



UPDATE TO BILLINGSHURST PARISH COUNCIL – 7th January 2021

Highways

The S278 Highways Works completed in November 2020 and are now fully operational. An audit by WSCC took place in mid-December, which will result in minor tweaks to the road markings and signage; these works will likely happen in February and may last 1 or 2 days; once we know the programme we will notify the Parish Council.

We have been positively engaging with Cllr Perks on amending and extending the pedestrian and cycle routes through the Park and to the south, proposals from this work will be submitted to HDC and WSCC in February.

Trade and Business Park

The first phase of works successfully completed in December, providing 40,000 sqft of employment space. Five businesses have already commenced occupation and internal fit-outs of their units, we expect businesses to start trading from the end of January 2021.

The first bespoke unit for a local business is currently under construction and we expect this to be completed in April, and to be trading within the month.

The next phase of the enabling works for the Petrol Filling Station has commenced. We are targeting a completion and opening in April/May 2021.

This week we will submit further Reserved Matters (RM) Applications for an 'Enterprise Scheme' at the eastern end of the site. The Enterprise Scheme will create smaller and more flexible units aimed specifically at Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Units will be offered on a leasehold and freehold basis. The RM covers c. 35,000 sqft of employment space, split across eight potential units. Works on these will commence in Q2.

Both local and regional demand for employment space has remained high. We currently have twelve proposals out to businesses and over 30 more live enquiries for space.

Further Applications

We are also targeting to submit a new planning application for a 20,000 sqft supermarket in early February, this will be achieved whilst maintaining the same amount of business space already consented within the boundary of the original permission, and will further boost full/part time employment opportunities on the Park. Over the next week, we will be sharing these proposals with the community and seeking community feedback.