

WGRA Westgate Residents' Association

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St. Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close



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The long range forecast actually has some sunshine for us all in the next couple of weeks and don't we all need it!

More on Westgate Traffic / Roadworks

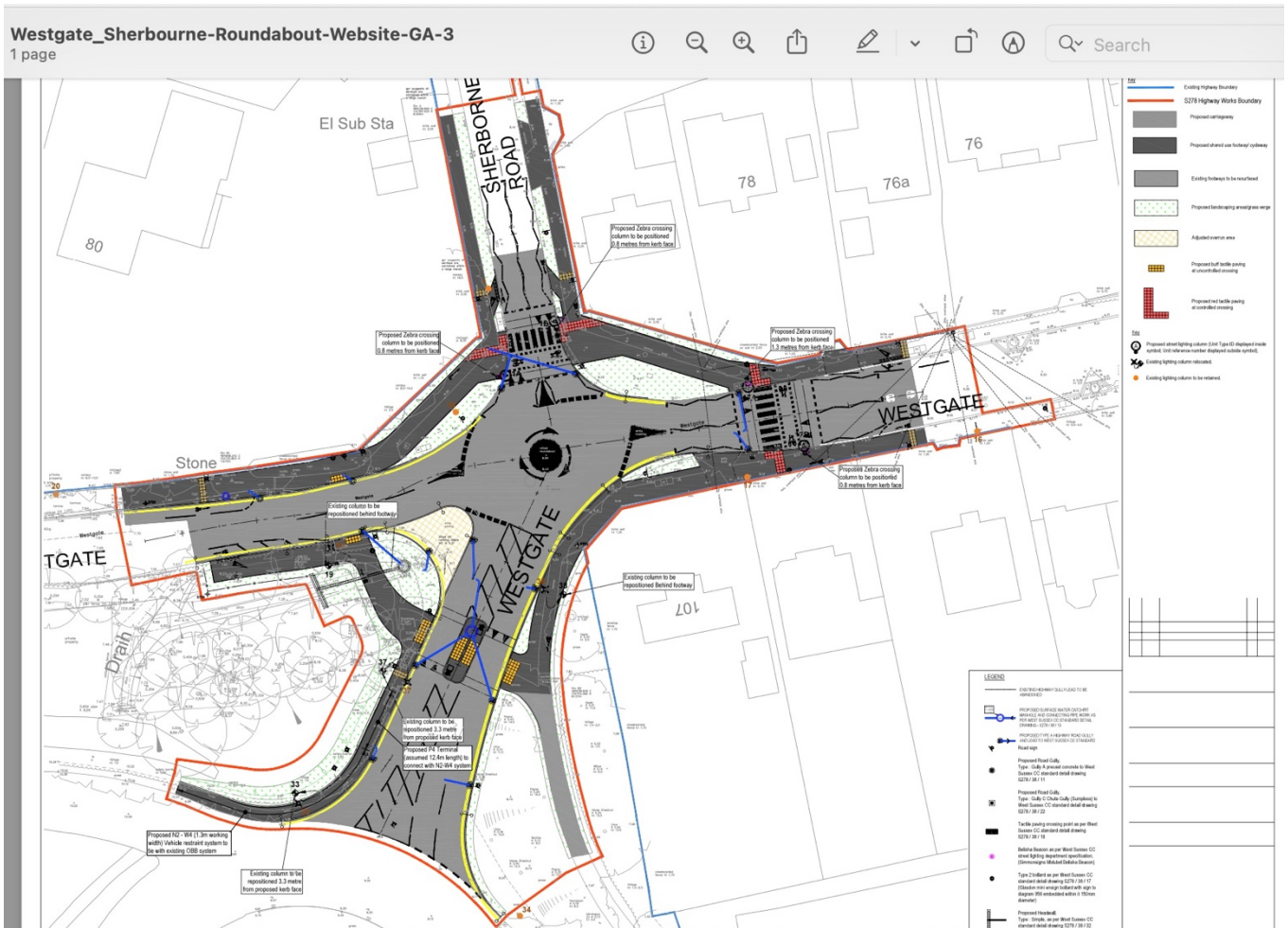
Following up on the 3 ongoing traffic issues that have landed on Westgate all at once!

1. Current roadworks – Whitehouse Farm (WHF) Phase 1 s.106 mitigation monies

These are being carried out by Mildren Construction on behalf of the WHF developers to mitigate the impact of the development on Sherborne Road and Westgate.



- Westgate / Sherborne Road Mini-Roundabout** – Work is well underway and involves pedestrian and cycle improvements at the existing mini-roundabout junction of Sherborne Road and Westgate, including introduction of new uncontrolled pedestrian crossings across the western and southern arms, and new parallel crossings across the northern



and eastern arms. Works will include pavement reconstruction, new street lighting, adaptations, and improvements to drainage, resurfacing of existing carriageways, renewal of traffic signs & vehicle restraint barrier. **Most of the works should hopefully be completed before the start of the school term at the beginning of September.** Meanwhile the closure of the roundabout to the A27 has meant much reduced traffic volumes on Westgate which have been welcome although it has meant some vehicles taking the opportunity to speed down the near empty road!

- Improvements to the existing cycle bypass points from the western end of Westgate to Tannery Close are also being carried out. We are assured that the present flimsy bollards and uneven tarmac at the cycle bypass points are temporary and permanent bollards will be installed and the areas resurfaced.
- Work on repairing the pink pavements and the construction of the 'Dutch' roundabout at the east end of Westgate is scheduled for October 2023 when the Sherborne Road roundabout is completed. More disruption I'm afraid!

More details and updates can be found at:

<https://community.mildrenconstruction.co.uk/projects/west-chichester-s278-works-for-whitehouse-farm/traffic-management/>

2. The proposal from West Sussex County Council (WSSC) to improve cycling and walking facilities in Westgate

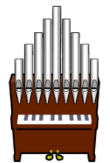
The survey on these proposals has now closed and we hope that many of you have managed to respond either online or by paper copy or email – it certainly wasn't an easy task to work through the various options proposed! We hope that all our feedback and comments will be considered by the council to identify the issues that matter to our residents and we look forward to hearing about any future progress regarding these proposals.



3. **Southern Access Road (SAR)** – this remains 'the elephant in the room' and the WHF Phase 2 Planning Application has not yet come before Chichester District Council's Planning Committee. As mentioned previously, it is likely to be some considerable time before any work takes place.

And some good news.....!

Historic Organ Restored We are very happy to pass on the news that the 19th Century pipe organ at the Chichester City Arts Centre (formerly St. Bartholomew's Church) has been successfully restored and a recital was held on 12 August to thank the many donors that made the work possible.



The Arts Centre has already hosted the Chichester Fringe, music concerts, birthday and family parties so please contact them if you are looking to book a local venue:

<https://hallbookingonline.com/chichesterarts/> or email: info@chichestercityartscentre.com

BT Phone Box Rodney Duggua, the former town clerk at Chichester City Council, kindly helped to request BT to carry out much needed repairs and repainting of the phone box. The crown of the large holm oak in front of the bench was also lifted to provide a more pleasant open seating area halfway down Westgate next to the Parklands junction.





There's a helpful Bus it! site where you can keep up to date on the latest news, offers and improvements to your local bus services. You can also check your most convenient bus routes and timetables using the handy route planner on the site.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/bus-it/>



The Royal Sussex Regiment – Big Band Sound. Enjoy an evening of 30's and 40's music with the Big Band Sound of the Sleepy Lagoon Orchestra. 7-10.30 pm on Saturday 19 August 2023 at the Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester. All are welcome but entry is by ticket only. Sales: 0796 802 5886 contact@theroyalsussexregt.org.uk

and finally.....



WGRA Coffee Morning Our next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 2nd September** 10am at the Crate & Apple – see you then and meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer!

If you do not wish to receive further communications from the WGRA, please contact the Secretary, Bebette Jones at 6 Tannery Close or email sec.wgra@gmail.com