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## West of Waterlooville Forum Newsletter

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### Message from Councillor George Hollingbery; Chairman of the Forum

I am delighted to report that after months of negotiations, the planning consents for both the Taylor Wimpey development at Old Park Farm, and the Grainger development have now been issued. The delay in issuing the consents was due to the complex nature of the legal agreements which had to be agreed and signed by all parties including the county council. However, I am pleased to report that we now have a robust legal framework for taking forward the development, and perhaps more importantly for the Forum, have secured what I believe to be a very good 'deal' for the local community.

Now the hard work begins if we are to turn the vision for West of Waterlooville into a reality. Over the next months and years both councils will receive a large number of applications covering all the details of the development, including the design codes, proposals for Plant Farm, and the first phases of the development. There will of course be full consultations on these proposals (details of which will be published when we know what applications we are likely to receive and when), and I would urge you to consider these applications once they are submitted and give us your views. In this way we can continue to ensure that the promise of an exemplar sustainable community which sets the highest standards of sustainable design is actually realised.

Many thanks to you all for the hard work you have put into this exciting project so far, without which I am convinced we would not have achieved as much as we have.

Best wishes for the New Year  
George Hollingbery

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### Next Stages.

- Detailed discussion have continued with the developers throughout the past year, and within the next few weeks we are expecting applications for approval of reserved matters in respect of the access arrangements; the design codes; Plant Farm, including an application for Listed Building Consent; shortly to be followed by applications in respect of the first phases of the development.
- The applications will be submitted to both councils, regardless of whether they are wholly or partly within one district or the other, and arrangements will be made to ensure that the public can view them at both council offices. Arrangements are also currently being made to establish a joint decision making process, which was so successful in determining the recent planning applications.
- Preparatory work is likely to start on site within the next few months, and this will involve continuing survey work. Work on constructing the necessary infrastructure will

begin towards the middle of the year. And finally work on building the first houses should start towards the very end of the

year, although it is unlikely that any will be ready for occupation before the beginning of 2009.

### Recognition

- Already West of Waterlooville is gaining wider recognition for its innovative approach. The Grainger masterplan has been identified by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) as one of only five schemes nationally that truly meet the aspirations to create sustainable communities.
- The sustainable drainage system (SUDS) for both the Wimpey and Grainger sites is being held up nationally as an exemplar scheme, and the Environment Agency were recently invited onto the 'Politics Show' on local

- television to talk about the proposals, which once completed will minimise local flood risk.
- The Advisory Team for Large Applications (ATLAS), who have given considerable assistance to the councils in taking the proposals forward, have been using the development, and in particular the Vision developed and adopted by the Forum, as part of a series of case studies recently presented to workshops across the country to show the benefits of collaborative working.

### The reserve site

- Consultations are currently underway on the issues and options for the Winchester District Core Strategy. One of the options is to remove the reserve status from that part of the site and redefine it as an allocated site. Details of this and other options currently

under consideration can be found on the council's web site at [www.winchester.gov.uk/liveforthefuture](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/liveforthefuture); or a paper copy is available at all council offices and the Waterlooville library.

### Forum data base

- In order to compile this newsletter a new data base has been produced for individuals and groups interested in the future of West of Waterlooville. If you have received a copy of this newsletter direct, then you are already on the data base but if you have either heard of

the newsletter from other sources or otherwise wish to be put on the mailing list please contact Nigel Green Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ or [ngreen@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:ngreen@winchester.gov.uk)

### Integration

- Consultants Roger Evans Associates have been jointly commissioned to undertake a study into the development options aimed at creating closer physical and perceptual links between

the new community and the town centre. An interim report is expected by March, and the findings will be reported back to the next appropriate Forum.

### Next Forum meeting

- The next meeting of the West of Waterlooville Forum has been scheduled for 3.00 pm on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> January, at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Waterlooville