

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM (virtual meeting)

Thursday, 18 June 2026

Attendance:

Councillors

Winchester City Council

Cutler (Chairperson) (P)

Bennett (P)
Chamberlain (P)

Langford-Smith (P)

Havant Borough Council

Brent
Faiz

Harrison (P)
Robinson (P)

Hampshire County Council

To be appointed by HCC on 25 June
2026

Newlands Parish Council

Berry (P)

Crichton (P)

Officers in Attendance:

Steve Lincoln – Service Lead: Communities and Wellbeing, Winchester City Council
Rose Chapman – Principal Planning Officer, Winchester City Council
Laura Jones, Regeneration Officer, Havant Borough Council
Rick Smith – Service Lead: Sustainability and Natural Environment, Winchester City Council

Others in attendance:

Greg Cornish – Grainger plc
Andrew Barron – Grainger plc

Apologies for Absence:

Lea Hampton, Grainger plc
Louise Weaver - Havant Borough Council (Officer)

Others in attendance who did not address the forum:

Councillor Clear (Winchester City Council)

[Full recording of meeting](#)

1. **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting was held virtually, and the Chairperson welcomed all representatives in attendance to the meeting. The Chairperson then made the following announcements:

Councillor Michael Read

Tribute was paid to former Councillor Mike Read who sadly passed away in April. Recognition was given to his extensive career and immense contribution to the forum and the development since its inception. Mike had served as a former Winchester City Councillor for 22 years until 2024, representing the Denmead ward and was Mayor of Winchester during 2008-2009.

In addition, Mike had long service as a Denmead Parish Councillor including as its Chairman, and over the last few years had served on the forum as representative for Newlands Parish Council.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

An update was provided on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), specifically regarding the movement of Newlands into the South East Unitary and proposed warding arrangements.

2. **APOLOGIES AND DEPUTY MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence and deputy members were received and noted, as set out above.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

RESOLVED:

That, Councillor Harrison be appointed Vice Chairperson of the Forum for the 2026/27 municipal year.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations made at this meeting.

5. **TO NOTE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2026/27:**

RESOLVED:

That the future meeting dates of the Forum for 2026/27, be noted as set out on the agenda as follows:

- 23 November 2026
- 2 March 2027

6. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2026 (INCLUDING ANY MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3 March 2026, be approved and adopted.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present to make representations.

8. **GRAINGER PROGRESS REPORT ON WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MDA (REPORT)**

The Forum referred to the update report that was circulated with the agenda pack for information and comment.

The Chairperson welcomed Greg Cornish and Andrew Barron (Grainger) to the meeting who provided an overview of the report and subsequent updates that had taken place since the report had been generated. The following points were highlighted:

- (i) Marketing for land parcels M1 and M3 had been completed and legal negotiations had commenced.
- (ii) The northern and southern allotments were finished with snagging works underway.
- (iii) Planning approval had been received for Town Park Phase B and the project was currently out to tender.
- (iv) Plans for the community building had reached revision 10 and a specification document was being produced.
- (v) Infrastructure works for the cricket pavilion were completed and handover to the building contractor had occurred.

- (vi) Discussions with the NHS regarding health centre land continued though funding remained a concern.
- (vii) An appeal had been submitted regarding the Blue Star Land planning application.

The Forum raised questions on the update received, which were responded to by Grainger representatives and relevant officers as summarised below:

- (a) A question was raised regarding the management of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) and the River Wallington.
- (b) Further clarification was sought on how Taylor Wimpey contributions were used for the community building.
- (c) Concern was raised regarding the termination of the Parish Council office lease and the impact on local revenue.
- (d) Due to the delay in the community centre provision, a suggestion was made to explore hot-desking or temporary accommodation for Parish staff.
- (e) Further clarification was sought on the legal capacity of the current office space.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the comments raised by the forum as set out above, be noted.

9. **UPDATE ON WATERLOOVILLE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (PRESENTATION)**

The Chairperson welcomed Laura Jones (Havant BC) to the meeting who gave a presentation and provided an update on the Waterloooville public realm improvements project. Key points were highlighted as follows:

- (i) A funding agreement for £1.8 million had been signed with Hampshire County Council (HCC) in March.
- (ii) The project had been placed on the Hampshire County Council capital programme.
- (iii) Detailed design completion was scheduled for the end of June.
- (iv) Construction was forecast to take place between February and October 2027.
- (v) Phased construction was planned to minimise disruption to local businesses.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Forum raised a question which was responded to by the relevant officer's present on the following point:

- (a) A question was asked regarding the management of public expectations for the regeneration. It was recognised that the project was restricted to what was possible within the council's powers.

In conclusion, the forum congratulated the regeneration team working on the project for the progress made since the design approval.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received and the comments of the Forum, as set out above, be noted.

10. **OPEN SPACE UPDATE (VERBAL UPDATE)**

The Chairperson welcomed Rick Smith (Winchester City Council) to the meeting who provided a verbal update on open spaces. The following points were noted:

- (i) Quotes for landscape maintenance at Newlands were being sought with work expected to commence in September 2026.
- (ii) A hybrid approach for land transfer at Berewood was discussed, involving a management company for sensitive habitats.
- (iii) Grainger proposed a combined approach using specialists for woodland and SUD's management.

The Forum raised questions which were responded to by relevant officers as summarised below:

- (a) Further clarification was sought regarding damaged gates and tree guards on the estate.
- (b) A question was asked regarding the adoption of land outside the Parish boundary.
- (c) A request was made for Grainger to share their presentation slides with the Forum – attached [here](#).

RESOLVED:

That the update be received and the comments of the Forum, as set out above, be noted.

11. **NEWLANDS PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (REPORT)**

Councillor Crichton provided an update to the report submitted by Newlands Parish Council and reference was made to the following additional points:

- (i) Positive developments were reported regarding the potential for the Parish to take on land from Taylor Wimpey directly.
- (ii) It was reported that work on industrial units at the southern plot was expected to start shortly.

RESOLVED:

That the update report be received and noted.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairperson noted the contentious nature of the naming for the new shadow unitary authority.

There were no further items of business of the forum received at this meeting.

The virtual meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.35 pm

Chairperson