

Kings Barton Forum – supplement to annual report from Worthys WCC/HCC councillors

Winchester Avenue & Andover Road.

At the start of the municipal year 25-26, Cala had not met the 650 occupations trigger for the full public authority adoption of Winchester Avenue and the north & south junctions. In the lead up to this year, Cala had scaled up their operations and brought in a new team with a mandate to scale things up. At the June 25 Kings Barton Forum, Cala laid out the timetable for the agreed implementation plan with Hampshire Council Highways, which had been lobbied for by our County Councillors. This had new S106 Trigger points, details of which are available in the minutes, but centre off a trigger point to have the road and junctions adopted by 1000 occupations.

Cala with HCC alongside appear to be progressing at pace and appear to be largely on track with Winchester Ave with the physical road building side of things. Significant works have taken place on the southern roundabout and upgrading the roads and drainage which has necessitated the road being closed with diversions around. While significant works on the north link between Manley Road and towards Harestock Rd junction have progressed, as well as works on the ground for the redirecting of Wellhouse lane, to date the programme has not got to changing the north junction, nor linking Stoney lane to the southern round-about.

The county council has had two separate phases of Traffic Regulations Orders (TRO's). The first in November/December was the major one that included TRO's defining traffic lights, crossings, speed limits, bus stops and other details for Winchester Ave, and also one for the repurposed Andover Road. We have yet to see the outcome of these deliberations, although in practice, Cala are going ahead with things such as Bus stops.

More recently, a TRO was brought forward that described Traffic calming in the form of "tables" at each junction along Winchester Ave. Cala appear to have laid down the foundation layers for these and have scheduled to surface the road from Rotherley through to beyond the Ridgeway on 1st/2nd June which indicates that Cala are proceeding with some pace.

Parking in authorised areas of roads has been a regular problem in the past year. It appears to be a combination of students, commuters and some residents choosing to park there. The roads are, as of now, not adopted so responsibility sits with Cala. They are weighing up the options and trying to find a solution that solves that problem without causing unintended consequences for residents. When the roads are fully adopted the main routes will have double yellow lines and the highways authority will have enforcement powers.

Community Building

The Kings Barton Committee on behalf of HWPC have been in regular dialogue with Cala over the design, layout and have worked hard to get some of the specifics improved. The main issue with this part of the development is that it is late compared to the S106 trigger points. It seems that the main causes of the delays have including that the initial designs were not suitable for access for wheelchair users among others. But also that the Community Building is linked into the planning application for a phase of building and that the initial proposals did not have the right proportion of affordable homes allocated. It is expected that once planning permission is finalised that it will take Cala close to 12 months to complete the building to handover to the Parish Council.

Community Governance Review

Early in the municipal year, there was lobbying by Parish Council and KBRA through Kings Barton Forum for the Community Governance Review (CGR) that is identified in the Kings Barton Forum Terms of Reference (TOR) as one of the milestones. A CGR is also the mechanism by which a Parish Council can make the case for an increase in the number of councillors, which HWPC really needed in order to support all the work needed to support Kings Barton. WCC initially turned this request down. However, the advent of the Local Government Review process, created significant pressure for a CGR for the unparished area of Winchester, which include a small part of Kings Barton. With this going ahead, it created the mechanism for the scope of the CGR to be extended to include Kings Barton. In simple terms residents of Kings Barton were given opportunity to express their views as to whether they should all be in the same parish, and also whether that parish should be the new Winchester parish, a new Kings Barton parish or to remain in HWPC. Responses to the first phase consultation supported a proposal that all of Kings Barton should be in the same Parish and that that parish should be a new Parish separate form Headbourne Worthy. Alongside that, the provisional quota of Parish Councillors for Kings Barton is 11. In the last week, the second stage consultation has started which will gauge support or otherwise for the proposals. The proposed Parish Boundaries allocate Barton meadows into Headbourne Worthy Parish. Kings Barton committee are unhappy with this and making representations.

[Consultation launched on proposals for two new parish councils - Winchester City Council](#)

Polling station

We are working through the Governance team at WCC considering several options to secure a polling station in Kings Barton for the May 2027 elections which will include the elections to the new Unitary Council and the new Kings Barton parish Council.

Shops & Pub

There are no S106 trigger points for the shops and the Pub. Cala have consistently stated that discussions with Shop Operators will not progress fully until there is a clear date for when Winchester Ave will be fully open with its north & south junctions. At the KB Forum in March, they said that they might be able to talk about it at the KB Forum in July. To date they say there has been no interest in the pub site, but that will likely change as the site develops.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Good progress has been made with the Recreation ground which looks to be taking shape. Drainage is being built in. The grass will need to be allowed to mature for a considerable time; the earliest it will be available is expected to be early summer 2027. The Pavilion build has progressed quickly and will be available at the same time.

Kings Barton Community Bus KB1

A community bus service has been running through the year, much of the time not running through Winchester Ave. This though changed when Winchester Ave opened for use, notwithstanding some disruption due to temp road closures for works. A route variation has been introduced to run the bus via Peter Symonds, and Stockbridge Rd to the Train station.

Other public amenities

Kings Barton Committee have direct conversations with Cala regarding the various play parks. The MUGA and the adjacent facilities appears to have been well received by the community. The play park adjacent to Grenadiers road was very popular if over-used until the MUGA was available. KBC has insisted that Cala do remedial work on it.

Large MUGA

The MUGA delivered was significantly smaller than was originally planned. Cala have given commitments to find a space in the later phases for a full sized MUGA. This has been noted in the Kings Barton Forum minutes on several occasions. As it is not shown in the master plan, Councillors on Kings Barton Committee & Winchester City Council will need to be vigilant to ensure that this actually get delivered.

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