

Your free newsletter from David Goodall and your Bitterne Park Focus Team

New sixth form for Bitterne Park

Plans are proceeding for a new sixth form at Bitterne Park Secondary School, which will help to improve the education provision for young people in the area.

The plans have received cross party support at both cabinet and scrutiny panel level and will probably go before the planning committee in late December or January. These plans will :-

- **Increase inclusion** - the aim is to complement not compete with existing post-16 provision
- **Improve opportunities** - for local children
- **Expand current school specialisms** - in the Performing Arts and Applied Learning
- **Help 180 students** - across the two extra years
- **Not increase noise** - due to the good sound insulation of the new building
- **Not increase parking issues** - as extra spaces will be provided on site for the extra staff and the students targeted for this sixth form live within walking distance of the school, plus most will be still too young to have obtained a driving licence.

The money for the development comes from a central government grant just for this purpose and not from money that could be spent elsewhere in the city. Finally, the aim is to open in September 2011.

Commenting on the plans, Bitterne Park School Governor David Goodall says: *"This is a great boost for the young people in the Bitterne Park area and I wish the school every success with this project"*



• **Artist's impression of the new sixth form**



• **David Goodall on the site of the building**

Missing railings



• **Robbie Robinson checks out the railings**



After complaints to the council about broken railings Robbie was pleased to see that the ones opposite Bitterne Park Primary School were fixed. However, he was shocked to discover that the other broken railings on the main road and route to Bitterne Manor Primary School were not repaired but simply removed. The decision makes even less sense when the railings at the other end of Rampart Road on the Quayside Way junction are retained.

Robbie says *"Come on council put the safety of the children first and restore the railings on the main road"*

Liberal Democrats working for you all year round

Potholes and Pavements

The state of our roads and pavements is getting worse and increasing numbers of people have tripped and suffered injuries.

The Tories have admitted the best they can do is a 'managed decline' of our roads. This is proving to be true as they have recently arranged for some roads in the ward to have a dress coating without filling in the dips and potholes first. Although from a distance it looks good, on closer inspection it becomes apparent that the hazards are still there.

Robbie Robinson says: "More needs to be spent on repairing our roads and pavements, and not wasting money on items like £85,000 for a new spin doctor."

Many people feel more should be spent on improving our roads and pavements and have signed our petition asking for more investment.

If you agree please sign and return our petition below.



Southampton's new MEPs



The Lib Dems held on to their two MEP seats in the South East Region with the election of Catherine Bearder and Sharon Bowles. Sharon was successfully re-elected for a second term while Catherine was elected for the first time in place of Emma Nicholson who retired.

Repair our roads and pavements

Online at: www.ipetitions.com/petition/sotonroadsandpavements/
OR

We the undersigned, call on Southampton City Council to invest more in repairing roads and pavements across the city.

Name.....

Address.....

Email/phone.....

Please return slip to: Southampton Lib Dems, 9 Highlands House, Wharncliffe Road, Southampton SO19 7GG

Please let us know of any roads or footpaths in particular need of attention.

Can we help you ?

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Can you help bring change ?

- I can deliver **FOCUS** for my street
 - I want to join the Liberal Democrats
 - I enclose a donation to help pay for **FOCUS**
(cheques payable to "Southampton Liberal Democrats")
- Return to Freepost RSCZ-LTKK-YXHH
So'ton Lib. Dems, Southampton SO50 5RP
- Name _____
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