

South Mimms Parish Council

M25 Widening J22-23 – Update from Skanksa Balfour Beatty

Following complaints of noise levels from the bund site at night and weekends, the Parish Council contacted the contractor who have advised the following:

- (1) Scheduled overnight works (between 10pm and 5am) to alter the traffic management layout on both carriageways between J22 and J23 will be starting on 31st May and should be complete by 13th June. Some of this work will be noisy and the contractor apologises for any disturbance it may cause. It is necessary to complete the work during the night as the Highways Agency only permits lane closures at night when traffic is lighter.
- (2) Night activity on the bund site is restricted to an area furthest from housing in Blanche Lane and Frowyck Crescent and is at least 150m from housing. Weekend working is to accommodate earthwork activity on the motorway and may start before 7am in terms of preparation, but no mechanical work should start before 7am unless it is continuing an overnight process. Sunday working would be very unusual and there is no work on Bank Holidays.
- (3) As the widening work gets underway topsoil will be stripped from the clockwise motorway verge from the far side of J22-J23 and brought to South Mimms for storage. In due course, it will be removed from South Mimms and returned to the verge. The bund will be busy and will continue to change throughout the widening process.

Agrivert Limited – Visit by South Mimms Parish Council

The Parish Council met with representatives from Agrivert, the In-Vessel Composting Site located along the B556 on the outskirts of South Mimms. The site processes and recycles Local Authority organic waste by a natural composting process and the end product is currently being spread on land in the surrounding fields.

Residents experiencing ‘odour problems’ they think are coming from the composting site can phone the **Agrivert 24 hour emergency contact number 07702 700911**. Alternatively incidents may be reported to the **Environment Agency, which regulates the waste industry, on their 24 hour hotline 0800 80 70 60**.

Summer Outing to Clacton – Wednesday 10th August

Following the success of last year’s day trip to Clacton, Councillor Yvonne Harverson is organising a return visit for residents of South Mimms and Ridge. Further details will be posted on the village noticeboards when they are available. The event is being funded by a grant from the Locality Budget Scheme. To book a place please contact Councillor Yvonne Harverson on 01707 659706. Places are limited.

Hertsmere Borough Council’s Ward Initiative Improvement Scheme

The Parish Council is considering ideas for an application to Hertsmere’s Ward Initiative Improvement Scheme. A grant of up to £1,000 is available for local initiatives including improvements to the public realm such as benches, play equipment, signage in public areas; equipment for a community hall or meeting place which promotes greater levels of use by the local community; local events such as sport, physical activity, heritage and cultural life. Other improvement ideas may also be eligible if they are consistent with the council’s current corporate goals.

Residents are requested to put forward ideas. Suggestions can be emailed to southmimmspc@btinternet.com or telephone the Clerk on 07976 708019.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th July at 7.30pm in South Mimms Village Hall. All residents are welcome.