

Update from Hampshire County Councillor Jan Warwick
July 2025

Southern Water are carrying out major works to increase the capacity of the Yew Tree Reservoir between Compton and Olivers Battery. There are several public rights of way in the area which will be affected, and the Hampshire Countryside team will try to ensure there is minimal impact upon these routes. However, the construction works are envisaged to take around 18 months and there will be some closures with temporary diversions. Southern Water have only recently contacted the county council, and the countryside team have asked them to communicate with the local community, landowners, homeowners along Hurdle Way), Olivers Battery & Compton and Shawford Parish Councils.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – securing a strong future for Hampshire and the Solent. Hampshire County Council has published their preferred options for LGR this week. There will be an opportunity for publication engagement this summer before preferred option/s are submitted to government. The link below gives the latest updates, timelines, Q&As on the Devolution and LGR process underway across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/governmentinhampshire/future-hampshire-solent/local-government-reorganisation>

The HCC preferred options and evidence base for LGR to be presented to HCC Council and Cabinet can be viewed here

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=13429>

National Highways (M3 Junction 9)

I attended an update meeting by National Highways on 9th July. They have proposed a new diversion route which directs traffic away from the residential relief/diversion routes (Harestock Road, Badger Farm Road, Chilbolton Avenue, Romsey Road). However, as some traffic will continue to use their SatNavs a speed reduction although these routes will continue to be pursued by our highways officers.

You can see proposed closures here: [M3 junction 9 improvements - National Highways](#)

Resident Consultations:

1. **Countryside Access Plan** -have your say how we improve access to the countryside over the next 10 years

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/countryside-access-plan-2025-35>

2. **Oliver's Battery Primary School Catchment area** -Winchester City Council have asked HCC to review the catchment area of Oliver's Battery Primary school within the proposed development of the South Winchester Golf Course site, for up to 1,300 homes.

Whilst it is recognised that this site is not currently allocated within the local plan, it is normal practice to request a review of the catchment of any site officers become aware of with future potential for development. It is important that if development were to take place at some point in the future, the catchment is correctly reflected in advance of any planning process. This is because the Strategic Development Team must, wherever possible, work pro-actively to ensure that appropriate funding can be secured from developers to support the expansion and improvement of local education provision if planning permission was granted.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/olivers-battery-primary-school-catchment>

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