

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR MIDDLELEAZE

Greendown Pupils, Council Director Bernie Brennan, Cllr. Nick Martin, builder Leigh Steele & Caroline Hunt Playground Officer open a new playground in Middleleaze

Cllr. Nick Martin says *"Good news John Lewis Home Shops have funded a new football and basket ball court at Saltway Fields in Middleleaze. Whenever John Lewis build a new store, they support the community by instructing their building firm McKlarens to construct a playground in the local community [visit John Lewis Home Store at Mannington Roundabout, Great Western Way]."*

The Saltway facility is the third "sports court" to be built in West Swindon in three years, Westlea Park was built in 2009 and Sparcells Park in 2010. Westlea and Sparcells were funded by Swindon Council.



NEW ESPRIT GYMNASTICS CLUB

Cllr. Nick Martin, Club Chairman Mark Hows, Gymnast Jade Faulkener and Cllr. Garry Perkins at the opening of the new Esprit Gymnastics Club.

Last year Nick Martin and Garry Perkins enabled Esprit Gymnastics to move into a new sports hall on the site of the old Headlands school, St Philips. Nick and Garry believe that this huge sporting development will raise Swindon gymnastics to a regional level. Esprit has, in only a few short years, become one of the most successful multi-disciplined gymnastics clubs in the country. As a not-for-profit sports club, it dedicates its resources to producing the highest quality coaches, who in turn produce the highest quality gymnasts, no matter what the discipline.

Recently Club Chairman, Mark Hows said, *"we are thrilled to have been chosen to host the English and Great Britain team here at Esprit and extremely proud that Esprit's head coach, Deb Hows has been appointed as Great Britain coach for the trip to Moscow."*



SPEED WARNING SIGN

Cllr. Keith Williams is proud to have obtained 30MPH speed warning signs for Swinley Drive. Keith hopes that by flashing to motorists that they are speeding it will persuade them to slow down. He says *"Many drivers forget that they are in a 30MPH zone."*



FEEDBACK 

- Write in - give your comments, suggestions?
- Offer to help distribute leaflets, canvas in the next local election
- Join the conservative party

Send your Feedback to:

Cllr. Nick Martin, 12 Gartons Road, Middleleaze, SN5 5TR or e-mail nick@martinnmcm.com

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RIDGEWAY FARM DEVELOPMENT

Councillors Garry Perkins, Keith Williams and Nick Martin object to the planning application to build 800 houses at Ridgeway Farm, Purton. Planning Application made to Wiltshire Council 10th December 2010.

Garry Perkins says *“Wiltshire Council must refuse any planning applications for housing development in the area adjacent to the borders of West Swindon.”*

In a motion to Swindon Council 13th January 2011 Garry Perkins states: *“This Council notes that the recent Ridgeway Farm Application to Wiltshire Council to build 800 houses on land adjacent to Peatmoor not only relies heavily on the current Swindon infrastructure, which, without appropriate developer contributions being made to the Borough Council, is not sufficient to support such development, but also seeks to develop in the green buffer to the west of Swindon. Furthermore, this Council is not convinced that the development on its own could ever provide appropriate financial contributions to offset its adverse impact upon the Borough.”*



This Council requests that the Borough Council's Planning Committee urgently consider the implications of any such development and requests that the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive write to their opposite numbers on Wiltshire Council to ask formally that Wiltshire Council amend its planning policy framework as a matter of urgency and that, in the interim, Wiltshire Council refuse any planning applications for housing development in the area adjacent to the borders of West Swindon.” Please note that this motion was approved unanimously.

Swindon Council Writes New Development Plan / Conservative Action following Removal of Regional Spatial Strategy

Under the new government, Swindon proposes to cut its house building targets by 18,000, from 36,000 to 18,000 by 2026. Going through the draft Core Strategy and we can show that our housing target is coming down from 36,000 under the previous government's Regional Spatial Strategy to just 18,000 by 2026 under the Coalition government.



MP HOLDS LOCAL SURGERIES

New MP Robert Buckland holds surgery at Toothill Community Centre. South Swindon MP Robert Buckland holds his weekly surgery in local village centres. This autumn Robert has held surgeries in Toothill, Freshbrook and Peatmoor Community Centres. To book an appointment telephone his office on 01793 533393. Issues raised include immigration, policing and footpaths.

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