

STRATTON ST MARGARET PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda Item 21

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| Meeting | Full Council |
| Date | Tuesday 14 May 2019 |
| Report Title | White Hart Allotments |
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The Senior Open Spaces Officer has regularly reported updates regarding changes to the White Hart Allotments to the Open Spaces Committee as follows:

October 2018

The White Hart Allotment site may be affected by the new infrastructure planned for the 'Eastern Villages Development' and the planned work that will affect the site is expected to start in August 2019. Plot holders are being notified of any changes and we continue to be updated. We are working closely with SBC to ensure that the site realises some important benefits through the scheme to be provided for by SBC and the Highways Authority, such as a new secure car park for plot holders.

January 2019

White Hart site is to be affected by the new road for the Eastern Villages Development. Work will begin here in July 2019 and a piece of the White Hart Allotment is to be lost. Negotiations with Swindon Borough Council have been carried out to obtain a fair return for this loss of land. Infrastructure and land is to be given to us in return, that suits the Parish and allotment holder's needs. A car park with a security gate will be provided and a larger (albeit less favourable) piece of land will be available (the land currently with the slip road down to the Greenbridge roundabout on it). This land will be covered in topsoil and graded. Our current plan is to include a community orchard in the area.

April 2019

The site is facing some significant changes this year when the infrastructural changes for the new Eastern Villages Development gets underway. Plans are all in place for this but final settlement from SBC is still awaited.

It has become apparent as we move into the contract details that this has not been ratified by Council for documentation.

To update Members I attach correspondence between our Solicitors and Swindon Borough Council which should remain confidential within the Council. We are currently investigating the 1907 and 1978 transfers in order to request a partial transfer from the Secretary of State.