



East Anton (Augusta Park)

Planning Applications

An application for 164 dwellings in parcels F & G1 was approved by the Northern Area Planning Committee on 9th December, which will complete phase 1 of the development.

Occupations

Latest figures obtained from the sales offices show that as of 30th November 2010, a total of 329 homes were occupied at Augusta Park. This figure includes affordable homes and 46 Ministry of Defence properties.

Affordable Housing

Latest figures from Sentinel Housing Association showed that as of 2nd December, a total of 162 affordable homes were occupied on the site.

Community

'Walking for Health' walks

will be taking place on Thursday 6th & 20th January and 3rd & 17th February 2011. All walks will leave at 10am from the temporary community centre on the corner of Sunflower Way and Pasture Walk and will last about an hour. Please contact Sharon Goodridge (East Anton Community Development Worker) on **01264 368622** or **sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk** for details.

A NEW East Anton Parent & Toddler Group

starts Monday 10th January 2011 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm (followed by every first Monday of the month during term times) at Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Smannell Road. Come along to make, play, sing and meet new people - everyone welcome. There will be a charge of £1 per family to cover costs. For further information please contact Sharon Goodridge.

Andover Business Packs

have been delivered to households within the development to promote shopping in Andover, especially in the run up to Christmas, and to highlight Andover Vision - please contact Susan Sheppard for details:

ssheppard@testvalley.gov.uk.



Welcome to Andover

Wishing you a very merry Christmas



THANK YOU to all residents who contributed

their ideas for a new permanent community centre. The information will be used to inform discussions with the developer about the design and location of the building. By the time that 500 homes are occupied on the site, details plans for the community centre have to be approved by the Council. The centre will be completed by 700 occupations.

Education

A coffee morning was held at Endeavour School on 1st December for parents to get to know each other and to find out more about the development and wider area from Sharon Goodridge. 7 parents attended on this cold and icy morning and Rebecca Williams, PCSO for the area, popped in to introduce herself. Sharon hopes to continue with monthly parent coffee mornings in 2011.

A start has been made on the permanent school building which is due to be completed and occupied for the beginning of the spring term 2012.

Recreation & Open Space

Test Valley Borough Council will take over the management of the central open space area on 14th January 2011.

See separate sheet at the end of this newsletter for detailed information about the community travel plan for Augusta Park.

Transport

There have been a number of instances lately where resident's bins have not been collected due to cars being parked on the road which have prevented the refuse lorries from being able to access some properties. In addition complaints have been received about the level of on street parking taking place. Residents are therefore asked to please park in the designated parking areas.

Works to the southern side of Enham Arch roundabout are due to start in January 2011.

In response to a request from local residents, the temporary bus stop on Icknield Way will be provided with a hard surfaced area in January and a shelter will be provided in February.

Information for Residents

Current information on refuse collection will soon be delivered to all households to reiterate the importance of returning wheelie bins to individual properties following collection on a Thursday. This practice would help all residents and would be greatly appreciated by your neighbours.



Picket Twenty

The development at Picket Twenty for 1200 new homes has now commenced.

Preliminary works are taking place such as undergrounding cables and construction of the access roundabout. House foundations are also being constructed.

An application for phase 1B of the development for 287 dwellings and an urban park (comprising 7 football pitches, tennis court, cricket pitch and public open space) was approved at Northern Area Planning Committee on 9th December. Detailed approval has now been granted for 543 dwellings overall.



East Anton Travel Plan



The travel plan aims to inform residents about the availability of alternatives to the car, such as walking, cycling and public transport (bus/train) which can be used within Andover and for commuting to further afield destinations.

Travel by sustainable modes can have many benefits including:

- **Lower journey costs**
- **Less pollution (noise, emissions)**
- **Health benefits (walking and cycling)**
- **Creating a sense of community**
- **Less congested, safer roads**

Bus

Star 1, by Stagecoach, now serves the East Anton area and connects Augusta Park with Andover town. A temporary bus stop has been provided along Icknield Way. This service currently operates every 30 minutes but will increase to every 15 minutes as more houses become occupied. The bus service will be provided using a dedicated new low floor, low emission vehicles.

Eventually, further bus stops will be located within the development so that no house is more than 400m or (4 minutes walk) from a bus stop and all stops will be equipped with a shelter, timetable and route information. For bus enquiries call **0845 121 0190** (for timetable enquiries only call **0871 200 22 33**).

www.stagecoachbus.com



Andover Railway Station

Rail

Andover Railway Station is on the London Waterloo to Exeter St David's Line, with direct routes to Salisbury and Basingstoke. It is situated on Station Approach, off Charlton Road and The Avenue and is clearly signposted throughout the town.

There is parking on site, or alternatively in the town centre. As the development at Augusta Park expands, a bus service will be provided to link the site with the rail station.

For further details:

www.southwesttrains.co.uk

Community Transport and Concessionary Travel

Community transport is generally provided by Test Valley Community Services (TVCS) and dial-a-ride (DAR), although there are some community bus services e.g. Broughton and Mottisfont Bus and car schemes such as Romsey Good Neighbours and Andover Neighbourcare.

Car Sharing

Car sharing is when two or more people share a car and travel together. Car sharing is a simple way to cut the costs of fuel and parking, cut congestion and pollution, and cut the stress of driving.

Benefits:

- **Reduced travel costs**
- **Less congestion and pollution**
- **Reduced parking problems (less single occupant cars = more parking spaces available)**

You can obtain a free car sharing account via www.hantscarshare.com connecting you to like minded individuals wishing to see a reduction in traffic in Hampshire as well as reducing travel costs. There are currently 379,233 members registered with the national liftshare network and on average they each save £786.38 per year.

What could you do with an extra £786.38?



- **FREE to use**
- **Find drivers and passengers on-line instantly**
- **Find information on travel and public transport**
- **Reduce the congestion and pollution on our roads**
- **For assistance with registering call 08700 11 11 99 (Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:00)**

Register at: www.hantscarshare.com
or check out www.nationalcarshare.co.uk



Cycling

Walking and cycling offers the cheapest, healthiest and most convenient way of travel over short distances; generally it is considered that walking is attractive at distances up to 2 km (just over a mile e.g. Tesco's, Churchill Way) and cycling at 5km (3 miles e.g. town centre). To enhance opportunities to walk and cycle around the East Anton area, an extensive network of pedestrian and cycling facilities have been built or improved.

Visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=8038 to see a copy of Test Valley's Cycle Strategy and Network SPD

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Bus stop on Icknield Way

The temporary bus stop on Icknield Way is to be improved for waiting passengers following residential feedback. Hardstanding will be installed in January 2011 and a bus shelter will be provided in February 2011.

Community travel plan meeting

A community travel plan meeting is proposed for January 2011. Details of the venue, date and time is yet to be decided. The meeting will be open to all residents and will seek to promote sustainable travel choices.

Update on the issuing of subsidised bus passes

Approximately 25 passes have been issued to residents of Augusta Park so far. The passes cost £10 per quarter and provide unlimited bus travel within Andover for each household (on a first come first served basis) until allocated funds expire. The passes can be used by different members of the same household. For further details and conditions see www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=8801 or contact Sharon Goodridge.

Travel surveys

Thank you to those residents who completed their travel diaries during the week commencing 20th - 26th September 2010. The winner of the prize draw was No. 23 SP11 6GB. The household received a fluorescent sash, fluorescent spokes for their bikes, and a gift voucher from 'Behind the Bike shed' cycle store.

Also, thank you to those residents who participated in the 'hands up survey' during November to assess travel choices and preferred methods when attending meetings/events on site.