

## ANNE & KIRSTY WIN KEYMER TILEWORKS ASSURANCES

**St Andrews Councillors Anne Jones and Kirsty Page have won assurances from County Highways officials about the impact on local residents of the first phase of the Keymer Tileworks development.**

Cllr Kirsty Page says: "As I live in Cants Lane, I am very aware of the concerns residents have been raising and wanted our County Councillor and highways officers to listen to them first hand".

Highways officers have assured Anne and Kirsty on a number of points:

- > Nye Road will only be used for lorry access. No new houses will have access
- > Wyvern Way will be the access road for around 140 houses
- > Cants Lane, opposite The Vineries, will be other access point for the development
- > There will be a mini-roundabout and additional road works at the Cants Lane / Junction Road junction

Both Councillors are very concerned about the level crossing. There have been incidents where traffic backs up due to parking on the road side and cars have been trapped on the actual crossing. Cllr Jones is seeking further advice.

This is the first phase of the development. Burgess Hill Town Council is keen for the developer to convert the old offices to a heritage centre as the site is very important in the town's history. This would compliment the possibility of a country park on the site.



## £150 SAVING FOR RESIDENTS WITH 4TH COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

Burgess Hill residents are £150 better off after the Conservative-run District & County Councils agreed to freeze Council Tax for the 4th year.

If Council Tax had risen by a typical amount each year, the average Council Tax bill would now cost each household £150 extra.

At the same time as the Council Tax freeze, frontline public services and support for community groups have been protected. Conservatives know that Council Tax is a large monthly bill for many residents and want to see it kept down.

Councillor **Anne Jones** says: "At a time when many bills are going up, residents have welcomed the fact their Council Tax bill has been frozen at 2010 levels, keeping money in people's pockets".



## TAX CUT FOR 1,000 LOCAL BUSINESSES

Businesses in Burgess Hill will benefit from two tax cuts which were introduced by the Conservatives in April.

The Conservative Council is cutting the business rates of over 1,000 small retail businesses in the district by £1,000 a year for two years, thanks to government funding.

Employers will also get £2,000 a year off employer's National Insurance contributions to boost job creation.

## BURGESS HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

Consultation has now finished on the draft Burgess Hill Neighbourhood Plan and the responses are being looked at so the Plan can be updated in line with comments from the public. The Neighbourhood Plan is important as it will set the planning policies for Burgess Hill and implements the vision for the town's future development. It promotes a 21st century retail and civic centre and improvements to the green circle network.

- > Rocky Lane has now reopened following the next stage of work to complete the Haywards Heath relief road. Councillors have been pushing the developer to complete the works as quickly as possible. Further closures will be needed to do the final phase of work in the summer.

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**NICHOLAS WELCOMES  
PLANNING CHANGES**

Mid Sussex MP Nicholas Soames has welcomed changes to national planning guidance published by the government recently. The guidance encourages brownfield development and confirms the 'duty to cooperate', under which Councils have to consult each other on local plans, is not a duty to agree.

Mid Sussex's District Plan was recently delayed by a Planning Inspector after objections from Brighton & Hove City Council. Councillors are working flat out to get the plan back on track as quickly as possible.

Nicholas says: "This is a step in the right direction. I continue to wholeheartedly support the District Council as they deal with these tricky issues".



**HUGE BOOST FOR BURGESS  
HILL'S LEISURE FACILITIES**

- > **New Mid Sussex leisure contract a great deal for residents**
- > **Extensions to gyms and more gym equipment**
- > **Free swimming for children under 8 years old**
- > **£1.7 million of new investment from July**

Users of the Triangle leisure centre and The Martlets will see significant improvements to services from July after Conservative Councillors awarded a new 15 year management contract to industry leaders DC Leisure.

Changes will include extensions to the gym and new, modern equipment. Improved café areas will be created and to encourage young people to get involved in sport, swimming will be free for children under 8 years old.

As part of the highly competitive bidding process, Conservative Councillors have demanded a greater focus on cleaning under the new contract and controls will remain on the prices of the most important services. The contract is a good deal for taxpayers too, with an end to direct Council subsidy of leisure centre running costs and £1.7 million of private sector investment being secured.

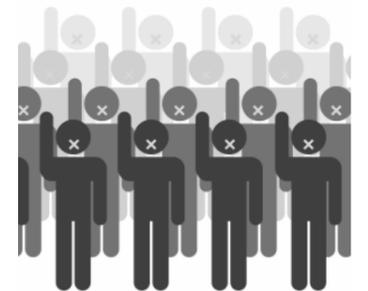
Councillor **Anne Jones** says: "This is an excellent result for Burgess Hill residents as we have been able to negotiate enlarged gyms, improved facilities and free swimming for under 8s, all at no cost to the taxpayer. Leisure centre users will begin to benefit from the changes in the summer".

Voted 'Leisure Centre Operator of the Year' in 2013, DC Leisure is a not-for-profit organisation which manages almost 100 leisure centres across the country on behalf of 29 local Councils.



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