



WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION January 2025

Due to the Xmas break, there has been no major changes with our numerous projects - but we do have some news that might be of interest.

Hello & Goodbye

We are pleased to welcome three new Committee members - Ben Jones, Stephanie Cruse and David Hunt. Thank you all for volunteering – great news and very pleased to have you on board. We still have room for more so if you too would like to get more involved and you live in Wickham please email us at chair@wickhamresidents.org.uk

We sadly say goodbye to Susie Broad who has now retired from the Committee after providing valuable support and sage council. Thank you very much Susie and best wishes from us all.

60 More New Houses!?

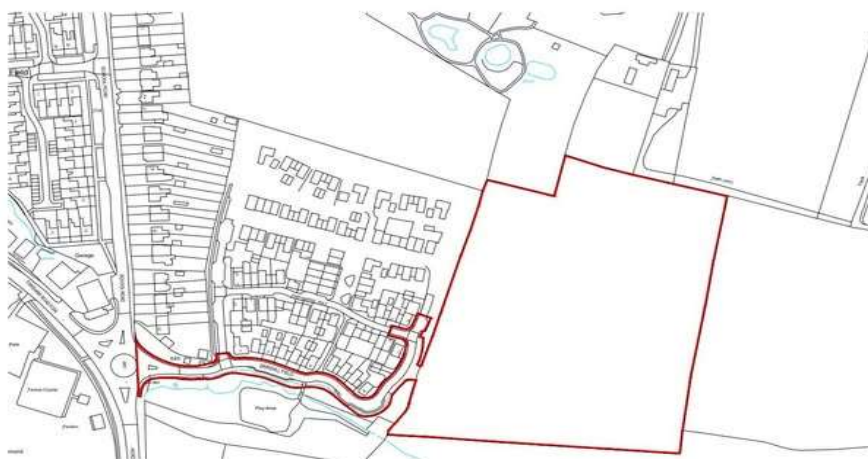
Housing developer Croudace has submitted a planning application for another 60 houses to be built on The Glebe where they have an option on land beyond Wykeham Vale. It would share road access off the Shell roundabout.

This application is not about the Winchester City Councils (WCC) Local Plan (which is about WCC plans to build 100 more houses for Wickham in 2030) and which is currently with the national Planning Inspector awaiting his decision.

This Croudace application goes before our local parish council on the 13th Feb so if you have any views to share with them contact them at Email: planningcommittee@wickhamparishcouncil.org

Unfortunately, by the time you see this in the Parish magazine, the date to object directly to Winchester City Council will have past. However, we have posted information to all our WRA members asking them to view the application, make up their own minds and send an objection direct to WCC Planning if they wish too.

map of proposed new building site



Bonfire night – or Bang-dam-it night?!

It has come to our attention, via WRA members, that many residents were upset at neighbors personal bonfire night fireworks displays this year. Issues raised were that the noise woke children on a school night, pets and elderly/Dementia suffering neighbors were distressed etc. We have looked into this and it appears that only a very few neighbors upset the many with the displays set off very late at night in built up areas of Wickham. To help remind residents of the impact their party might have we plan, nearer the 5th November, to design and put up posters locally and also send the message digitally to be a good neighbor at that time of year. Examples of good practice we will suggest:- try to hold displays before local children's bedtimes (bonfire night again falls on a school night this year) and warn local neighbors of your event if its not going to be actually on the 5th November - when we all know to expect the noise and the problems this might bring to our households.

Can you Volunteer?

Our WRA Speedwatch initiative, which helps keep our local roads safer for all, ideally needs a couple more volunteers – if you can spare a couple of hours – please do contact us for details.

The more voices, the louder we can be heard – join the WRA !!

WRA Membership is available to anyone 18 years or older who lives in the PO17 postcode area. Joining is simple and FREE just e mail your name, address, and contact number to membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk or visit our website <https://wickhamresidents.org.uk>.

The WRA Committee