

## **District Councillor Report for HPC Council Meeting – Cllr James Hogan and Cllr Elaine Woodard**

### **Early removal of EHDC Bottle Banks in the district**

East Hampshire District Council's Cabinet has recently decided to remove all EHDC bottle banks in the district, ahead of schedule citing "misuse by local businesses and residents". The decision follows instances where glass banks were being overfilled or contaminated with non-glass waste. Although initially planned to be phased out by January 2025, the removal process started immediately, with all sites expected to be cleared by November 1st. EHDC residents now have fortnightly collection of glass with their recycling bins.

### **New local Solar Farm given planning permission**

Enso Energy submitted an application to convert a 92-hectare area into a solar farm. 91,840 solar panels will be installed over eight parcels of land between Denmead, Waterlooville and Horndean, crossing Winchester City Council and EHDC council boundaries.

Winchester City Council gave the go-ahead on its 60.05 hectares on October 17 and East Hampshire approved its 32.03 hectares of the site on October 24. The Solar farm will have a capacity of up to 49.9 Megawatts to power 12,300 average English homes a year during the next 40 years.

The site is located to the north, west and south of the national grid Lovedean substation and proposed location of the AQUIND converter station