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New shops and sports pitches proposed



A planning application has been made for shops, restaurants and sports pitches on land by the traffic lights at the junction of the A32 with Heritage Way. The proposal also includes two sports pitches.

Cllr Stephen Philpott, Chairman of Gosport Council's Economic Development Board gave the proposed scheme a cautious welcome: "Clearly the prospect of up to 250 jobs is a good thing, but I want to be sure that there is not a significant impact on existing retail outlets or on the A32." The Council is currently awaiting the outcome of traffic and retail assessments.

Councillor seeks measures on dangerous bend

Local residents have complained that cyclists who cut the corner on the cycleway just south of Hutfield Link are putting the safety of pedestrians at risk. Their case has been taken up by Rowner & Holbrook Councillor Patrick Bergin.

"A lot of pedestrians use this shared cycle and footpath including the elderly and mothers with young children," said Cllr Bergin. "What is needed is a barrier across the corner to slow cyclists down, although it must ensure sightlines are not blocked,"



Cllr Patrick Bergin on the cycleway in Holbrook



Gosport is the best: Official



Gosport has more valuable heritage assets than anywhere else in England outside London. That's the verdict of the Royal Society of Arts in conjunction with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Chairman of Gosport Council's Economic Development Board, Cllr Stephen Philpott commented: "The RSA is an important independent think tank. We are looking to work with them to explore ways of attracting investment in our heritage sites to ensure we stay at the top of the league table."