

West of Waterlooville Forum Report

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Land Sales

- Marketing has been completed in respect of M1 with detailed discussions with 2 parties progressing – Once the site has exchanged contracts, Grainger will confirm the proposal for this parcel. Parcel M3 has been stalled until the outcome of the adjacent Blue Star Land planning application has been determined.

Facilities

Northern Allotments & Southern Allotments

- Main works completed, awaiting resolution to final snagging items.

New Play Area

- Completed and open for public use.

Town Park Phase B

- Planning approval received. Tender pack being finalised with targeted commencement of works in 2026.

Community Nature Reserve

- Planting to be commenced over winter period with some new footpaths and minor works early next year.

Phase 6A – Local Centre & Community Building

- Discussions with the developer for the Local Centre are ongoing. Current market conditions and financial viability are not helping. Grainger is working hard to move this forward.
- Whilst the delay is unfortunate, Grainger is utilising the time to liaise with the local authorities and Parish to agree the plans and internal specification for the Community Building. In this way, the agreed plans can be passed to the incoming developer, simplifying their consultation process and hopefully shortening the planning application programme.
- The Parish have considered the first set of these plans at their meeting on 19th February and Grainger and the Parish are reviewing what was discussed on 24th February.
- Negotiations with both Hampshire County Council and the NHS are on-going in relation to both the Health Care Land and the Extra Care Land.

Cricket Pavilion

- Grainger is pleased to confirm that the infrastructure works to access the pavilion commenced on 16th February and are estimated for completion in May

26. The contracts with the developer for the cricket pavilion are being finalised and should be signed in March 26. It is anticipated that works will commence on the cricket pavilion following the infrastructure works, with completion estimated in H1 2027.

Planning

Blue Star Land

- An outline planning application was submitted to both Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council. Comments on the application have been received. Updated information has been sent back to the LPAs, primarily in response to Hampshire Highways comments.

Infrastructure

Phase 4 Infrastructure & Southern Access Junction

- Phase 4 and Southern Access Junction due to commence 2026. Arboricultural and ecological surveys and works in operation currently in preparation for this, with minor planning updates awaiting approval.

Safe Routes to School

- Completed and open to the public.

General Adoptions

- Agreements have been confirmed and being engrossed, large portion on the site will have roads to certain adoptable standards within the next 6 – 12 months depending on contractor.

Phases 2 & 13 Remedials

- Works commenced, aiming for completion in H1 2026.

Ecology & Wildlife conservation

- HIWWT Wilder schools programme continues at Berewood school. The charity are also supporting the new Newlands Academy. They delivered training to staff across both primary schools sharing relevant resources for learning.
- Nature walks & bug hunts took place in the summer for families

Education & Training

- The team hosted a work experience placement from Oaklands Catholic School and have two applicants for 2026 based on the success.
- Berewood team supported the iConstruct event at CETC (SHCG) where over 600 students attended from over 40 schools learning about job roles in construction
- Continue to support Crookhorn, Oaklands Catholic, HSDC, COPC and SHCG with their careers education programmes attending careers talks / fairs / mock interviews and encouraging our supply chain partners to also support

Resident Communication

- Berewood News is scheduled to go out in December highlighting the number of items that were completed over the summer
- October ran "You asked . . . We actioned" drop-in surgery with 7 attendees. The Berewood Inbox continues to offer residents effective responses to their questions main areas of concern have been ASB related and we continue to work closely with the local Police teams advising them
- WCC Arts Project – The Plotlines team via the WCC arts team share monthly updates and we continue to support at these events and share information with residents

Skills & Support

- Berewood team have assisted Citizens Advice team supporting with local information and support at school parent events
- Promoting adult learning opportunities in the noticeboards around the development and with the parish council

Lea has completed the Berewood Social Value Toolkit and presented to both WCC and HBC teams on this. Meetings have commenced with contractors and local businesses to commit to support local projects with resources / time / support where needed.