

## News



Hazel Simpson (right) in her Broadbridge Heath garden with neighbour Laura Crosbie and the multi-storey block of flats being built nearby overlooking their gardens.

## 'Shock' at scale of flats building

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'shocked' at the proximity  
of a block of flats currently

"It's a massive block of flats with massive windows staring straight into our gardens."

She also hit out at the way planning consent was granted for the flats and said

have a home of their own."

A spokesman for Saxon Weald said: "The redevelopment of the former garages sites on Sleets Road and Swann Way is being undertaken."

## Illegal restaurant workers found following snoop

Illegal workers have been found at restaurants in Horsham and Crawley following a snoop by immigration officers.

Officers visited Rajkumar restaurant in Springfield Road, Horsham; Maemes takeaway in Queen Street, Horsham; and Raj Tandoori in Broadfield, Crawley, during the snoop, which, say Home Office officials, followed intelligence reports.

Each business was served a referral notice in relation to illegal workers which warn that a financial penalty of up to £20,000 per illegal worker found will be imposed unless the employers can show that appropriate right-to-work document checks were carried out.

If proof is not provided, says the Home Office, each business could be fined up to £20,000.

At Rajkumar, a 41-year-old Indian man was found working illegally. He was not arrested,

says the Home Office, as he has an outstanding Home Office application. He was escorted from the premises and ordered to report to Immigration Enforcement while his case is progressed.

At Maemes officers arrested a 35-year-old Pakistani man found working illegally. And at Raj a 40-year-old man, also from Pakistan, was found working illegally, says the Home Office. Both Pakistani men were transferred to immigration detention pending their removal from the UK.

Richard Lederle, head of the South East immigration enforcement team, said: "Illegal working is not victimless, it undercuts honest employers, cheats legitimate job seekers out of employment opportunities and defrauds the public purse."

"I urge anyone with specific and detailed information about suspected immigration abuse to get in touch."

## Increase in number of potholes

Recent wet weather and frequent variations between mild and cold or freezing temperatures have led to an increased number of potholes on West Sussex roads, says the county council.

The council says it and contractor Balfour Beatty are working hard to repair the worst of these as soon as possible.

Bob Lanzer, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: "Unfortunately, roads are not permanent structures and deteriorate over time from constant use and the weight of vehicles using them."

"Please bear with our staff and contractors, who are working hard to get the worst of these repaired as soon as possible."

Concerns about potholes can be reported online using the Love West Sussex app - [www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/)