

Please provide your contact details below:-

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If you would like to discuss the issue before putting in your comments, or require more information, please visit the Town Council's website www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk, e-mail info@yatetowncouncil.gov.uk, telephone 866506, or contact one of your local Yate town councillors whose details can be found overleaf.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When we have all the replies from the consultation, both Councils will look at them. Yate Town Council will take its final decision at the Full Council meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday 19 October 2010. You are very welcome to come to that meeting and there will be a chance to speak before the decision is taken.

If it is agreed to go ahead, the new scheme will be included in your Council Tax bill from April 2011.

Please return completed form to:-

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Fax: 01454 866514

or e-mail your response to
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by Thursday 30 September 2010

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Brinsham Fields

Brinsham Fields is a park north east of Leechpool Way, Coopers Drive and Clayfield.



Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council would like to know what you think about Yate Town Council taking over responsibility for Brinsham Fields from South Gloucestershire Council.

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS PLEASE

We would be very grateful if you could answer a few questions at the back of this leaflet and return to the Town Council office by **30 September 2010**.



Brinsham Fields is currently owned and maintained by South Gloucestershire Council who charges Council Tax payers who live in Yate a total of £12,630.23 per year through your Council tax to maintain Brinsham Fields. Both Councils have been considering transferring its management from South Gloucestershire Council to Yate Town Council.

We need YOUR views on whether Yate Town Council should take it over.

Q So what difference will it make?

Yate Town Council has spent time looking at the work involved and thinks it will be able to do a better job for the money, as well as being able to respond faster to your views about Brinsham Fields.

Q Will it cost me money?

At the moment you pay for the maintenance of Brinsham Fields through something called 'special expenses'. It is part of the Council Tax that Yate residents pay to South Gloucestershire Council for the management of open spaces in Yate. If Yate Town Council take over responsibility for Brinsham Fields, you will no longer have to pay that part of the special expense charge that relates to Brinsham Fields - instead you will pay the same amount in a different line of your Council Tax bill - direct to Yate Town Council. So, you will still pay the same for the park but the money will be coming to Yate Town Council rather than South Gloucestershire Council.

Q When would it happen?

April 2011.

Q How would it work?

South Gloucestershire Council would grant Yate Town Council a 50 year lease.

Yate Town Council and South Gloucestershire Council have set up a 'Friends' Group for Brinsham Fields - so residents and users can become involved in helping Yate look after and improve Brinsham Fields. New members of the Friends Group are always very welcome so, if you would like further information, please contact the Town Council office.

South Gloucestershire Council will continue to maintain the park until the handover in 2011 and will complete the improvements to the children's play area, install three notice boards, upgrade the paths and install a kissing gate to the north west corner.

Q What about maintaining the lake?

The Town Council would like to work closely with the Environment Agency and the Friends of Brinsham Park.

Q Does the Town Council think it can improve Brinsham Fields and manage it more effectively?

Yes we do, we have already done it very successfully at Kingsgate Park. Ask the local residents and the Friends of Kingsgate Park what they think - you can contact Mike Pearce, Chair of the Friends of Kingsgate Park on 323702.

This is a big decision for the town as it will tie the Town Council to running Brinsham Fields for up to 50 years.

YOUR VIEWS ARE VERY IMPORTANT - to help us reach a decision, please take a few minutes to complete the following questions:-

1 What are your thoughts about Brinsham Fields? What's good about it? What would you like changed? Are there things that you would like Yate Town Council to prioritise if it takes responsibility for the site? Do you have any worries about the handover process? Please tell us in the space below.

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2 Who would you like to manage Brinsham Fields?

Yate Town Council
South Gloucestershire Council

3 Would you like to join the Friends of Brinsham Fields?

Yes
No

4 Do you think that a local angling club should be invited to become involved with the management of the lake?

Yes
No