

Local Updates

Planning Applications – We continue to closely monitor several major planning applications in Loxwood and Plaistow. At the time of writing we do not have information as to when any of these applications will come before the Planning Committee, but we will keep you updated here and on Social Media so that residents have the opportunity to attend the Committee Meetings.

Local Government Reorganisation – As you may have heard, just before the summer recess the Government delayed the decision on the future structure of local government in West Sussex until October. Whatever your views on the number of Unitary Authorities, this is frustrating news as it leaves very little time to prepare for any elections in May 2027. However, significant work continues behind the scenes to ensure we are well prepared for any outcome.- **Since writing this is out of date May 27 elections will go ahead as planned without reorganisation.**

CDC Wide Updates

Local Plan 2045 - Chichester District Council is one of 39 councils across England that must begin preparing a new local plan as a result of government planning reforms that came into force in March this year – despite having adopted its current local plan less than a year ago. The changes require affected councils to prepare plans under a revised national system and a new timetable, in order to meet increased housing targets.

Residents, businesses, community groups and organisations are being invited to help shape the future of the Chichester area as work begins on a new local plan that will guide development across the Chichester plan area until 2045.

Chichester District Council is encouraging people to get involved at the very start of the process by sharing their views between 7 August and 25 September at www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanconsultation.

Housing Matters Roadshow - Residents across the Chichester District are being invited to get free housing advice as part of Chichester District Council's Housing Matters Roadshow, which is visiting communities throughout the summer and autumn.

The roadshow will make it easy for residents and landlords to speak directly with housing officers, ask questions, and find out about the wide range of housing support available.

Members of the council's Housing team will be attending a series of local events, markets and community days, offering informal face-to-face advice on everything from social housing and private renting to energy efficiency and access to grants to deliver adaptations for disabled residents. The roadshow will be at **North Hall in Loxwood from 2pm-6pm on Tuesday 13th October**

Surgeries

Cllr. Gareth Evans is available to meet residents face to face via one of his regular surgeries.

Saturday 5th September, 12-2pm – Plaistow Stores, Plaistow

Saturday 19th September, 2-4pm – Northchapel Club, Northchapel

If these dates and times do not suit it is also possible to arrange home visits, telephone calls or zoom meetings.

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