

Councillor Richard Hollis – Parkhurst Ward

Annual Report 2012

This has been another busy year in Parkhurst and I am most grateful to all residents who have contacted me over the year whether about Roads, Traffic, Street lighting, Speed Limits and for many other reasons including Wind Turbines.

The 40 mph speed limit in Forest Road is now in place and we all hope it goes some way to reducing not only the speed of vehicles but also the noise that is created by faster speed to the detriment of residents who live along the Highway.

I have continued to object to the long term proposal to add a T Junction with traffic lights to the junction of Forest Road and Parkhurst Road.

At last we have some commitment to have major attention to the surface of Hunnyhill.

Hunnyhill Junior School is due to move to the New Forest Road site in June. I am pleased to have been able to save the Playing Field for the School.

Perhaps the biggest concern that residents are raising about their wellbeing is the proposal for Two enormous Wind Turbines (410 ft high) on the Prison Farm land close to Parkhurst Forest. This potentially effects not only residents of Parkhurst but also a large area of Newport and beyond and is seen by residents to be far too close to homes for a number of strong reasons. I am working with Local residents to support their views, on the current information, objecting to this application which they believe may seriously effect their lives.

I am pleased to be Chairman of Planning on the Island and look to making a continued positive contribution for the benefit of the whole Island Community.

Richard Hollis  
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