

ESCC Cllr Jeremy Birch
Old Hastings & Tressell County Councillor 5 December 2011 Report

- Sussex Arms – the yellow box junction (as petitioned for by local residents) at the junction of Mount Road and Old London Road is now in place and hopefully will help with traffic movements at that point
- Ashburnham Road – footway surfacing is planned starting on 21st December until early January
- Rock-a-Nore Road – two meetings have been held with locals about the suggestion of restricting parking along the road to tackle the congestion problem. Plans have now been drawn up for no loading restrictions and these will be consulted
- 20mph – The Old Town 20mph is nearing its completion with final agreement about the location of signs along West Street which was unfortunately left out of the scheme
- Isobel Blackman Centre – the changes to the centre have now been fully implemented: the day care changes, the new café and the community hub. An independent evaluation has been held into how all this is working and looking to what changes will be needed. This will be shared with those who have been involved in the discussions around the Centre's future
- On-street parking – I was allowed to address the County Council's cabinet about their plan to hand over control of on-street parking to a private company. Despite my best efforts they stuck by the original recommendation. High Street traders, the Chamber of Commerce, Town Centre Management all opposed this move recognising the danger of parking being controlled more remotely and with less appreciation of local sensitivities
- Schools – I was invited in to speak at assembly at Castledown primary school which is attended by many Old Hastings and Tressell children. I was very pleased to see the positive atmosphere in the school and the progress that is being made. I have also visited the Hastings Academy located on the old Hillcrest School site. The building of the new school is coming on apace and I was told is not particularly intrusive while the students are of course still carrying on their lessons on the site. I had a meeting with the chief executive of the academies, Frank Green. He is confident that there will further progress in students' attainment on top of the advances of the last couple of years

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