

**Green Party
Councillors Barbour and Foster**

HRA report October 2026

Portswood shopping centre – Portswood Broadway

Fusion has agreed to let artists decorate the hoarding, this will be starting shortly – funded by Fusion, UoS and Veolia.

Businesses on Broadway

Please support all businesses on the Broadway

With the opening of the new Sainsburys café, please encourage friends and family to support our local independent cafes – Nova, Kate's, Muse, Mettricks.

New business at Empress Road – Battle of Britain Dodgems. An excellent resource on our doorstep with lots of local pictures and an opportunity to replay the Battle of Britain in a Dodgems car. Why not take the children over half term?

Portswood Planning Strategy Group

Portswood planning meetings re housing continue and dates will shortly be set for public coproduction workshops on issues around housing, the Broadway and transport. Workshops will be in November; 16 November 1pm to 3pm and 1 December 6pm to 8pm. I will speak to this tomorrow

Public Realm work led by Kate Bond SCC

There will be a public consultation on this work for the Broadway in the next month.

Work Club comes to St Denys

Lori has worked with the Young Adults Employment Hub to bring a Work Club every Tuesday from 10am-12, for young people aged 18-25 who are not in education, training or work. Please encourage young people to come and down and get help and advice on finding work, training courses or updating their CVs. The team can also support with covering letters, discovering career paths and apprenticeships.

Housing – working with SDM

Lori recently had a meeting with SDM Properties who manage upwards of 500 rooms within the city and many in Portswood and Highfield. Discussions were had regarding tenant conduct, waste issues and decent housing provision. SDM were very open to discussion and have agreed to pilot some new measures to encourage tenants to recycle and use waste bins correctly, they are also taking on board a clearance company for tenants to use on move out to reduce fly tipping.

Local Government Reorganisation

There has been no contact from central government since the announcement that a review of this process was being undertaken.