



Wickham Residents' Association
- News Update

Funtley Tip Landfill and Solar Farm Planning Application

WRA has recently received information that the heavy lorries required for the landfill material – 84 per day for 5 years - would not only exit the A27 via Mill Lane but they would more likely exit along Segensworth Road and then link into Titchfield Lane. WRA has alerted the HCC Planning Case Officer and relevant Associations and Parishes to the south of the site.

As detailed in the June Issue there are still many unresolved, serious issues regarding the landfill and road safety aspects of this Planning Application. There is also still a significant shortfall of independent evidence and information, from the Applicant, to support their proposal submitted almost 18 months ago.

The latest indication is that the Application will shortly go to the HCC Regulatory Committee for determination. However, it is not clear

whether it will be supported by HCC Planning and in this respect, WRA will continue to press the Case Officer for information.

WRA will attend the HCC Regulatory Committee meeting, whenever it is, and we will present the key unresolved issues and risks making a clear case that the Application be rejected. If you would like more detailed information regarding this Application, please contact us at myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk.

Mill Lane Sports and Recreation Site

There have been no further meetings of the Forum since the last meeting on March 30th, 2023. Nic Holladay has been elected Chair of the Recreation Committee of the Parish Council following election to the Parish Council on May 4th. He chaired the Recreation Committee meeting on June 15th. Several matters relating to the Mill Lane site were debated and the draft minutes of the meeting should be available

on the Parish Council website.

The intention to consult residents with 2 options for the Mill Lane site was confirmed and it is hoped that these will be ready for consideration in the Autumn.

Traffic Issues in Wickham

Wickham residents are increasingly concerned about traffic volumes, speed, noise, lack of parking and safety. These are not new issues - as long ago as 1976 a Wickham bypass was proposed but never implemented. A survey of residents and visitors provided evidence to the Parish Council for the Parish Plan in 2019 and I highlighted the volume, speed, noise, and lack of parking as the main dislikes.

The 6000 dwellings Welborne development, just a short distance away from Wickham, is now in the early days of construction and will include a new eastbound exit from the M27. This will increase volumes along Winchester Road and the A32 as the main, non-motorway, routes to the north.

WRA has been closely monitoring the traffic situation in and around the Parish over recent months and shortly will be producing a draft report identifying key issues and proposed solutions. Locations of current focus are:

Wickham Square and Bridge Street - Wickham Square at present is vehicle orientated with little consideration for pedestrians. Through traffic vehicle routing, parking configuration, speed limits, pedestrian

crossings, large vehicle delivery access and crossing points are among the numerous aspects being reviewed. This central area of the village impacts all residents as well as visitors, who are so important for the commercial activity within Wickham.

Junction of the A32 (School Road), B2177 (Southwick Road) and Bridge Street - in the last year there have been several accidents here and there are inadequate safeguards for pedestrians crossing the A32 especially as the new footpaths through The Glebe are open.

Junction of the A32 and the Winchester Road A334 - the roundabout has pedestrian crossing points but there are inadequate road markings, signage, and lights to ensure pedestrians have safe priority.

A334 (Winchester Road) – the entrance to the new Bewley Development. The junction does not appear to comply with Section 278 Road Traffic Audit and does not provide adequate protection for pedestrians or warnings for vehicles in this 40mph limit. The exit from the site and pedestrian crossing is currently in a 40mph limit and WRA is reviewing speed limit options from Blind Lane to the Square and ways of improving safety where the A334 narrows between the cottages south of Wykeham Court.

A32 – Hoads Hill – there are numerous complaints from residents regarding speed and noise, particularly from motorbikes. WRA is reviewing changes to the speed limit and highway markings.

Speed Limits and Noise— we are reviewing general speed limits throughout Wickham in respect of noise, safety, and emissions to assess whether any changes are required. Roads around Wickham, mainly the A32 and B2177, are used like a race circuit for motorcycles and WRA is looking into ways this nuisance can be reduced.

We expect to post our **initial report** later in July on the WRA Facebook pages and our website [https:// wickhamresidents.org.uk](https://wickhamresidents.org.uk). Members of the WRA will get a copy directly to their email addresses. Before compiling the **final report**, we would like comments and ideas on the proposals and in particular your help to identify any additional issues not covered. Once we have reviewed and incorporated your feedback, we will present a full report to the Parish Council. We will fully reflect the needs and wishes of residents.

Disabled Access in Wickham

Whilst considering total traffic issues and the impacts of traffic on pedestrians, we are in addition taking the opportunity to review the specific needs of those in our community who are disabled, have visual or hearing impairment, as well as the needs of parents with young children in buggies. Our starting point is to understand the challenges these groups may face just moving around the village and the difficulties they may have with access to shops and other buildings. If you have thoughts on these issues, please make contact through myvoice@wickhamresident

s.org.uk and we will get back to you to start a conversation.

Wickham Residents' Association is free to join!

WRA is a collective voice for residents of the parish of Wickham and Knowle. Residents' interests are actively promoted and represented by the Wickham and Knowle Parish Council (W&KPC) and other Hampshire Authorities. Any resident can contact us on myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk

We maintain communication with residents through email, meetings, website & Facebook pages, and the Parish Magazine and seek to provide clear, well-researched, information regarding the progress and outcome of the numerous campaigns upon which we are engaged.

There are only two criteria for membership: you must reside in the PO17 postcode area, and you must be 18 or over. **JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by simply emailing your name, address and contact number to Membership@WickhamResidents.org.uk OR visit our website at [https:// wickhamresidents.org.uk](https://wickhamresidents.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.
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