

To all members of Planning & Highways Committee

Notice is hereby given and you are summoned to attend a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee on Wednesday 6th December 2023, at the School Green Centre, RG2 9EH, commencing 19.30



Bruce Winton
30th November 2023

Members: Cllrs Boyer, Fernandes, Grimes, Hoyle, Jahromi, James, Lias, Masseron, Peer & Tatla

Agenda

1. Public Questions

- 1.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** public questions

2. Apologies and declaration of members' interests

- 2.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** approval of apologies for absence
2.2 To **RECEIVE** members' declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

- 3.1 To **RECEIVE** and **APPROVE** the minutes of 8th November 2023 as a correct record of the meeting and to authorise the Chairman to sign the same *
3.2 To **CONSIDER** matters arising from the minutes

4. Schedule of Deposited Plans

- 4.1 Planning applications are being reviewed weekly. Plans deposited following the most recent Thursday planning email which require urgent attention will be forwarded as received
4.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** planning application 232833 for the Natural History Museum*

5. Appeals

- 5.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** planning inspectorate appeals relating to Shinfield Parish* (<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/CaseSearch.aspx>)

6. Enforcement Notices

- 6.1 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Closed Enforcements table** (for information only)
- 6.2 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Outstanding Enforcements table** (for information only)

7. Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters

- 7.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update on Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters*
- 7.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update from the Clerk on the assessment of streetlamps in the Parish

8. Renewal of Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 8.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update from the Clerk on the process of reviewing the Neighbourhood Development Plan

9. Subscriptions

- 9.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** the renewal of the Locality subscription*

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan*
- 10.2 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the article in the Guardian on 25 November 2023 "Scientific specimens and research facilities set to be rehoused in Reading University science park, alongside British Museum archive"*

11. Future Meetings

- 10.1 To **NOTE** the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting is Wednesday, 10th January 2024

*** indicates papers attached**

**** indicates papers to follow**

Minutes of a meeting of
Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Wednesday 8th November 2023
At School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Grimes, Hoyle, James, Lias, Peer (Chair)

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)
S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
BCllr Glover

2 members of the public

23/PC/109 Public Questions

109.1 There were no public questions

23/PC/110 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

110.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Tatla, Masseron and Jahromi

110.2 There were no declarations of members' interests.

23/PC/111 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

111.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 11th October 2023 were approved and signed as such by Cllr Peer

Proposed: Cllr Lias
Seconded: Cllr Grimes
Approved: Unanimously

111.2 **Actions and Matters Arising**

23/PC/92.2 Clerk to ask WBC to identify who was dealing with each issue under
23/PC/83.2 'Other' on the Enforcement Notices

The Clerk advised that he had now been provided with a glossary of terms used on Enforcement notices but there was no readily available list of who was dealing with items classed as 'other' and these were passed on to another department. These would need to be followed up on a one by one basis.

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/83.2

Clerk to raise the above issue with other local Clerks

The Clerk advised that he had raised the issue at the Clerks' Forum held on 18th October. All the other Clerks present reported that they had the same issues with lack of clarity from WBC once the Enforcement team had deemed something to be "Other".

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/83.2

Cllr Masseron to make an initial contact with Nigel Frankland, University of Reading (UoR) to see if a crossing was planned on the Arborfield Road

There had been no update on this item.

ACTION – Cllr Masseron to update at the next meeting

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/83.2

Clerk to follow up with Nigel Frankland (UoR) regarding creating a gap in the fence at the Arborfield Road end of the new footpath that runs to Millworth Lane or to display a sign at the Millworth Lane end to inform users that there was no exit at the end of the path

There had been no response from Nigel Frankland

ACTION – Clerk to follow up and report back to the next meeting

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/83.2

Clerk to investigate the cost of providing parking enforcement with WBC

The Clerk had written to Matthew Gould, Highways & Transport Department, Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on the 10th October who had advised that he would come back to the Clerk "ASAP". Despite chasing the Clerk had yet to receive a response. BCllr Glover offered to chase this up.

ACTION – Clerk to provide BCllr Glover with the information so she could follow up the cost of providing parking enforcement

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/87.1

Clerk to investigate whether the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) applies to public footpaths

The Clerk advised that according to the Ramblers Association guide to Disabled Access on Public rights of Way:

"The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on local authorities to prevent discrimination against people with disabilities. Accordingly, local authorities must make reasonable adjustments to ensure paths are as accessible as possible.

When approving new structures, the local authority must consider the needs of people with limited mobility and should only approve the least restrictive option necessary to control the livestock.

Stiles and gates which have been in place since the time the path was dedicated for public use cannot be changed without permission from the landowner. By building a good relationship with the landowner and explaining the issue, groups and individuals may be able to persuade the landowner to install an alternative solution.”

The Clerk advised that this last point was the issue. As had been reported previously the landowner was not interested in making the change to a kissing gate.

ACTION – Clerk to add to the agenda in November 2024

23/PC/92.2
23/PC/87.2

Deputy Clerk to work with the Shinfield Parish Volunteer Group to ensure that all the original ‘walks’ documents were now available

The Deputy Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives of the Shinfield Parish Volunteer Group and the IT and Comms Administrator. The majority of the documents were available in an original format and those missing would need to be redone due to the lapse in time since their original creation. The Deputy Clerk had offered to assist the volunteer group with typing the text of the walks to speed up the process. The IT and Comms Administrator had reformatted the ‘Walks’ page on the SPC website and work had commenced to make the format compatible with mobile devices. The updated walks would include What3Words. The screen in School Green reception was publicising the walks and leaflets were available for collection.

The Shinfield Parish Volunteer representative had researched the costs incurred in the printing of the leaflets and suggested that the price charge by the UoR was far too high. There was a discussion on phasing out printed leaflets (but with hard copies still available on request).

It was reported that the local care homes used the ‘walks map’ with their residents. This was held electronically and could be sent to the care homes.

ACTION –

- Deputy Clerk to continue to liaise with the Shinfield Parish Volunteer Group and assist with publication of the revised leaflets
- Deputy Clerk to send an electronic copy of the ‘walks map’ to the two local care homes
- Proposal on further provision of information on walks to be considered at the next meeting

23/PC/92.2 Deputy Clerk to arrange for QR codes to be added to the walks
23/PC/87.2 leaflets

The Deputy Clerk advised that if it was decided to reprint leaflets then a QR code would be added. QR codes could be placed at strategic points around the walks so walkers could access all the details on the website while out and about.

The Chairman thanked the Shinfield Volunteer Group for all the work carried out in updating the 'walks'.

23/PC/93.3 Clerk to keep a check of the status of the enforcement relating to Carney's Yard

The Clerk had asked for an update from the officer handling this case and had been advised that the site was still slowly being cleared.

ACTION – Clerk to continue to monitor the status of the enforcement

23/PC/95.1 Clerk to request a list of acronyms on the 'closed enforcement notices' from WBC

The Clerk has received a list of abbreviations used on these reports.

ACTION – Clerk to circulate the list of terms used

23/PC/96.2 Clerk to complete the work in progress on streetlamps

This was on the agenda at Item 7.2

23/PC/102.1 All members of the Committee were asked by the Chairman to respond to the Clerk on the weekly planning applications

The Clerk advised that he receives on average 7 responses each week with 9 members of the committee. The Clerk also noted that the new method of sharing the new planning applications seemed to be easier for everyone. All members of the Committee to continue to respond to the Clerk on the weekly planning applications

23/PC/105.1 Cllr Masseron to attend the WBC meeting on 26-10-23 and ask what action was being taken and when the work would take place on the unfinished footpath on Hyde End Lane

Cllr Masseron had reported that she did not attend this meeting and gave an update from BCllr Glover who had asked the relevant questions.

Cllr Masseron would wait and see how WBC responded to the question asked by BCllr Glover. If there was no visible progress by WBC in a few weeks, Cllr Masseron would raise a formal question to WBC.

ACTION – Cllr Masseron to continue to monitor the situation

23/PC/105.1 Clerk to assist Cllr Masseron to prepare and submit a written 'primary' question to WBC

This was not required at this stage

23/PC/105.1 Clerk to write and thank WBC on behalf of SPC for the maintenance work carried out on the middle section of footpath 20

That had been done.

23/PC/105.2 Clerk to continue to work on arrangements for the streetlamps to be turned off between 03:30 and 15:00

This was on the agenda at Item 7.2

23/PC/106.1 Clerk to identify an appropriate consultant to conduct a formal review of the SPNDP

This was on the Agenda at Item 8.1

23/PC/107.1 Clerk to write to the UoR to request that the path on Cutbush Lane be upgraded with the NHM access road work

The Clerk had asked Nigel Frankland, UoR but had not received any response.

ACTION – Clerk to follow up

23/PC/107.3 Clerk to ask for an update on the timings for the TRO relating to the reduction in speed limit from Matthew Gould, WBC (copy in Paul Fishwick) and feedback on our request of other improvements

The Clerk reported that the TRO had been signed off and should be implemented in the new year.

The Clerk had received the following response from Matthew Gould

"I have asked for an update and will chase again, however, please note that the traffic management team are working through a very long list of requests for various locations across the borough"

ACTION – Clerk to continue seek a response from WBC regarding SPC requests on traffic improvements and to copy the Chairman into any emails sent

23/PC/107.5 Clerk to respond accordingly to the query from a member of the public on pre-planning discussions in relation to the ECMWF site

This had been done.

23/PC/112**Schedule of Deposited Plans**

- 112.1 Planning applications were circulated to members weekly and comments noted on the WBC planning portal.

23/PC/113**Appeals**

- 113.1 The Clerk advised that one of the three live planning appeals had been decided since the last meeting. The appeal in respect of Newlands Close had been dismissed so the original decision of WBC to reject application 230315 which was for a new fence line was upheld.

23/PC/114**Enforcement Notices**

- 114.1 Closed Enforcement Notices

There were 11 items closed since the last report. Of these 5 were deemed to be “no breach”, 3 were due to voluntary compliance and one had seen an application submitted. The remaining item was unauthorised works to TPO trees at 181 Hyde End Road. The Clerk had asked the Enforcement Department for more information on this item and was advised that “The case relates to unauthorised tree works to protected trees. This type of case can lead to a prosecution only when there is evidence beyond reasonable doubt, and it is in the public interest to prosecute. In this case the investigation did not bring enough evidence to prosecute. The case was closed as “other” for this reason”.

- 114.2 Live Enforcement Notices

The Clerk noted that there were two new items on the list. Both were in respect of 7 Priors Garden – erection of a fence more than 2m high and installation of a pergola without planning permission.

Members noted the contents of the report that had previously been circulated.

23/PC/115**Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters**

- 115.1 Footpath matters

Members noted the report prepared by Cllr Masseron

The Chairman thanked Cllr Masseron in her absence for her report.

- 115.2 Update on Streetlamps

The Clerk advised that he was progressing the desk based risk assessments and hoped to be able to report at the next meeting. In most cases there were no apparent issues with reducing the operating hours. The Clerk did note, however, that in some parts of the Parish this was one of the few tangible SPC assets.

ACTION –

- Clerk to continue to work on arranging for the streetlamps to be turned off between 00:30 and 05:00

115.3 Buses

Cllr Grimes reported that WBC had received money from the government to support bus services and asked BCllr Glover if there was any feedback on the protection of the bus services operating in SPC. Cllr Lias had observed that the buses were well used.

ACTION – BCllr Glover would investigate and report back to the Committee

115.4 Parking issues with developers' contractors – Stanbury Gate

Cllr Lias reported that there had been complaints of developers parking around the Square. The Clerk stated that no formal complaints had been received by SPC. This would be an issue for WBC Highways.

115.5 Road Traffic Accident on Basingstoke Road

Cllr Lias reported that there had been a bad crash on the Basingstoke Road that appeared to be a head on collision. He observed six fire engines and many police cars in attendance. The road had been closed. Much fuel had spilled onto the road that had been covered with sand.

This section of the road was outside of the section designated for a speed limit reduction. Cllr Lias felt that this section of the road should be reduced to 30mph.

23/PC/116

Renewal of Neighbourhood Development Plan

116.1 Shinfield Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (SPNDP)

The Clerk advised that he had approached a couple of consultants to see if they would be interested in undertaking a formal review of the existing SPNDP with a view to recommending any further action required. He had received one response to date and was awaiting another. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk review the NALC webinar they attended where other contactors were mentioned.

Members felt that the SPNDP should be formally reviewed to ensure that it was fit for purpose, best practice and to rectify any errors or omissions, with specific reference to the DEPZ and, for example, infrastructure such as schools.

The Committee empowered the Clerk to take on a consultant within the budget of £5,000.

Proposed: Cllr Grimes
Seconded: Cllr Lias
Approved: Unanimously

ACTION

- Clerk to circulate a 'brief' for contractors to members of the committee for comment
- Clerk to appoint a contractor to carryout a review of the SPNDP

23/PC/117

Correspondence

117.1 No correspondence to consider

23/PC/118

Date of the next meeting

118.1 The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th December 2023

The meeting ended at 20:50

List of Actions

23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	1) Cllr Masseron to make initial contact with Nigel Frankland (UoR) to see if a crossing was planned on the Arborfield Road	Clerks
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	2) Clerk to follow up with Nigel Frankland (UoR) regarding creating a gap in the fence at the Arborfield Road end of the new footpath that runs to Millworth Lane or to display a sign at the Millworth Lane end to inform users that there was no exit at the end of the path	Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	3) Clerk to provide BCllr Glover with the information regarding the cost of providing parking enforcement so she could follow up the cost of providing parking enforcement	Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	4) Clerk to add an item to the agenda in November 2024 to follow up the issue of replacing the stile with a kissing gate on footpath 22 on Sussex Lane	Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	5) a) Deputy Clerk to continue to liaise with the Shinfield Parish Volunteer Group and assist with publication of the revised leaflets	Deputy Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	b) Deputy Clerk to send an electronic copy of the 'walks map' to the two local care homes	Deputy Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/92.2</i>	c) Proposal on further provision of information on walks to be considered at the next meeting	Deputy Clerk
23/PC/111.2 <i>23/PC/93.3</i>	Clerk to continue to monitor the status of the enforcement relating to Carney's Yard	Clerk
23/PC/111/2 <i>23/PC/95.1</i>	Clerk to circulate the list of terms used by WBC on the 'closed enforcement notices'	Clerk
23/PC/111/2 <i>23/PC/105.1</i>	Cllr Masseron to continue to monitor the situation relating to the unfinished footpath on Hyde End Lane	Cllr Masseron
23/PC/111/2 <i>23/PC/107.1</i>	Clerk to follow up with UoR regarding a request that the path on Cutbush Lane be upgraded with the NHM access road work	Clerk
23/PC/111/2 <i>23/PC/107.3</i>	Clerk to continue to seek a response from WBC regarding SPC requests on traffic improvements and to copy the Chairman into any emails sent	Clerk
23/PC/115.2	Clerk to continue to work on arranging for the streetlamps to be turned off between 00:30 and 05:00	Clerk

23/PC/115.3	BCllr Glover to investigate and report back to the Committee regarding the government money received by WBC to support bus services	BCllr Glover
23/PC/116.1	(a) Clerk to circulate a 'brief' for contractors to review the SPNDP to members of the committee for comment	Clerk
23/PC/116.1	(b) Clerk to appoint a contractor to carryout a review of the SPNDP	Clerk

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The NHM is submitting a detailed planning application to Wokingham Borough Council for a new facility at the Thames Valley Science Park (TVSP).

- The development proposed is the construction of a collections, research and digitisation centre with associated infrastructure and external works including car and cycle parking, sustainable drainage and landscaping.
- The development will protect our collections which are a globally important resource for understanding a rapidly changing planet – important to us all.

Benefits to local community

- The wide-ranging local impact of the partnership being developed between NHM and the University of Reading.
- Employment opportunities both during construction and operation for the local community.
- Community engagement and active outreach in the local area.
- Opportunities to create links with innovation and build upon the clustering of other organisations at TVSP such as the British Museum.

Environmental Impact

- The proposed low-carbon impact, sustainable building will employ best-in-class design practice to reduce energy and water-use and will be zero carbon, including both operational and embodied carbon.
- Water resource management has been considered and water use will be kept to a minimum.
- A biodiversity net gain of 20% – in excess of the of the Government’s anticipated requirements of 10% – will be achieved on site and at TVSP.

The application documentation will be on the Council’s website in due course, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us: PlanningTVSP@nhm.ac.uk



Planning Inspectorate Appeals for RG2 & RG7 within Shinfield Parish as at :-

30th November 2023

Item 5.1

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
APP/X0360/W/23/3326997	Belamie gables, 210 Hyde End Road	RG7 1DG	Planning (W)		223802	1		
APP/X0360/C/23/3314060	Uplands, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AP	Enforcement Notice	L2	222052	3	45247	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI succeeded in part. WBC Enforcement Notice modified to allow for wall to be reduced in height
APP/X0360/W/22/3309384	Uplands Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AP	Planning (W)	L2	222052	3	45247	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/23/3320252	25 Newlands Close, Shinfield	RG2 9LG	Planning (W)		230315	3		WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3296611	1 Westlands Avenue READING	RG2 8EB	Planning (W)		220104	3	10/08/2022	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/21/3274461	12 Coningham Road READING	RG2 8QP	Planning (W)		202984	3	01/09/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/19/3228974	12 Cutbush Lane West READING	RG2 9AH	Planning (W)		190152	3	07/09/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3303625	14 Coningham Road READING	RG2 8QP	Planning (W)		221225	3	02/02/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/17/3171035	15 Deardon Way READING Berkshire	RG2 9HE	Householder (HAS)		163279	3	23/05/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/18/3192970	2 Kendal Avenue READING	RG2 9AR	Householder (HAS)		173001	3	16/02/2018	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/20/3247817	8 Pattinson Road READING	RG2 8QJ	Householder (HAS)		193231	3	02/07/2020	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3173465	Culverwood, Shinfield Road READING	RG2 9BE	Planning (W)		162495	3	05/09/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3172028	Land adjacent to Grange Lodge Shinfield	RG2 9AL	Planning (W)		163561	3	19/07/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3297923	Land Adjacent to lane End House Shinfield	RG2 9BB	Planning (W)		213681	3	20/12/2022	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/21/3269790	Land at Croft Road Spencers Wood Shinfield	RG2 9EY	Planning (W)		203108	3	25/06/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/19/3222049	Leyland Gardens Reading Berkshire	RG2 9AN	Householder (HAS)		181780	3	01/08/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/21/3275086	Willow Tree House Brookers Hill READING	RG2 9BX	Planning (W)		203560	3	18/02/2022	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/22/3303676	Istana, Lambs Lane READING	RG7 1JB	Householder (HAS)		201752	3	02/02/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3298797	2 Grovelands Road READING	RG7 1DP	Planning (W)		214165	3	07/11/2022	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3290427	Land rear of 182 Hyde End Road Spencers Wood	RG7 1DG	Planning (W)		212507	3	23/02/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/21/3271017	David Hearn Motor Engineers Reading	RG7 1BA	Planning (W)		201557	3	03/09/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/21/3269974	30 Grazeley Road Reading	RG7 1BJ	Planning (W)		201629	3	31/08/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/20/3258638	Land at Carney's Yard, opposite Pulleyn Transport Yard READING	RG7 1HB	Planning (W)		200596	3	11/01/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
APP/X0360/W/19/3240232	Land rear of Diana Close Spencers Wood Berkshire	RG7 1HP	Planning (W)		171004	3	01/02/2021	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/19/3230479	Land adjacent to Eventide Three Mile Cross	RG7 1HD	Planning (W)		183198	3	07/10/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/19/3221827	Derydene, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AL	Householder (HAS)		181100	3	25/04/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/18/3211871	182 Hyde End Road READING	RG7 1DG	Planning (W)		181676	3	07/03/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/18/3204770	Shinfield Court, Church Lane Wokingham Berkshire	RG7 1HB	Planning (W)		171916	3	13/11/2018	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/18/3199728	Land at Lambs Lane and Beech Hill Road Spencers Wood Berkshire	RG7 1JB	Planning (W)		172495	3	08/01/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3186553	Mallards, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AD	Planning (W)	L1		3	12/12/2018	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3183251	Etudieltawjus, Sussex Lane READING	RG7 1BY	Planning (W)		163635	3	05/03/2018	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3174092	Floyers Barn Wokingham	RG7 1DL	Planning (W)		162924	3	18/10/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3172361	R/O 27-29 The Square Spencers Wood	RG7 1BS	Planning (W)		163287	3	19/07/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/17/3169533	Lambs Farm Business Park READING	RG7 1PQ	Planning (W)		162594	3	28/06/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/16/3161433	219a Hyde End Road SPENCERS WOOD	RG7 1BU	Planning (W)		160982	3	25/05/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/X/16/3152152	24 Fawn Drive READING	RG7 1WL	Lawful Development Certificate		160876	3	22/02/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/C/17/3186555	Mallards, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AD	Enforcement Notice	L1	NA	3	12/12/2018	WBC issued enforcement notice. Developer appealed. Enforcement notice upheld
APP/X0360/W/22/3298882	Woodside & Wayside House Reading	RG2 9BE	Planning (W)		211578	3	07/02/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/22/3311543	Parkside House Lambs Lane READING	RG7 1JE	Planning (W)		222478	4	23/05/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. Change of use of land to residential and erection of detached building to house domestic garaging and ancillary storage with first floor games room
APP/X0360/C/16/3153193	Paddocks Reading Berks	RG7 1NG	Enforcement Notice		161915	4	02/07/2018	WBC issued enforcement against change of use with planning permission. Appeal was allowed and enforcement notice quashed. Planning permission granted for 3 years
APP/X0360/W/19/3235895	Land south of Reading Road and Arborfield Road Shinfield Berkshire	RG2 9EA	Planning (W)		181631	4	06/01/2020	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. SANG was built
APP/X0360/W/19/3238203	Land to the south of Cutbush Lane Shinfield Berkshire	RG2 9AG	Planning (W)		181499	4	10/03/2020	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. 249 dwellings south of Cutbush Lane
APP/X0360/W/22/3303884	Parrot Farm Shingfield Wokingham	RG2 9EA	Planning (W)		213156	4	28/03/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. Change of use permitted
APP/X0360/W/22/3304042	Land west of Kingfisher Grove Reading Berkshire	RG7 1LZ	Planning (W)		201002	4	31/01/2023	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. 49 homes at Kingfisher Grove
APP/X0360/W/19/3223579	Berkshire Caravans READING	RG7 1HB	Planning (W)		182831	4	18/06/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. Change of use to caravan storage and sale was permitted

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
APP/X0360/D/18/3215332	Parkside House, Lambs Lane READING	RG7 1JE	Householder (HAS)		182015	4	30/01/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. 2 storey side extension permitted
APP/X0360/W/18/3204133	Land at Parklands Spencers Wood Wokingham	RG7 1AS	Planning (W)		171737	4	28/02/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. 55 dwellings at Parklands
APP/X0360/W/18/3203707	Hartley Court Farm, Hartley Court Road READING	RG7 1NH	Planning (W)		162923	4	01/07/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. Change of use agricultural building to office & storage permitted
APP/X0360/W/16/3159579	Mallards, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AD	Planning (W)		161522	4	09/02/2017	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal was upheld. Extended post office and retail with flat above permitted
APP/X0360/W/15/3097721	Land at Stanbury House Spencers Wood	RG7 1AJ	Planning (W)		O/2014/2101	4	18/09/2018	WBC Failed to give notice in time. Developers Appeal to PI was allowed. 57 homes at Stanbury House
APP/X0360/W/21/3282034	12 Coningham Road READING	RG2 8QP	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/19/3235522	22 Cutbush Lane West READING	RG2 9AH	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/21/3267866	Land at and to the Rear of Willow Tree House READING Berkshire	RG2 9BX	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/17/3191447	Land at the Manor Shinfield Berks	RG2 9BX	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/18/3215339	Land at Lambs and Beech Hill Road Spencers Wood Berkshire	RG7 1JE	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/18/3206531	Land at Lambs Farm, Back Lane SWALLOWFIELD	RG7 1PQ	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn
APP/X0360/W/15/3129177	SHINFIELD LODGE THREE MILE CROSS	RG7 1HB	Planning (W)		NA	5	NA	Appeal was withdrawn

KEY	
1 =	New case not previously report
2 =	Case in progress
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4 =	Complete - WBC original decision overturned
5 =	Complete - Appeal withdrawn
Lx =	Linked cases
xxxx	Indicates changed since previous report

Hyde End Lane – Footpath to Nowhere – update

WBC are inching forward and are requesting an updated quote and a meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss a mechanism to install the pathway. They also seem confused as to whether there is planning permission for the rest of the path and have been pointed in the direction of the approved plans for the school which includes the plans for the rest of the path.

Cllr Glover (WBC) is working relentlessly on this issue.

Footpath 20 – Southern End - update

I had a site visit with Connor Clark (WBC) and Ian Young (SVG - ROW) to confirm our requests for the path. The RFQ will now be requested. It was also agreed that WBC would put up three multi-use signs along FP20. Permission was given to attach one to SPC sign-pole if necessary. A 'No Parking' sign will also be attached to the yellow gate as people have been parking in front of it and preventing access.

UoR – updates

Langley Mead Extension

Until Bellway have sorted out the main gate, the car park can't be used and the Heras fencing cannot be removed or moved to allow public to walk through the car park. This may have to wait until the New Year. Bellway are also still required to surface the section of Millworth Lane from the Recreation Ground to Langley Mead extension.

The works to the land behind St Mary School and Chestnut Crescent are about to be tendered this work will be undertaken early spring and will complete phase 1 of the SANG extension, opening in May. Phase 2, the land beyond the new path up to the River Loddon, will most likely begin in 2024.



Arborfield Road crossing

There are currently no plans for a crossing point on Arborfield Road but it is expected they will be asked for when the land North of the Arborfield Road comes forward.

SANG upgrades - update

The Ridge SANG works as proposed in June 2023 are being drawn up and specified and should go out to tender this side of Christmas.

SVG

Shinfield Volunteers Group have been working hard on Shinfield Parish Walk 6.

They removed small tree trunks that were blocking the paths and the whole walk is now obstruction free. There will be more to report in the November report which will be on the website, so please look out for this and read it, as it will be the last one until March 2024.



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Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan goes to referendum

Residents of Ruscombe parish will be able to vote on the [Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan](#) on Thursday 7 December 2023.

Ruscombe Parish Council has been working on a neighbourhood plan for a number of years and submitted their proposed plan to Wokingham Borough Council in March 2023. The plan aims to manage the development coming forward in the area to better reflect the wishes of the community.

Following an independent examination, the Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan has been found to meet the basic conditions, subject to a number of modifications, and can now proceed to referendum on 7 December 2023.

The question that will be asked in the referendum is:

"Do you want Wokingham Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Ruscombe parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Find out more about the referendum process, how and where to vote, and what happens next, in the [Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement](#).

You can take a look at all of the plan documents online on our [neighbourhood planning](#) page.

Hard copies are also available at the following locations:

- Wokingham Borough Council offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1WP - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Wokingham Library, Carnival Hub, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF - [view the Wokingham Library opening times](#)

Helpful contacts...

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The Observer Museums

‘Cultural vandalism’: row as Kew Gardens and Natural History Museum plan to move collections out of London

Scientific specimens and research facilities set to be rehoused in Reading University science park, alongside British Museum archive

Robin McKie *Science editor*

Sat 25 Nov 2023 11.00 GMT

It is intended to be a world-leading research facility that will house some of the UK’s greatest collections of historical, botanical and zoological samples. Millions of ancient mosaics and pieces of sculpture, rare plant specimens and fossil remnants will be taken from the [British Museum](#), the [Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew](#) and the [Natural History Museum](#) (NHM) in London and rehoused at Reading University’s Thames Valley Science Park in Shinfield, Berkshire.

London’s ageing buildings, crumbling storage space, and soaring land prices mean a move beyond the M25 is the only realistic way to protect the capital’s swelling backroom collections of scientific and cultural treasures while improving researchers’ access to them, say senior museum staff. The total price-tag for the venture could top half a billion pounds.

But this vast rehousing project has not been universally welcomed. Indeed, it has proved to be highly controversial among some groups, with researchers denouncing the proposals as acts of “cultural and scientific vandalism”. Others have accused management at Kew and the NHM of bullying staff into accepting the plan to rehouse collections.

At Kew, a petition, signed by more than 15,000 people, calls for management to abandon its plan to rehouse the garden’s 170-year-old herbarium at the new science park. Signatories include Sir Ghilleen Prance, a former director of Kew, who told the *Observer* that he was dismayed by the idea of moving the collection, which contains more than 7m specimens of dried, pressed plants gathered from around the world.

“The herbarium is one of the world’s oldest and rests in the middle of Kew where there is a crucial interaction between the collection and the rest of the botanic gardens. At present the place buzzes with botanists and other

researchers from across the world who come here to take advantage of this critically important plant collection. Take away the herbarium and put it in an out-of-the-way location and you will ruin it.”

Others argue that the relocation would interfere with the work of scientists, who are already stretched in their bids to identify and conserve plants in the face of increasing biodiversity loss across the globe. “This is one of the most important herbariums in the world,” added Prance. “Specimens here include originals from which plant species are named. It should be kept at the heart of Kew.”

Managers at Kew reject these criticisms, however. They say the current herbarium building has been already been expanded six times since it was first used to house the gardens’ plant collection in 1856. However, any new building would face severe construction restrictions because Kew is designated a world heritage site. In addition, there is a growing risk of flooding from the adjacent River Thames, while the current building also faces of risks of future fire – similar to the one that [destroyed the National Museum of Brazil](#) in 2018.

“Our plans for a modern and state-of-the-art science facility ... will not only strengthen Britain’s position in botanical research and innovation but also ensure the secrets of these specimens can be unlocked in future,” Prof Alexandre Antonelli, Kew’s director of science, told the *Observer* last week.

At present, the public cannot visit the herbarium, which is a dedicated research facility. But once its plant collection is moved to the science park, the building will be redeveloped as a science quarter, a public display of Kew’s prime specimens, including those donated by Charles Darwin, added a spokesperson.

A decision on whether to move the Kew herbarium – which could cost £200m and take a decade to complete – is to be taken early next month when the gardens’ board of trustees will vote on the proposed relocation.

By contrast, a decision to move part of the NHM’s collections to Shinfield has already been agreed. A total of [£200m is to be spent](#) on the new facility, which is awaiting planning permission, and 28m museum specimens will be shifted there. These will include everything from microscopic samples of ancient crustacea to pieces of some of world’s largest creatures, including whales. Data from these specimens will be digitised and shared with scientists across the globe.

“Over the past 250 years, we have built up a collection of around 80m specimens, the remains of our planet’s vast array of lifeforms. However, not

all of them are being stored in the best conditions today. Moving some to the new science park will ensure they are better preserved and also more easily accessed by researchers,” said a museum spokesperson.

But the plan, although approved and financed, has been denounced by a group of former museum senior staff members. In a letter to the *Times* this month, they claim that the move is a sign that “the [Natural History Museum](#) is leading the museum world in its loss of expertise and breaking up of collections”.

The group, which includes former researchers, curators and heads of departments, argue that only natural history museums, with their vast collections and their expert curators working in intact institutions, can provide leadership in the study and understanding of the evolution of life on Earth. Creating virtual images of the collection will discourage people from actually handling specimens, they argue.

For its part, museum management said it expected the work on the new centre would begin next year and end in 2027. Moving its specimens would take a further three or four years.

At the [British Museum](#), this transfer has already begun and several million of its cultural treasures are now being transferred to its archaeological research collection at the science park. This centre will house “the majority of the museum’s ancient world collections, including archaeological assemblages, sculptures, mosaics and historic cast collections,” said a spokesperson. Nearly 1.5m objects have already been moved, he added. Unlike Kew and the NHM, there has been little opposition, however.