

Allington Saved



• **Carol Boulton & Chris Huhne with one pleased Allington resident**

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Cllr Carol Boulton reports: The recently published planning inspector's report into the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan has backed the Liberal Democrat controlled council plans NOT to have major development area consisting of 4000 houses up Allington Lane.

The smaller Borough Council made a brave decision to ignore the advice of the structural planning authority the County Council, for a major development area south east of Eastleigh and the planning inspector has fully backed the decision.

The decision will mean the required houses for the area will mainly be built on brownfield sites within the urban edge of existing towns and villages across the Borough. Most of these will be within Eastleigh itself on sites like the old Pirelli works.

This is a great decision for West End and naturally, as an Allington Lane resident myself, I am very pleased that this particular battle has finally been won. I and my Liberal Democrat colleagues will continue to be on our guard against any such uncontrolled development in the countryside.



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Tories Cut Bus Services



Cllr David Goodall reports: Just a few few months after the election, Conservatives on Hampshire County Council have broken a budget promise to protect services with no cuts by axing over

120,000 subsidised bus journeys around the County.

For West End the County have put a red line through the Solent Blue Line service 9/26B Southampton-Hedge End-Eastleigh (Sunday evening), this cut affects nearly 4,000 bus journeys per year.

The majority of the journeys cut are provided with a subsidy of less than £2.50 per journey, the existing benchmark for value for money in public transport.

The County Council looks set on forcing people off buses and into cars, creating more congestion and denying residents without access to a car any chance of getting around.

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● Townhill Farm Sign



...Repaired

● Traffic Bollard



...Replaced

● Traffic Island



...Renewed



Lib Dem nitebus service extended

Cllr Peter Humphreys reports: The highly successful nitebus service has been extended. The routes to Chandler's Ford and Winchester - Eastleigh and Fair Oak - Hedge End - Lord's Hill and Romsey have been so successful they are now being run on a fully commercial basis by Solent Blue Line under their nightstar brand.

The nitebus N6 which serves West End has now been extended to include Botley. For more information see <http://www.nitebus.org.uk/> or ring 023 8068 8280



New Hospital Taxi Service

A new service, subsidised by Eastleigh Borough Council, is now up and running in West End.

It is available to residents who have difficulty using a bus or car to get to the Southampton hospitals and are not eligible to use the hospital car service.

Like the nitebus the aim is to plug a gap in public transport provision.

Leaflets explaining the costs of journeys and how to book and use this service are around the village or for more information ring the council offices on 023 8068 8280.

Green Power



• **Wind Turbine at Itchen Valley Country Park**

Tackling climate change requires more than the occasional fine words from the Prime Minister it actually requires practical action too. We can all do our bit by recycling, as using recycled material uses less energy than using raw materials.



• **Solar heating & electric panels at Lakeside Country Park**

Here in Eastleigh we are also doing our bit with various schemes some of which are pictured.



• **Solar heating panels at Carpathia Close, West End**



• **5 Solar-powered bus shelters in Eastleigh Borough**

The next scheme is a combined heat and power plant at Fleming Park leisure centre, which will also provide heating for the Civic Offices.

However major progress on this issue requires major commitment and effort by the government. At present Tony Blair's hot air speeches only add to the problem.

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Chris Huhne MP writes...

The good news is that the Council Tax system is unlikely to get any worse, because the Government is to shelve the revaluation that was a particular threat to all Eastleigh residents. The bad news is that Britain's least fair tax lives on – for the moment.

Because Eastleigh's property prices have gone up by much more than the national average since the last revaluation in 1991 – our average house price is up 209% compared with 160% nationally – the new revaluation would push far more Eastleigh homes into higher bands.

And the extra tax would go to Whitehall, not Eastleigh Borough or Hampshire County Council, so it could not be handed back with a tax cut.

Shelving the revaluation is a tribute to our "Axe the Tax" campaign. We need to keep up the pressure to replace council tax with a local tax that fits people's ability to pay.

Policy Point: Council Tax Revaluation

What can we do for YOU?

Now 4 ways to contact your West End Liberal Democrats



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Eastleigh's New MEP



• **Sharon Bowles**

David Goodall Reports :
Chris Huhne's success in Eastleigh meant that he had to leave his old job as an MEP for the South East of England, including Eastleigh.

Chris's place in the European parliament was taken by the next person on the Liberal Democrat list that the electors voted for in the 2004 European elections, Sharon Bowles.

Sharon knows the Eastleigh area well having spent several months in the area to help get Chris elected. So she is the ideal person to represent us in Europe.

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