



## **AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2018**

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018 -2019**

We will shortly be calling to collect annual subscriptions to Langstone Residents Association. The rate remains the same - £2 per household – but collectors may take the opportunity to check that details such as e-mail addresses are correct and up-to-date.

Volunteers to be collectors would be very welcome.

### **LOCAL PLAN 2036**

Havant Borough Council is to undertake further consultations, with many organisations, to develop the Local Plan and prepare the Pre Submission Havant Borough Local Plan 2036. This will include finalising the evidence base which under pins the Local Plan, and will include further work on the Borough's transport and infrastructure network. Of particular concern to Langstone is the Hampshire County Council report, about the road traffic capacity of the A 3023, which is still awaited.

There has been some surveying activity in Southmere field during recent weeks, but it has been announced by the Borough that no further moves on plans for any development of the site will be made until after the report on traffic capacity is published. This statement must not be seen as reassuring given the intelligence received that the landowner is actively seeking to sell Southmere Field. Potential developers have carried out surveys and so the threat is real. A covenant exists, designed to safeguard the land from housing, but was made between the then landowner and Havant Borough Council. The community of Langstone which is the beneficiary of the covenant must prepare to act positively to ensure the protection of this asset.

Your Committee will seek your views, on how best we may prepare a defence of this important open space, at a later date.

## **‘WINDFALL’ DEVELOPMENT**

While the Local Plan 2036 progresses towards its adoption, and the identification of new sites for housing, applications are still being submitted for ‘windfall’ schemes. Such a proposal has been lodged with Havant Borough Planners for a scheme at 15 Langstone Road. The application seeks to demolish the existing dwelling and redevelop the land with a block of 9 two bedroom flats. The LRA has previously objected to the proposed increased development of the site on the basis of the additional traffic load on the A3023 and the proximity of the access to the junction at Langbrook Close. A similar objection will be made to this latest scheme. Members are urged to visit the HBC Planning site and view application No APP/18/00897 and comment.

## **SAFER CYCLING**

After the traffic chaos in Langstone Road throughout the summer, work to facilitate safer cycling is underway. Stage 2 commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> October and will last for 5 weeks. It affects the western side of the carriageway between the Mallards and the entrance to Langstone Technology Park, and will include the reshaping of the southern corner of the entrance to Langbrook Close.



Works for the Cycle Path

## **SOUTH MOOR**

LRA's plans to carry out some simple repairs to the sea defence wall have been passed to the land owner, seeking permission to work on his land. The aim of the project is to stabilise the ground where two holes have appeared, using volunteer labour to avoid spending too much money. The right of way is controlled by Hampshire County Council and there are other interested parties, the Environment Agency, Langstone Harbour Board and Havant Borough Council. Discussions will be undertaken with all these groups.



The 'holes' to be filled

## **EASTERN SOLENT COASTAL PARTNERSHIP**

As part of the Langstone Flood and Coastal Erosion Partnership Risk Assessment Study the ESCP, which has responsibility for Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth coastlines, is working on plans for the shoreline at Langstone. A Stakeholders Working Group has been set up to ensure that the ESCP is aware of the concerns we have for protecting the amenities and rural quality of our area. The LRA is represented on the Group and will continue to keep members informed.

The current phase of work is to assess options and some site investigation work has been undertaken around our coastline.



Drilling in progress

## **THE RAILWAY COTTAGES, 59-61 LANGSTONE ROAD**

The listed building known as the Railway Cottages has been purchased and the new owners have commenced work to bring them back to a habitable condition. The site has already been 'tidied up' following the grant of planning permission to carry out work to the trees.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The problem of attempted burglaries continues. Please be on your guard and report any suspicious activity to the police. Other more general concerns should be reported to Havant's Customer Services – tele 023 9244 6019 or email [customer.services@havant.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@havant.gov.uk)

## **LRA WEBSITE**

A new webmaster, Paul Crafts, has been appointed to help keep our website up to date. This is very good news. Our sincere thanks go to Alyson Griffin for setting up the site, and maintaining it through its early stages.

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