

Objections flood in against plans for housing on Civil Service Sports Ground

The city council is being flooded with objections from local residents to Redrow's plan to build 89 houses on the former Civil Service Club ground.

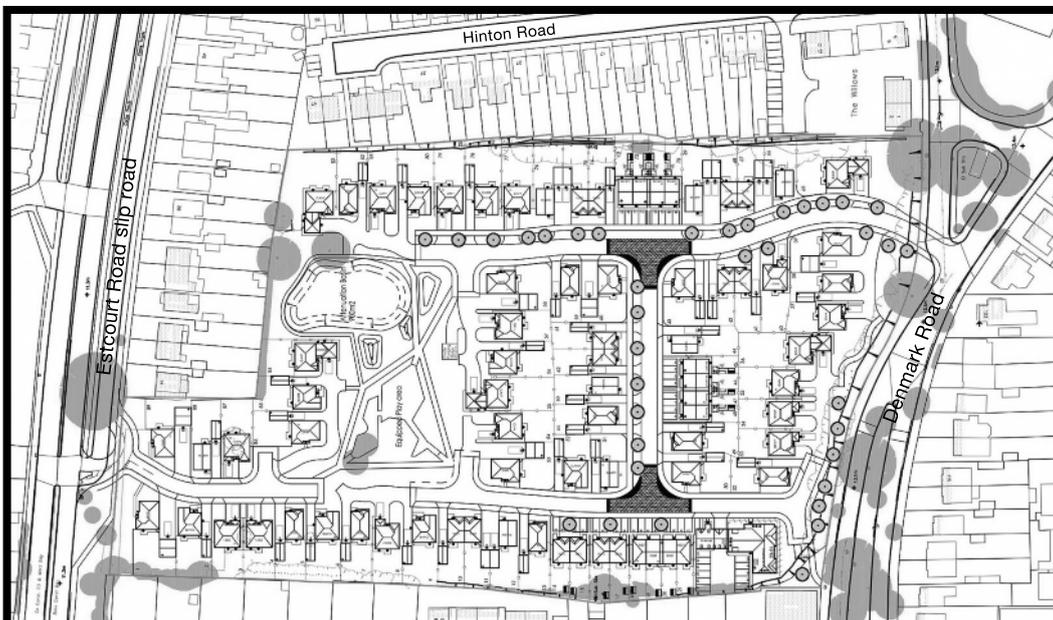
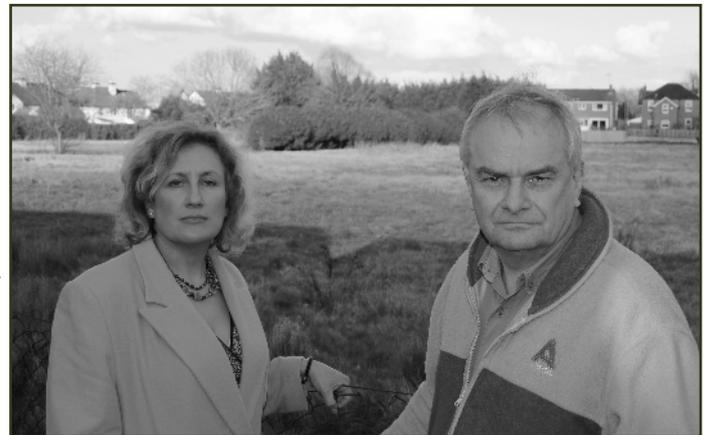
Sport England has also requested that the planning application is rejected due to the loss of a playing field on site.

Redrow deposited plans with the city council on the 5th of August and the application became valid on the 22nd September when all documents were displayed on the city council website.

Jeremy Hilton said: "I do urge local residents to write to the council with their objections to this planning application. There is plenty of time. It won't go to the committee until next year.

"Redrow are packing far too many houses on the site and the public open space provided is stingy. Vehicular access to the site is poor causing a loss of parking spaces on Denmark Road. The removal of the slip road into Lansdown Road is unacceptable. The loss of the playing field for sport is contrary to city council planning policy."

Isabel Brazil said: "Do write to the city council with your objections. The application documents can be viewed on the city council website." www.gloucester.gov.uk Ref No.16/00968/FUL



**Send
in your
objections
on the
application
and help
save the
playing field**

Deans Way Meadow



Isabel Brazil got this fence which encloses the children's play area on Deans Way Meadow fixed.

Jeremy and Isabel have also allocated money from their Members Allocation Fund to install a 'sculptured' park bench that will add an artistic attraction to the meadow, but will also be practical and robust.

Ideas for a design theme would be welcome.

Your councillors have also requested increased litter clearing of the meadow particularly adjacent to the footpath.

New railway station car park

Great Western Railway the operators of Gloucester railway station have acquired land off Great Western Road to create a car park with 245 spaces. This will allow commuters to park on the opposite side of the track from the current car park. The station has 1.5 million passenger journeys per year.

LED street lights

The county council has been installing new LED light units on street light column across the county. LED street lights use 70 per cent less energy and can be angled to decrease light pollution. The lights provide a different beam projection.

Your Lib Dem councillors would like to know if there are any areas where there is a need of an extra street light to improve coverage.

Are you interested in starting up a neighbourhood watch scheme or joining one already active?

The NHW Officer for your area will be able to provide you with the necessary help and advice on how to proceed.

The average size of schemes in Gloucestershire ranges from 20 to 50 homes and the coordinators and members will determine how it will best operate to achieve its local aims.

Your local NHW Officer Bob Lloyd can be contacted by dialling 01452 756086 or email bob.lloyd@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Kingsholm & Wotton *action file*

- Vegetation along Royal Lane at the back of St Margaret's Almshouses has been cut back as it was blocking the footpath.
- Similarly, Jeremy Hilton has asked for the overgrowing vegetation along the alley between Deans Way and St Oswald's Road to be cutback.
- Jeremy Hilton has met the Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl to talk through policing issues in Kingsholm & Wotton.
- Wooden bollards are to be installed in Michaelmas Court to stop cars blocking the narrow section of the road and damaging the grassed area.
- Jeremy Hilton is working with county council officers to agree a scheme and date for the resurfacing of Hyde Lane. This is an important pedestrian route to the hospital.
- Isabel and Jeremy have been chasing the county council to fix the safety barriers at the Kingsholm Road/Estcourt Rd roundabout
- The footpath outside Roots Café in Alvin Street has been resurfaced following a request from Jeremy Hilton.

Sherborne St Pay Phone should it stay or go?



This phone box has been used by someone injecting drugs. There have also been reports of people hanging around the phone box waiting for a call to arrange a drugs pickup.

With so many people using a mobile phone the use of public pay phones has dropped dramatically. Do we still need this phone box?

Your councillors have written to BT to see how well the box is used for legitimate purposes. They wonder what local residents think.

Should the phone box stay or go?

Another pothole fixed...



**...this time in St Mark Street
near the junction with Deans Way**

The Siege of Gloucester (1643) the city can do more to commemorate



Gloucester City Council debated how the city could better celebrate and remember the events of 1643, when the citizens of Gloucester defended the parliamentary garrison against the royalist forces during the first English Civil War. The Liberal Democrat group proposed the motion.

From 10th August to 5th September 1643 the army of King Charles I besieged Gloucester. The city held out for just short of a month under the leadership of Colonel Massie until it was relieved by parliamentary troops under the command of the Earl of Essex. This

was a pivotal turning point in the civil war.

Cllr. Jeremy Hilton said: “The revival of Gloucester Day and the parade is one way in which the city remembers the events of 1643 when our ancestors fought on the side of parliament.

“It was a crucial turning point in the English Civil War. We should be proud of this point in our history. Gloucester fought for parliament and democracy.”

The city council unanimously agreed to do more to commemorate this event.

Lib Dems increase vote share by 24% in Longlevens By-Election

There was a by-election in neighbouring Longlevens ward on the 3rd November following the sad death of a Conservative city councillor in August.

The contest for the ward was between four candidates and the seat was won by the Conservatives by a reduced majority which dropped by 500 votes.

In a hard fought campaign the Liberal Democrat candidate leapfrogged from fourth to second place. The ward is now a Tory/Lib Dem marginal and the Lib Dems aim to win it next time.

The full result was as follows

Conservative	1066
Lib Dem (Linda Castle)	852 + 24%
Labour	223
UKIP	167



After

New roundabout for Lansdown Road

There is a new roundabout at the end of Lansdown Road. It has a smaller diameter and higher kerbing than the previous one. The funding for the work came from the Highways Local Scheme administered by the local county councillor Jeremy Hilton.

He said: "Large vehicles often drove over the old roundabout and churned up the grass as they tried to circumnavigate the roundabout. The reduction in the diameter of around two metres should stop this. The higher kerbing will also prevent vehicles riding over the roundabout."



Before

Jeremy points out the muddy area on the old roundabout churned up by vehicles driving over it.

Tories determined to flog off the Bishop's College site

The Tories are refusing to halt the sale of the former Bishop's College site off Estcourt Road despite plans for major house building over the next twenty years.

Information provided to Jeremy Hilton indicates that there will be a need for a new comprehensive school needed in the north of Gloucester in a few years' time.

Jeremy Hilton said: "Flogging off the Bishop's College site at this time is short sighted. We will need a new school in a few years' time.

"This site should be land banked for this purpose. If a new school is to be built it is better that it is in walking distance for local children."

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Can you help deliver *Spotlight* ?

Spotlight newsletter is funded by your local councillors to keep you up to date on local issues. We already have a good team of helpers but we could do with filling in some of the gaps. A round usually takes no more than an hour.

Areas areas we need help

- The Crescent off Horton Road
- Top end of Denmark Road
- Alexandra Road
- Deans Walk/Serlo Road
- Clapham Court and Alvin Street
- Swan Road