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From your Christchurch Borough Councillors Matt Furniss & Nikki Nelson-Smith

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ACHIEVES AAA CREDIT RATING

Guildford Borough Council has become the first district council to achieve a triple A credit rating

Guildford now joins the few councils in the UK that have asked for this assessment and the first to achieve a AAA Stable credit rating from international ratings agency Moody's Investors Service.



This means that GBC is judged to have the highest standards of financial management and budget control and represent a very low level of credit risk, allowing GBC to have access to the lowest rates of borrowing, providing a better deal for the taxpayer if funds are needed to be raised.

In their assessment Moody's praised the Council's "sound financial performance" and the fact that "it has maintained strong governance and management as well as a good liquidity position relative to its operating responsibilities".

Cllr Nikki Nelson-Smith says: "We are delighted with this excellent credit score. It underpins our belief that strong fiscal management is key and demonstrates that our financial policies are working well."

DAVID CAMERON ANNOUNCES "GET BRITAIN BUILDING AGAIN" FROM BOXGROVE GARDENS

Cllrs Matt Furniss & Nikki Nelson-Smith attended the announcement at Boxgrove Gardens with Anne Milton MP and Cllr Tony Rooth, Leader of Guildford Borough Council



David Cameron visited the new housing development of Boxgrove Gardens on the Epsom Road to announce his new scheme to allow buyers of new homes to borrow up to 95% of their value.

The "Get Britain Building Fund" would see developers compete for a slice of £400m to take forward projects which meet the right criteria, among them a commitment to affordable homes.

Cllr Matt Furniss says: "It was fantastic to have the Prime Minister here in the ward to announce this scheme. Particularly as we have had such success with the affordable housing on the site. It would be great to see some of the new grant proposed coming to Guildford to provide more affordable housing."

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NEW BUS STATION AND REGENERATION PROPOSED FOR GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE



Proposals were agreed unanimously at on 20th October as a first step for a new high quality bus station. However, no decisions will be made before the proposals are developed in significantly greater detail together with extensive public engagement throughout next year.

The idea of moving the bus station closer to the railway station, as public consultations suggested a while ago, would encourage the regeneration of North Street. A new bus station, it is

proposed would include commercial, leisure, retail and residential buildings with wider improvements suggested for the river frontage.

Cllr Nikki Nelson-Smith says: "This is a great opportunity to aid the local economy at this time and improve Guildford's competitiveness. The new site will allow the North Street redevelopment to become viable again and enable work to start again on regenerating the area."

GUILDFORD REVEALED AS 2012 TORCH OLYMPIC ROUTE



It has been announced that the London 2012 Olympic Flame will pass through Guildford and Shere on Friday 20th July!

In fact Stoke Park in Christchurch will be at the centre of the festivities as an evening celebration event will take place there to welcome the Olympic Flame.

LOCOG has worked closely with representatives from a number of sectors around the country to devise the route that the torch will take through over 1000 villages, towns and cities over 70 days between the 19th May and the 27th July 2012. The torch relay will be shared by 8,000 inspirational torchbearers whose names will be confirmed

in February 2012. People are invited to look at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelaymap to find out more about the route the Torchbearers will be taking.

Cllr Matt Furniss says: "This is exciting news, there will be a huge welcoming celebration in Stoke Park to welcome the torch to Guildford on its final stop before entering London. It will be a great opportunity to take part in this historic event."

Conservation Status granted for Abbotswood

The hard work of Abbotswood Residents has paid off with the granting of Conservation Status for Abbotswood. The local residents spearheaded the project to become a conservation area speeding up the process through doing much of the work themselves.

Cllr Matt Furniss says: "I am delighted that this has been approved and the hard work has paid off. Abbotswood has shown that strong partnership work between residents and the council works well and speeds up the process. I look forward to working with them again on their next project."



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Boxgrove Road Resurfacing

The new road contract with May Gurney is proving successful with a larger number of pot-holes filled and more stretches of road resurfaced to a higher standard for our money. This is very good news and gradually we are addressing the poor state of the roads across Surrey. The recent resurfacing of the upper part of Boxgrove Road demonstrates the better quality resurfacing under the new contract. I shall continue to fight to improve all of the roads in our area.



New Grit Bins for Winter

Surrey County Council's review of the Winter Service resulted in more roads being added to the Priority 1 gritting network this year. This was brought about by a change in emphasis, to find a way of keeping communities running during snow and a considerable cost saving brought about by the new contract with May Gurney, allowing more roads to be gritted for the money.

As part of my commitment to helping our community to deal with harsh winter conditions, I have used some of the funds

available to me to place grit bins on St.Omer Road, Sydney Road and Churchill Road as these residents had particular difficulties during the snow at the beginning of the year.

Road Markings re-painted

There is a current programme to renew the faded lines on the roads after years of neglect. You will see repainted lines gradually appearing on the roads across Guildford, making the roads safer and visually better.

On-Street Parking Charges Challenge Success

During the Summer Guildford Local Committee did not accept the SCC proposed areas of additional On-Street Parking, in particular fighting the proposal for parking along London Road, an important amenity for people using Stoke Park. Since Guildford's stand this summer, Surrey County Council has withdrawn the Countywide programme and left the decisions to be made by the Local Committees, where local knowledge can bring about better results for residents.

In response to resident feedback, Surrey has agreed to consult with residents on swapping around the parking bays on Maori Road to place short-term parking near to Lanesborough School and longterm parking further away.

Epsom Road Improvements

Last year I allocated £6,000 to be used to address the problem with blocked drains along the Epsom Road between Waterden Road and Jenner Road. This work has been mostly finished now with the added benefit that it was paid for out of SCC Highways funds! Therefore, I am committing funds not used to fix the Epsom Road drains to improving the pavement along this important pedestrian route into town.

