

District Council Address – March

Local Updates

Wisborough Green / Loxwood Solar Farm – Following referral of this application to the Secretary of State, after the CDC Planning Committee had resolved to approve it, the Secretary of State has declined to call the application in and make the decision himself. Officers are now considering whether there has been a ‘material change of circumstances’ since the Committee considered the application and whether it can be referred back to them under the Council’s constitution.

Foxbridge Golf Club – The application for the wellbeing and leisure development at the former Foxbridge Golf Club is still expected to be considered by the Planning Committee in April at the earliest. This is due to the length of time that the application has been live, and the fact that several consultation responses could have been considered to be out of date. We continue to support the Parish Councils in opposing this application, which is not suitable for the area and our infrastructure, and in our opinion does not meet the exceptional circumstances tests.

Registered Provider Tenants – We continue to regularly support tenants of CDC’s registered providers (Hyde Housing, Stonewater, Clarion etc.) with issues that have not been solved by tenants contacting the provider directly. If you have difficulties that you have been struggling to resolve, please get in touch and we will try to help.

Local Government Reorganisation – Following the reversal of the Government’s decision to postpone the West Sussex County Council elections in May, due to Local Government Reorganisation, these elections will now be going ahead. We expect to hear the outcome of whether West Sussex will be split into one or two unitary authorities in mid-March and will report this in our next update.

CDC Wide Updates

Leisure Facilities Upgrades – CDC have recently awarded the contract for our leisure centres (in Midhurst, Chichester & Southbourne) to More Leisure Community Trust, who will take over from Everyone Active on 1st May. This transition includes £8 million worth of investment to extensively upgrade all three centres.

Petworth Pump Track – Planning permission has been granted for a new Pump Track in Petworth, with the project being led by Petworth Town Council. Pump tracks are purpose built for cycling, with banked turns and features allowing riders to ‘pump’ instead of pedalling. We look forward to reporting when the track opens!

Business Insight Survey – CDC have launched a survey that asks businesses about the local economic conditions they operate in, the opportunities for growth and development, and the challenges they face. It also seeks to understand premises demand, future growth

ambitions, and explores the impacts of climate change on businesses and their journey towards achieving net zero. The survey can be completed here:
<https://app.snapsea.io/p/c/chichester/business-survey/participate>

Surgeries

Cllr. Gareth Evans is available to meet residents face to face via one of his regular surgeries. Gareth will be available at the advertised venues from 12pm-2pm:

March: Saturday 7th Wisborough Green (Old Mill Café)

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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