

## Rudgwick Parish Council

### Weekly Clerk's Update: 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Agenda December 2024)

**To:** Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)  
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

**From:** Anna Clayton

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The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

#### List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
  - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
  - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
  - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
  - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
  - HDC (Horsham District Council)
  - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
  - WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils)
  - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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#### Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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**GENERAL REMINDER:** If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

#### Delegated Applications

| Delegated Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 |                    |
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| Application No:<br><a href="#">DC/24/1879</a> 06.12.2024                                           | Response/Comments: |

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| <b>Applicant:</b><br>3 Buckhurst Cottages, Church Street, Rudgwick                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b><br>Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/24/0769 (Erection of a two storey side extension and installation of new roof to rear) for a slight revision of roof line and slightly taller gable end |                  |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b><br>Not available / Determination 03.01.2024                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |
| <b>Application No:</b><br><a href="#">DC/24/1875</a> 12.12.2024                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Response:</b> |
| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Southdown House, Church Street, Rudgwick                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b><br>Removal of existing stable / outbuilding and erection of 1no detached self-build dwelling.                                                                                                                           |                  |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b><br>02.01.2025 / Determination 29.01.2024                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Response:</b> |
| <b>Application No:</b><br><a href="#">DC/24/1747</a> 12.12.2024                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Garlands, The Haven                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b><br>Erection of a 30.480 x 12.192m general agricultural storage shed                                                                                                                                                     |                  |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b><br>02.01.2025 / Determination 04.02.2025                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |

#### Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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| <b>Application No:</b>                                                                          | <b>Response:</b> |

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| <b>Applicant:</b>              |  |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b> |  |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b> |  |

### Decisions

| HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Application No:</b><br><a href="#">DC/24/1550</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Response/Comments:</b><br><br><b>Permitted / RPC Response – No objection</b>                    |
| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Howick Barn, The Haven                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b><br>Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference DC/24/1036 (Erection of a 2No. bay garage with workshop/storage above, as replacement of existing shed and store) regarding changed to roof tiles. |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Application No:</b><br><a href="#">DC/24/1757</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Response/Comments:</b><br><br><b>No objection to notification / RPC Response – No objection</b> |
| <b>Applicant:</b><br>Riverside Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b><br>Removal of 6no existing antennas, Installation of 3no new antennas. Other associated ancillary development including internal upgrade of existing equipment cabin and installation of 1no new GPS Node                   |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                    |

### Applications going to Committee

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| <b>Applicant:</b>              |                           |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b> |                           |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b> |                           |

#### Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

| <b>New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> |                           |
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| <b>Application No:</b>                                                                                | <b>Response/Comments:</b> |
| <b>Applicant:</b>                                                                                     |                           |
| <b>Reason for Application:</b>                                                                        |                           |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b>                                                                        |                           |

#### New Planning Compliance Issues

| <b>New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> |                           |
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| <b>Application No:</b>                                                                               | <b>Response/Comments:</b> |
| <b>Address:</b>                                                                                      |                           |
| <b>Nature of Complaint:</b>                                                                          |                           |
| <b>Official Response Date:</b>                                                                       |                           |

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### **Parish Councils Website**

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

Thank you for your ongoing patience while this was under construction.

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

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## **Downs Link Advanced Notice**

### **Annual tree safety works**

Contractors are carrying out essential tree works on the Downs Link between Shoreham and Rudgwick between January and March 2025.

#### **During this time please**

- \* Be extra vigilant.
- \* Follow instructions on any signage.
- \* Follow instructions from the contractors.

Enquires should be sent to [countryside@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@westsussex.gov.uk) We apologise of any inconvenience caused.



#### **Correspondence**

Email dated 04.12.2024 from HDC  
Christmas Bin Collections



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## Get a collection notification the night before bin day

Have you downloaded the Horsham District Council app yet? When you do, you can enable our bin collection notification.

The notification arrives at 4pm the day before your bin collection to remind you which bin will be collected. You'll also be notified of any changes to your collection calendar.



[Download the app](#)

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## View and download your personalised bin collection calendar

Your collection schedule for the whole year is available on our website: simply select your address and you'll be able to access your personalised bin collection calendar.

The calendar can be printed from the webpage.

[View your 2025 bin calendar](#)

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Email dated 12.11.2024 from WSCC

Christmas events and local gifts, Independent Visitors, and more!



Christmas is coming - very soon!

### Libraries

Your local library is the perfect place to get cosy in winter with a festive Storytime!

We're holding a range of events up until Monday 23 December, some of which require pre-booking and others you can just turn up to.

If you need an excuse to wear pyjamas in public, we've even planned a few late-afternoon Christmas Stories at Bedtime events. Don't forget your torch and teddy!

Check our [What's On page](#) for more details and how to book.



Don't forget that our [regular children's activities](#) continue through the festive period, except on 25 and 26 December, and 1 January, when libraries will be closed for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

### **Bus travel**

Ho-ho-hop on the bus this festive season! Whether you're heading out to the local markets for some holiday shopping, planning a trip to the panto or off for a fun night on the town, why not leave the car behind and catch the bus instead?

Take advantage of the £2 bus fares until the end of December and say goodbye to parking fees and driving on busy roads.

Further discounts are available for [young people with our "16 to 20 Bus Saver"](#). Try travelling with [Book-a-Bus](#) for trips to areas in the county with limited commercial buses. And don't forget to take a moment to renew or sign-up for a [free bus pass](#), if you're eligible. [There's more information here on local bus travel.](#)

### **Gifts with a difference**

If you are looking for a unique West Sussex gift, visit the [Sussex Pictures](#) website to choose local images for a range of products, including framed and canvas prints, mouse mats, jigsaw puzzles, coasters and cushions. The images are from the historic collections held at our West Sussex Record Office.



## **WSCC Leader reaffirms commitment to winter resilience on our highways**

*A message from West Sussex County Council Leader, Cllr Paul Marshall*



As we enter the winter months and the weather starts to turn, I want to take this opportunity to reassure the residents of West Sussex that I, and my colleagues at the county council, remain committed to improving our county's roads and keeping West Sussex moving. The extreme weather of the last two winters has had a substantial impact on our road network which suffered large levels of flooding resulting in damage to the road surface.

Over the past six months, our highways teams have been working hard to repair this damage, and I believe that their efforts are paying off. Almost 40,000 safety defects were repaired in the first half of this financial year, and we will continue to respond to reports as the weather allows.

To ensure that this hard work isn't undone and that we are prepared for the impact of extreme weather this year, we have invested a further £1.5million for much-needed resources to continue maintenance work and provide resilience in responding to emergencies.

*We have also recently launched our Road Safety Strategy consultation. See the 'More News' section below for details on how you can contribute.*

[Read more](#)



## Last chance to have your say on our budget plans

Have you completed our budget and priorities survey yet? It closes this Sunday (15 December) and we are keen to hear the views of as many residents as possible.

Our budget for 2025-2026 amounts to over £2 billion which will be spent on services for our 900,900 residents and more than 42,500 businesses.

We'd like to hear your opinions and views on how and where we should spend that money.

[Take part now](#)



## Good news - reuse shop is open!

Our second reuse shop in the county has now opened at the Worthing Recycling Centre.

The shop is part of our commitment to reducing waste and promoting reuse across the county.

Following the success of the first reuse shop at Billingshurst Recycling Centre, which has diverted over 51 tonnes of materials for reuse since its launch in March 2022, the Worthing shop aims to build on this!

You do not need to book to visit the new Worthing reuse shop as it can be accessed without entering the Recycling Centre. However, to donate, [you will need to book an appointment](#).

Please note that donations need to be in good working order as shop staff cannot repair or refurbish items.

Find out more



## Winter health update

- If you are eligible, protect yourself and your loved ones from winter bugs by getting your Flu, Covid-19 and RSV vaccines. Find out more about winter vaccinations and how to get them on the [NHS website](#). You can also find details of [Covid-19 vaccination walk-in clinics in West Sussex](#) through December and January, please check your eligibility.
- Quitting smoking is much easier when you get the right support, and with professional help you're three times more likely to quit for good. Visit [Smokefree West Sussex](#) or call 0330 222 7980 to get free support from trained advisors to help you quit smoking for good. Support is available face-to-face, over the phone or using the new Smokefree app.
- Now we're in the winter months, it's good to be prepared. Please take a look at and share [our advice and information on keeping yourself and others safe this winter](#).





## Could you spend time with a child in care?

Are you a kind and caring person who could offer a few hours each month to provide friendship and to do something fun and interesting to support a child in care?

If the answer is yes, then volunteer to become an Independent Visitor and help make a real difference in the life of a child in care.

Join us for an informal online information session and find out more:

- [Wednesday 29 January 2025 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm](#)
- [Wednesday 5 February 2025 from 7pm to 8pm](#)

For more information please email [Independent.Visitors@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Independent.Visitors@westsussex.gov.uk).

[Read more about Independent Visitors](#)

**More news**



Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news.

- Are you or someone you know struggling with energy costs? If you receive certain benefits such as Pension Credit you may be able to get extra financial support, including the Winter Fuel Payment. [Find out more on our cost of living pages.](#)
- We'd still like to hear from autistic people, their families and carers and professionals working with autistic people to help us make the county a better place for those with lived experience of autism. A consultation is open until 16 December, made up of in-person workshops and online surveys. The findings will help inform a new autism strategy that aims to improve services and support for autistic people. [See our webpage for more information.](#)
- We want to hear from West Sussex drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to help [shape our Road Safety Strategy](#). Your feedback will influence how we integrate road safety into every aspect of our highways operations, to make the road network in West Sussex safer for everyone. The consultation will close at 23:55 on 2 February 2025.
- A children's home run by the county council has been praised for its outstanding work and the progress its young people are making. [Breakwater, in Shoreham, has been given an overall rating of 'outstanding' by Ofsted.](#)
- Councillor Joy Dennis, our Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, explains how [everyone with a ditch, stream, culvert or brook on their property can help prevent flooding this winter.](#)

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## Did you know?



We have partnered with our recycling and waste contractor Biffa, to launch a [new Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund](#) for community-based household waste prevention projects.

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Did you receive this eNewsletter from a friend? [Sign up here.](#)

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**Email dated 12.12.2024 from HALC**

**HIGH IMPORTANCE - INVITATION TO HALC MEETING**

We are pleased to invite your council's representative(s) to the next meeting of the Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) as follows:

**Thursday 16 January, 7.00pm**

**Online via Zoom**

**Zoom link to be circulated with the agenda one week prior to the meeting**

HALC meetings offer an important connection to the district council at officer level, as well as the chance to be part of joint working on a district-wise basis. Your council is encouraged to play a part in this collaborative working process.

Please forward this invitation to your HALC representative councillor(s) and ask them to RSVP to confirm attendance by Monday 6 January.

Many thanks and best wishes  
Mandy Jameson

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**Email dated 12.12.2024 from NALC**  
**Chief Executives Bulletin**



### **NALC announces Star Council Awards 2024 finalists**

We are delighted to unveil the prestigious Star Council Awards 2024 finalists, showcasing the best of England's parish and town councils. This annual celebration of innovation and commitment highlights the transformative contributions of councils, councillors, clerks, county associations and council staff to their communities. This year's finalists, chosen after a rigorous selection process by an expert panel of judges, have set themselves apart through their exceptional efforts. Visit our website to [see the complete list of finalists](#). The winners will be announced at our parliamentary reception on 25 February 2025 in the House of Lords. This landmark event will recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of this year's finalists. Congratulations to all the finalists! Your efforts continue to inspire and uplift communities. And a big thank you to our [sponsors](#) – [Clear Councils Insurance](#), [Blachere Illumination](#), [CCLA](#), [Cloudy IT](#), [Facilitating the Future](#), [Unity Trust Bank](#), and [Utility Aid](#).

### **NALC signs open letter to prime minister on violence against women and girls**

This week, we added our voice to the growing call for urgent action to address men's violence against women and girls. In a powerful statement of solidarity, [we joined the White Ribbon UK campaign in signing an open letter to prime minister Sir Keir Starmer MP](#), urging the government to prioritise the primary prevention of violence against women and girls. The open letter, signed by over 60 organisations, outlines the need for a shift in focus from reactionary measures to proactive strategies to prevent violence before it occurs. It highlights the importance of early intervention and education, especially in challenging the societal attitudes that foster abusive behaviour and gender inequality. Our support for this initiative underscores the crucial role that parish and town councils play in creating lasting change and tackling the systemic issues that underpin violence against women and girls. We have been participating in White Ribbon's 16 Days of Activism on [X](#) (formerly Twitter) and have published a [blog](#) on this year's White Ribbon Day theme, It Starts with Men. The blog explores an important question: What does it take to be a good male ally in the gender equality movement? [Check out our socials](#) to read insights from our male allies!

### **National Assembly**

Our [National Assembly](#) of councillor representatives from county associations met online this week. They heard from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils about their research, which shows the additional costs of the increase in employers National Insurance Contributions announced in the Budget to be in the region of £1m for their parish and town councils. The Assembly agreed to continue to press the Government to rethink this approach for our sector. Councillors also heard from committee chairs and champions about their work, including from the chair of our new Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Ian Cowling from the Devon Association of Local Councils. He reported that its first meeting had included a "deep dive" review of our recent website and CRM project. The committee noted the lessons to be learnt and congratulated our staff on a smooth transition to the new site. It was noted that 4000 accounts had already been registered to use the new website, and all councillors across the country were urged to [create an account](#) so they could fully benefit

from NALC resources and support. Christian Vincent from NALC's HR partners [Worknest](#) gave a briefing on changes in employment legislation, including the new duty to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace, which came into effect in October. He reported that Worknest had received around 260 queries from county associations on a range of matters this year and flagged up the revised [suite of HR policies](#) available on our website. The Management Board champion for workforce, Cllr Bob Blezzard from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils, also reported on progress with reviewing the current job evaluation scheme. Our calendar of meetings for 2025 was also agreed.

#### **New advice note on employer's national insurance**

We have published an [advice note on the impact of recent changes to employer's National Insurance Contributions](#). The advice note covers both the fall in the threshold at which they need to be paid from £9,100 to £5,000 as well as the rise in the rate of employer's contributions. It also provides guidance on budgeting for these changes and so is essential reading for any local council that employs a member of staff earning more than £5,000 a year.

#### **Fortnightly meeting with county associations**

In this week's fortnightly meeting between NALC and county officers, we were joined by Cloudy IT and Parish Online to talk about their experience as exhibitors at county association conferences and annual general meetings. It was a useful information exchange on what works well for them as exhibitors and good practice in the format and layout of events. Myself and other NALC colleagues provided updates on this week's National Assembly, our recent meeting with local government representative bodies on standards, and the current [consultation on remote meetings and proxy voting](#) (another reminder to please respond by the deadline of 19 December!). The meeting finished with colleagues sharing some of their highlights of 2024 and priorities for 2025.

#### **New video tutorial on managing your NALC website account**

I'm pleased to announce the [release of a new video](#) tutorial that provides a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to managing your NALC website account. This tutorial covers essential tasks such as updating contact details, changing contact preferences, and setting your areas of interest. It is designed to help users efficiently manage their account settings and preferences. This video and our other website tutorial videos can be found in the website tech support section of the [Contact](#) page or on our [YouTube channel](#). We will continue to expand the collection of videos.

#### **On the blog: Parish Domain Helper Service**

[This week's blog](#) by Sandra Lowe, engagement lead for the Parish Council Domains Helper Service, highlights the Cabinet Office's efforts to support councils transitioning to .gov.uk domains. With 85% of available funding already allocated, this initiative offers a £100 + VAT discount for domain registration through Approved Registrars, covering up to 1,000 councils on a first-come, first-served basis. Sandra emphasises the importance of budgeting for

associated costs, such as email, website services, and subscriptions, which the funding does not fully cover. Councils are encouraged to act promptly, as funding is available only until March 2025! The blog also reflects on the joint webinar we hosted with Parish Domains Helper Service on 9 December. Presented by Sandra and Tim Willott, the webinar provided an overview of what a domain name is, the benefits of moving to a .gov.uk domain and the risks of using an alternative, how to get a domain name, and how to make the most of it. If you missed it [a recording of the webinar](#) is available. [Read the blog](#) to learn more about this funding opportunity and how to get involved!

### **NALC meets with the Unity Trust Bank**

Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, and policy manager, Chris Borg, met with specialist relationship manager Sarah Johnson and deposits director Leanna McEwan of the Unity Trust Bank (a [sponsor of our Star Council Awards](#)) on 4 December 2024. We discussed and reviewed how we've worked together this year since the establishment of the Unity Trust Bank specialist parish and town council banking team and exploring working more closely in the future. The Unity Trust Bank is developing a tailored banking solution for parish and town councils, crafted by people with direct knowledge of parish, town and community councils. It presents a huge step towards resolving some of the sector's more intractable banking issues. And don't forget we also have a [dedicated webpage on banking](#) on our new website.

### **And finally...**

Our partner, Clear Councils, is devoted to providing guidance and insurance solutions that meet parish and town council requirements. They understand that councils face increasing challenges and recognise the need to adapt and grow alongside them. Part of this process involves reviewing their current offering and exploring new opportunities to help them better support their clients. [Clear Councils have announced a new partnership with Ecclesiastical](#), a specialist insurer and member of the Benefact Group that donates its profit to charities and other good causes. Clear Councils is excited to take this next step as the partnership not only adheres to their shared vision but also strives to establish modern, fresh policy wording that is fit for parish or town council insurance requirements.

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### **Email dated 11.12.2024 from WSCC & SCC**

#### **A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study Stakeholder Meeting - presentation slides, FAQs and feedback survey**

Thank you to everyone that attended the webinar meeting hosted on Monday 2 December by Surrey County Council and West Sussex County Council regarding the A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study. We hope that you found it an informative session and we were pleased to receive some valuable comments during the Q&A portions of the meeting.

We would like to share a copy of the presentation along with an audio version (available by viewing Microsoft PowerPoint slide show) for further reference for those in attendance or for those who were unable to attend. Files are available to download below (please note the large file size of the audio version):

- [A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study Stakeholder presentation \(with audio\)](#)  
[64.2MB]
- [A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study Stakeholder presentation \(no audio\)](#)  
[9.5MB]

We also attach the [feedback survey](#), and a [frequently asked questions](#) document which includes information about interventions considered through the study. Please note the period for returning the survey has been extended - we kindly ask you to return the survey by email to [ltip@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ltip@westsussex.gov.uk) by **Tuesday 14 January**. If this date presents a problem because of a committee cycle for your organisation, please get in touch as we may be able to offer your organisation extra time.

*(Note. The presentation slides are slightly modified from those presented during the live webinar with regard to the updated return date for the feedback form, however the remaining content remains the same.)*

If you have any queries, please do contact us at: [ltip@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ltip@westsussex.gov.uk)

You are receiving this email as a representative of an organisation or a group we understand may have an interest in this study. Please respond to this email to let us know if you do not wish to receive future updates about this study.

Kind regards

Jamie Dallen and Steve Howard

**Jamie Dallen**

Transport Planning & Policy Senior Planner, West Sussex County Council

**Steve Howard**

Transport Strategy Manager, Surrey County Council

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**Email dated 10.12.2024 from BRTA**

**Transport for the South East's draft Transport Strategy Consultation**

We're pleased to announce that today Transport for the South East have launched the public consultation on our draft Transport Strategy.

As you will remember, you kindly gave us your views as part of our Your Voices survey earlier this year.

This has been instrumental in the development of our draft strategy, and we're pleased to share this document with you.

[Give us your views here](#)

You can watch a short overview video to [introduce our strategy here](#).

Our consultation will be open until March 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

You can find out more and [view the draft Transport Strategy on our website](#).

We appreciate your ongoing engagement, and look forward to receiving your survey submissions to help us shape our final document.

If you any further questions please get back in touch with us at [tfse@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:tfse@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Kind regards,

**Jaimie McSorley**  
**Engagement Manager**

07702 632455

[transportforthesoutheast.org.uk](https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk)



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**Email dated 06.12.2024 from Sussex Police**  
**Victims have the 'Right to Know'**



**Sussex  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner**

**KATY BOURNE OBE**







Last week, I joined Sussex Police and partners to celebrate 10 years of Veritas Justice, a unique, Sussex-based organisation providing support, advocacy and advice for individuals affected by stalking as well as training for professionals.

The day was a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Veritas, highlighting that, when I first supported the organisation in 2014, Veritas had expected their pilot would help around 40 local people in its first year when, in fact, they actually helped 220.

I'm delighted to continue to financially support the service which has now provided stalking advocacy to over 6,500 people. The conference was host to a variety of speakers including:

- Sussex Police, who highlighted the work of their specialist Complex Domestic Abuse and Stalking Unit.
- Interventions Alliance presented information about their Stalking Perpetrator Programme, funded by my office, explaining the need for perpetrators to understand their obsessive actions through 12 x one-to-one sessions, resulting in reduced risks for victims.
- Buddi tags, who demonstrated how the tagging of stalking perpetrators works and how beneficial the tags can be in allowing the police to have regular updates on an offender's locations as well as giving victims peace of mind, knowing their stalker is not nearby.

We also heard from two survivors of stalking who courageously spoke about the life-changing support provided by Veritas. One survivor finished her talk by acknowledging that, whilst good work is ongoing, there are still "systemic issues when it comes to tackling stalking" adding that "with the right support, survivors can regain control of their lives."

The survivors comments were very timely as, earlier this week, the Government announced new measures to help survivors re-gain that control. You can read more about this below and you can watch a video about the conference [on my website](#).



On Wednesday, the Government announced new measures to better protect victims of stalking.

They will now have the 'Right to Know', meaning police will be able to release the identity of an online stalker at the earliest opportunity. Before, victims of online stalking did not know their stalker's identity due to the anonymity afforded by the online space. This meant that a stalker might, for example, sit next to their victim on public transport or work with them - and the victim wouldn't know.

Stalking Protection Orders (SPOs) will also become more widely available, banning stalkers from going within a certain distance of their victims or contacting them. This is a measure that is not new to Sussex - it's been nearly five years since Sussex Police secured the very first SPO in the country and we've continued to implement this protocol as a default in relevant cases.

I know from personal experience that stalking is a pernicious crime. I've said before, we can't expect positive change if we keep doing the same things so I welcome the new measures announced by Government to help victims feel protected and to assist them in re-gaining control of their lives.

I spoke about the new measures with ITV's Kit Bradshaw on Tuesday, you can [watch the interview on X](#).

Katy Bourne OBE  
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

[Join the Committee](#)



The Sussex Joint Audit Committee (JAC) checks that Sussex Police and the PCC are following policing regulations as well as handling public finances in accordance with the law and not taking undue risk.

The independent body is made up of four members who have a good understanding of local and national policing objectives and issues and are confident strategic thinkers.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Committee and have an interest in safeguarding public funds, championing good governance, risk management, and financial reporting, please [visit my website](#) for more information.



[SHARE WITH A FRIEND](#)

#### **Email dated 06.12.2024 No Incinerator for Horsham No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group (Ni4H) News**

No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group (Ni4H) continues to keep informed about the latest local developments, the waste industry worldwide and to campaign with other anti-incineration campaigners.

**News from September Community Liaison Group** regarding the proposed Horsham incinerator:

- Partial demolition of the main building has taken place.
- Incoming waste to the site has been reduced by diverting to Hookwood.
- With respect to the EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) contract, Qair has been unable to reach agreement with Hitachi Zosen Inova (HZI) and is in discussion with alternative contractors.
- The new contractor would, like HZI, be an established company with a track record of successfully building similar facilities.
- The next CLG meeting is on 18 December.

#### **Considerations for Potential Investors in UK Energy from Waste Projects**

United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN) commissioned Only Solutions LLP to produce a document that brings together the range of new risks associated with investment in waste incineration projects, also known as 'Energy from Waste' or 'EfW'. The resulting document and summary document are available at:

- Considerations for EfW Investors  
<https://ukwin.org.uk/Considerations-for-EfW-Investors.pdf>
- Considerations for EfW Investors Summary  
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Only Solutions found that the UK Energy from Waste (EfW) incineration sector is encountering a range of new and growing challenges that could significantly influence profitability, and that this warrants careful consideration by potential investors in existing and new projects. At a time when the range of risks is increasing, the sector's traditional model of mitigating risks, such as feedstock availability and regulatory changes, through long-term public sector waste contracts is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain.

This document explores key risks that support the conclusion that investors should consider investing higher in the waste hierarchy rather than in new UK EfW capacity.

### **National Campaign**

UKWIN's overarching mission is to bring about an end to the incineration of mixed waste, and promote the UK-wide movement in favour of more sustainable waste/resource management. Following the General Election an open letter signed by 50+ organisations, including Ni4H, was sent calling on the UK Government to ban new incineration.

You can read the correspondence and related information here: <https://ukwin.org.uk/national-campaign/>

**Please share this email with others who might be interested.**

Kind regards,

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