UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD – PARISH UPDATE MARCH 2025

Whilst the subject of the moment is the search for practicable options for Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire/Solent, there is little substantive that we can add to the debate at this stage. There will be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting in Winchester on Wednesday 19 March at which the preferred option for the establishment of new unitary authorities will likely be presented. We will update you after that event, but any further commentary at this stage would be entirely speculative.

Ongoing consultations

Meanwhile there are several ongoing consultations on which Parishes, or indeed individuals, may wish to make their view known.

The first is a Government consultation on the Hampshire/Solent devolution proposal, the setting up of a Combined Mayoral Authority and how that should operate:
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation
This consultation is open until midnight on 13 April 2025.

Enforcement is often a hot topic at Parish Council meetings and Winchester City Council is currently consulting on a revised Enforcement Plan. This one is only open until 20 March 2025.
https://winchester.citizenspace.com/development-management/enforcement-local-plan/

The South Downs Local Plan Review (Reg 18) consultation is still open until 17 March 2025 and can be found here:
https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-south-downs-national-parks-local-plan-review/

Lastly, the South Downs' statutory Management Plan is also under review. The detail is here:
https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/our-work/partnership-management/introduction-to-the-pmp-review-process/
There will be further drop-in sessions and other, bookable, engagement events through the year so keep an eye out for further e-mails from the SDNPA.

Be assured that we will pass on whatever substantive news on reorganisation we have when we have it.

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