

**REPORT FROM CLLR IAN WARD BEM  
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TO SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

**ULTRA FAST BROADBAND – GETTING READY FOR THE FUTURE**

For the last month or so Sandown has had many of its pavements dug up to have fibre cabling laid. This cabling will allow Ultra-Fast Broadband to move us into a completely different league when it comes to digital communication in the years to come. It is government policy to upgrade the whole of the UK to have world leading Ultra-Fast Broadband that is around 35x faster than normal Broadband. The Island is one of the first areas to get this because of our relative isolation and it gives us a huge advantage in incentivising businesses to set up here.

I know opinion stretches to both ends of the spectrum; some people think it's great, while others don't see the point at all. However, we all probably sit somewhere in the middle not knowing quite what the advantages are but are hoping we will all benefit in the years to come. Be patient, its nearly finished!

**CYCLING ON PAVEMENTS, ESPLANADE, REVETMENT AND CLIFF PATH  
- UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR?**

I have had several complaints about cyclists riding on pavements, esplanades, revetments and otherwise ignoring the Highway Code etc. I know exactly what people mean. I often see groups of cyclists riding on the pavement in my road, going the wrong way along a one-way street. I hope those cyclists who break the rules will take note and start obeying the Highway Code. I have contacted our local police and discussed this with them and they said they would be taking steps to curtail this behaviour.

**SANDOWN REGENERATION**

**The White Corner Building DID Sell At Auction**

The building on the corner of Station Avenue and Fitzroy St failed to sell at its first showing at Auction on 5 May. However, on the second occasion on 16 June, it did sell! I am now trying to find out what the new owners intend to do with their new property as I know that residents want to see the end of this eyesore.

The Auctioneers are not allowed to tell me who purchased the property apart from that it is a mainland buyer. However, the Empty Homes officer has said he will tell me as soon as he knows!

**Pier Street Toilets – Land Allocation Matters To Clarified**

The sale and redevelopment of Pier Street Toilets is taking longer than expected because an uncertainty of land allocation matter has to be clarified. The IW Council Legal team are working on this as quickly as they can.

## **Ocean Hotel – Legal Matters Still To Be Resolved**

I have been in touch with the new owners asking for an update on progress. They tell me that they are still in discussion with the multiple share owners to come to an amicable solution. As the new owners have not yet registered their ownership of the hotel so the IW Council cannot issue a Sec 215 Enforcement Order, however the Enforcement officer is trying to use alternative legislation being explored by the IW Council's legal department. I have asked the Enforcement Officer for the progress being made on that alternative enforcement action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Ward', is positioned above the typed name.

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