



Ashtead Independents

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Resurfacing of the A24 through Ashtead

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Surrey Highways had intended to carry out resurfacing between Bowyers Close and Parkers Hill and between Uplands and the Knoll roundabout imminently but the latest we hear is that this may not happen until April or May 2016. Whenever it does happen, considerable disruption is likely, especially if it coincides with the expected second closure of Pebble Hill.

Statement of Community Involvement

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This public document which forms part of MVDC's local plan is currently being revised and will shortly be available for public comment. Amongst other things it sets out how and to what extent neighbours will be consulted about individual planning applications. At present only very close neighbours are notified for reasons of economy but an internet based system is being suggested which will allow residents to opt to be notified of any applications within specified distances of their properties. If this interests you, keep an eye out for the consultation on the MVDC website.

Esso Filling Station site in The Street

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Tesco have recently taken steps to meet all the pre-commencement conditions attached to their planning permission, and so they are likely now to carry out enough preliminary groundworks to preserve the permission which otherwise would lapse in November. The site is still on the market and we have been informed that at least one buyer is negotiating with Tesco but no announcement has been made so far. We assume that as the planning permission is for a retail shop, it would not be worth Tesco's while to preserve it unless the potential buyer was itself a retail shop.

School Places and provision of Youth Services

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It has recently been announced by Surrey County Council that Barnett Wood Lane School will NOT now be expanded. Apparently, the birth rate locally in 2013 and 2014 has dropped and the expected numbers will not now materialise. Taken together with the cutbacks expected at the Youth Centre and the uncertainty over the future of the Surestart programme, this is yet another blow to the children and young people in Ashtead. Councillor Chris Townsend drew attention to this in a recent Surrey County Council meeting, and his thoughts were reported in the Leatherhead Advertiser.