, I post very regular updates on many local issues including roadworks and planning applications on my Facebook page here: [facebook.com/nickadamsking](https://www.facebook.com/nickadamsking)