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Cllr Malcolm Wallace with Winchester Green Party Campaigners

CLLR MALCOLM URGES ALL RESIDENTS TO REVIEW LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

HAVE YOUR SAY: WHERE AND HOW HOUSES WILL BE BUILT AROUND WINCHESTER

Whilst development sites opposite the College in Swanmore and at Morgan's Yard in Waltham Chase are included in the latest draft of the Winchester Local Plan (these sites were carried over from the 2013 Local Plan), following the intervention of local Parish Councils and Cllr Wallace, the requirement for additional development sites in Central Meon Valley has now been removed.

Along with specifying where new housing will be built across the district up to 2039, the Local Plan also sets out requirements for how the houses are built. Studies have shown that by 2050 England would use up 104% of the country's entire carbon budget on just building houses if building follows a business-as-usual approach. Therefore, it is vitally important that how we build houses changes, both to minimise the carbon impact of the building itself plus the ongoing impact from heating our homes.

The draft Winchester Local Plan is scheduled to come out for public consultation from 02-Nov to 14-Dec and everyone



Cllr Wallace with Danny Lee, local Green campaigner and contributor to the Local Plan review.

is encouraged to provide their feedback. A separate SDNP Local Plan is being updated that covers the South Downs National Park and important to remember 40% of Winchester District is in the SDNP. The updated SDNP Local Plan is expected to come out for public consultation next year.

Malcolm says: The draft Winchester Local Plan is now out for public consultation until 14-Dec. Please be sure to make your views count on this and on the separate South Downs National Park Local Plan due next year.

Find out more here:

<https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/news/2022/nov/local-plan-regulation-18-consultation-live>

GOOD NEWS FOR SWANMORE & WALTHAM CHASE PLANNING

Malcolm's efforts have helped remove planned developments that would harm the community.

Following an intervention by Malcolm and the Parish Councils, the villages have been reclassified as "intermediate settlements" with lower housing allocations.

Whilst the current development sites (opposite the College in Swanmore and at Morgan's Yard in Waltham Chase) are carried over, NO new housing has been allocated in the Local Plan for Swanmore & Waltham Chase. This is a significant change from an earlier 100 houses to be added to both.

Malcolm states: "Our villages have had a huge amount of development in the past decade.

However, the changes we have managed to achieve mean less development pressure going forward and will bring enormous relief for local residents."

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RUBBISH?

CLLR MALCOLM INVESTIGATES LOCAL RECYCLING - SAYS WE CAN DO BETTER



Malcolm visits Veolia recovery centre in Portsmouth

You do your part to help recycling by sorting your rubbish in different bins separating garden waste and taking our rubbish down to recycling centres dustbin teams empty our bins and take it all away from our doorstep. But what happens next? Councillor Malcolm Wallace gets literally hands on to investigate on our behalf.

Malcolm visited Portsmouth, one of our two recovery centres, the other being in Alton, to see how our household waste is processed. These facilities can handle 157,000 tonnes of recyclables each year. Our wheelie bin recyclable materials (typically plastics, papers and tins) are sorted automatically, and manually on conveyor systems.

Magnets, laser identification, and physical checks are all used to sort the materials which are then sent on to specialist companies to recycle into raw materials to manufacture new products.

So what about the rubbish you take to our recycling centres? This is mostly transferred to three local energy recovery centres in Marchwood, Chichester and Portsmouth where

it's incinerated; the heat, generates steam-driven electricity. Together they can produce enough electricity to power 53,000 homes.

And our garden waste? Well, that's collected and sent off to either Chilbolton or Herriard where over a period of twenty weeks it's turned and converted into soil conditioner that you can buy at every recycling centre.

Malcolm says: "While it's great that less than 5% of Hampshire's household waste is sent to landfill this is only achieved because of the amount that is incinerated for 'energy reclamation' We can and must all do better working together, whether it's sorting in your kitchen or encouraging Winchester council and its systems, to turn even more of our waste into new products or power.

Remember: 'Recycle, Re-use, and Reduce' – the 'little' things we do to help make a massive difference to our environment and importantly, our economy. From your kitchen, to your garden, to your wheelie bin, we're all part of an interesting and positive process.

Local Green campaigner Danny Lee asks: "Other councils collect food waste weekly, why can't this happen here?"

Malcolm replies: "Winchester plans to introduce a weekly food waste collection along with a wider range of plastics. A super-MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) is planned at Eastleigh to process these new types of waste. Local residents are urgently asking for more recycling."



Danny Lee is a local Green Party member and also works with Winchester Action on Climate Change)

Droxford resident Danny uses his knowledge of sustainable energy throughout the Meon Valley and wider Hampshire.

He supports local energy initiatives and hopes his Parish Council will consider a local community energy scheme using his connections with Community Energy South and a not-for-profit community benefit society - *Energise South Downs*.

Danny says, "My work with Citizens Advice makes it clear that energy issues are not just economic they bring with them many social problems. Fixing these will help the health of our local communities and the wider environment."

HAMPSHIRE YOUTH PARLIAMENT GETS LOCAL GREEN PARTY BACKING



Malcolm with local Green Party campaigners at the Youth Parliament Eco Conference. Local Parliament member and supporter David third from left. The stall provided information to pupils.

In October Hants Youth Parliament held an Eco Conference for over 100 Hampshire secondary school students, including pupils from Swanmore College.

Local Waltham Chase resident, David, also a young Green Party member, was recently elected to the Hampshire Youth Parliament and is keen to encourage local environmental action. The conference was a response to the UK's largest youth consultation of 11-18 year-olds, *Make Your Mark 2022*, where the environment was voted as the top priority and has led to the launch of *Protect Hampshire's Environment* campaign.

The event aimed to give pupils a better understanding of the causes and impacts of climate change, plastic pollution and the importance of sustainability.

Attendees were encouraged to think outside the box, exercising their creativity in a workshop on fast fashion, and in another, to think about solutions to plastic ingestion by sea creatures.

Malcolm says: "Young people are passionate about environmental issues and the Green Party welcomes their increasing support and membership."

Find out more about Hampshire Youth Parliament here:

<https://hampshireyp.org.uk/>

FIVE OAKS QUARRY: GREAT NEWS - PLANNING REFUSED

Hampshire County Council has finally turned down the planning application to extract 230,000 tonnes of sand from Shedfield farm land then backfilling with up to 435,000 tonnes of waste over 6 years.

Malcolm says, "Well done to the team led by Shedfield Parish Council who worked tirelessly to stop this unnecessary development. A great victory for the community!"



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Malcolm and Danny and local Green Party members are working hard to protect and improve our way of life in Winchester and the Meon Valley. Like-minded people are supporting their work and we welcome those who want to be more involved, either by joining the Green Party or by giving support to our activities.

Visit our website to find out how you can get involved:

<https://winchester.greenparty.org.uk/get-involved/>