

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 12th February 2025, at the School Green Centre, RG2 9EH, commencing 19:30.



Bruce Winton
Chief Executive and Clerk to the Parish Council
6th February 2025

Members: Cllrs Boyer, Fernandes, Grimes, Hoyle, Jahromi, James, Lias, Masseron and Peer (Chair)

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 the Planning and Highways Committee held on 15th January 2025 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 of the meeting held on 15th January 2025

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** notification of a Public Inquiry* in relation to Planning Application 233038 – Land East of Hayes Drive North of Three Mile Cross, due to commence on 25th February for 8 days
4.3 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** Planning Application 250005, 52 Oatlands Road, RG2 9DN

5. Appeals

- 5.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** planning inspectorate appeals relating to Shinfield Parish*

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. Local Active Travel plan

- 7.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a proposal to adopt updated Local Active Travel proposals* into the Local Active Travel Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

8. Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters

- 8.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal report on Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters
- 8.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an update from the Traffic Working Party
- 8.3 TO **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an update on the path from Lailey Path/Hyde End Lane to the Shinfield Infants School

9. Wokingham Borough Council

- 9.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an update on the Wokingham Borough Council Local Plan Update

10. Renewal of Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 10.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a verbal update from the Neighbourhood Development Plan project group
- 10.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** an update on registering Assets of Community Value
- 10.3 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** options for a Spencers Wood Village Centre

11. Variations to S106 agreements

- 11.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** making a formal request to Wokingham Borough Council asking them to explain how and why variations are made to S106 in respect of developments within the parish without discussion with Shinfield Parish Council

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a request from the British Horse Society Access and Bridleways Officer – Wokingham to respond to the Wokingham Pilot Campaign - 'Footpath review'*

13. Future Meetings

- 13.1 To **NOTE** the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting is Wednesday, 12th March 2025

*** indicates papers attached**

**** indicates papers to follow**

Minutes of a meeting of
Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Wednesday 15th January 2025
At School Green Centre commencing at 19:30

Present: Cllrs Boyer (Vice-Chair), Grimes, Hoyle, James, Lias and Masseron

Attending: B Winton (Chief Executive and Clerk)
S Herring (Deputy Clerk)

2 members of the public

25/PC/1 Public Questions

1.1 There were no public questions.

25/PC/2 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

2.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Fernandes, Jahromi and Peer.

Cllr Boyer chaired the meeting in Cllr Peer's absence.

2.2 There were no declarations of members' interests

25/PC/3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 4th December 2024 were approved signed as such by Cllr Boyer.

Proposed: Cllr James

Seconded: Cllr Grimes

Approved: Unanimously

3.2 **Actions and Matters Arising from the meeting held on 6th November 2024**

24/PC/94 & 85.2 Clerk to chase WBC for a response to the question "when did Woodcock Lane cease being a bridle way and to request that motor vehicles are restricted"

ACTION - Cllr Hoyle offered to investigate

- 24/PC/112.1** Clerk to send a diary entry to members of the Shinfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

This had been done with the date set as 30th January 2025.

- 24/PC/112.2** Clerk to apply to register the three areas identified as 'Assets of Community Value'

This was on the agenda – see minute 25/PC/10.2

- 24/PC/112.3** Clerk to request a fee enquiry for a feasibility study for the proposed 'Spencers Wood Village Centre'

The Clerk had requested an indication of costs for such a feasibility study.

ACTION - Clerk to report to committee when the outline cost for a Spencers Wood village centre feasibility study was available.

- 24/PC/118.3** Clerk to respond to WBC regarding the concerns raised by Sport England

The responses to the Millworth Lane planning application were discussed at length at the Facilities Committee. A proposal would be put forward to Full Council to modify the plans and revisit the overall business plan.

- 24/PC/121.1** Clerk to contact MOTION for advice regarding the streetlighting on B roads in the parish

The Clerk had written to MOTION but had not yet received a response.

ACTION - Clerk to contact MOTION for advice regarding the streetlighting on B roads in the parish

- 24/PC/124.2** Clerk to check the details of the tree work planned for Church Lane to ensure that trees were not being removed

The work is confirmed for 10th February and requires 3-way traffic lights while the work takes place. Two trees are to be felled due to them being either dead or heavily diseased.

- 24/PC/124.3** Clerk to check whether the developers were proposing to erect a fence to protect the Arborfield Road allotments

The developer had advised that they would put in place a temporary fence.

25/PC/4

Meeting Schedule for 2025/26

- 4.1 Following the Full Council meeting held on 18th December 2024 it was agreed that each committee consider the number and frequency of meetings required for 2025/2026.

The committee **AGREED** that meetings should continue be held monthly except that there would be no scheduled meeting in August. It was noted that further meetings could be arranged as required.

Proposed: Cllr James
Seconded: Cllr Masseron
Agreed: Unanimously

ACTION – Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting

25/PC/5

Schedule of Deposited Plans

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

- 5.2 Planning application 241964 – 2 Grovelands Road

Cllr Boyer declared that he lived on Grovelands Road.

A neighbour to the proposed property had written to the parish council asking them to reconsider their response to the planning application as they felt that this would severely affect shading over his property consequently affecting the effectiveness of his solar panels.

ACTION – Clerk to resubmit a response to Planning Application 241964 to request that the proposed extension complies with WBC policy on sustainability by ensuring it does not cast a shadow over the neighbouring property.

- 5.3 Planning Application 241861 – Spencers Wood Primary School

The committee recognised that there was insufficient schooling provision for children in the parish but did not wish to withdraw their initial response despite Wokingham Borough Council's subsequent comments. The committee felt the proposals for the school were inadequate for a number of reasons.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to Planning Application 241861 to state that Shinfield Parsh Council (SPC) stood by their initial response and to request that they have an opportunity to speak at the relevant planning meeting.

5.4 Planning Application 243188 – Hall Farm / Loddon Valley SDL

Members recognised that this was a scoping of the environmental impact assessment report (EIA), however, they expressed concerns over the potential for upstream flooding, inadequate utility supplies particularly sewerage and drainage, and traffic problems. Impacts should also be considered for every stage of the development.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to Planning Application 243188 to state the concerns over upstream flooding, inadequate utility supplies particularly sewerage and drainage, and traffic problems and to request that, throughout the development phase to completion, a regular detailed report is given.

5.5 Planning Application 243135 – Bismillah House, Brookers Hill, RG2 9BX

Members expressed concern at the over large size of the proposed building that was intended as motorhome parking and a leisure room. This appeared to be very large for the intended use. Members felt that a comment should be made on the planning portal to this effect.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to Planning Application 243135 to state that SPC had concerns about the size of the proposed building for the stated use and request that a condition be added to restrict future business use of the building.

25/PC/6

Appeals

It was **NOTED** that there were two new appeals.

6.1 Planning Application 242085 (95 Hyde End Lane)

Members **NOTED** the appeal.

6.2 Planning Application 233038 (Land east of Hayes Drive and north of Church Lane)

A resident had expressed concerns with regards to this planning application and sought support from SPC. Members felt that the response previously submitted by the parish council, written with the support of ET Planning, still stood and would be presented to the inspectorate.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to the resident to inform him that the comments made by SPC would be available to the inspectorate and they didn't feel they could enhance this further.

25/PC/7

Enforcement Notices

7.1 Closed Enforcement Notices

This month there had been four items reported as being “No breach” and one item as being “voluntary compliance”. Three items had now had an application submitted.

Members **NOTED** the report

7.2 Live Enforcement Notices

There was one new item added - Land Between Cutbush Lane, Arborfield Road and Shinfield Road, Lane End Farmhouse.

Members **NOTED** the report

25/PC/8

Highways, Street Lighting and Footpath Matters

8.1 Footpath matters

Cllr Masseron had submitted a written report and highlighted the following points:-

- Footpath 4, adjacent cycleway – this was severely flooded. The University of Reading (UoR) had been informed and had agreed to look at the levels and rectify the problem.
- Footpath 12 had been cleared by the Shinfield Volunteers. This was being used more frequently as a route from the bus stop on Hollow Lane to Lidl. This may be a future project to consider for upgrading.

Cllr Boyer thanked the Shinfield Volunteers for their work on the footpaths.

It was recognised that Lidl had installed a fence along the side of Footpath 12 to the north of the building following concerns of safety at the edge of the path.

8.2 Traffic Working Party

The Clerk reported that he was setting up a meeting with WBC to progress the issues raised by SPC. He had also chased the Highways Office to request a timescale for highways matters, in particular the reduction of speed limit on Hollow Lane to 30mph.

8.3 Lailey Path / Hyde End Road footpath

BCllr Glover had received an update from WBC on the progression of the proposed footpath. The solution proposed was to remove the railing/wall and create a path but this would take time for the wall removal application that was going to be lengthy and costly. It was unlikely that a decision would be reached before August 2025. They were also waiting for the school to confirm that they continued to support this approach.

25/PC/9

Wokingham Borough Council's Local Plan Update (LPU)

9.1 There was no further update.

25/PC/10**Renewal of Neighbourhood Development Plan****10.1 Neighbourhood Development Plan Project Group**

The next meeting is scheduled for 30th January 2025

10.2 Assets of Community Value (ACV)

This had not yet been done. SPC were yet to receive a formal response to their initial ACV application, and this had been chased.

ACTION - Clerk to apply to register the three areas identified as 'Assets of Community Value'

10.3 Spencers Wood Village Centre

This was discussed under matters arising 25/PC/3.2 (24/PC/112.3)

25/PC/11**Correspondence****11.1 52 Oatlands Road**

Neighbours either side of the property were experiencing problems with building work being carried out at this property. WBC enforcement, BCllr Gray, Police and ASB teams had been involved. SPC had been supportive to the neighbours and suggested that they could try and broker a meeting with the owner but they were not optimistic of any success. As the design of the building had significantly changed from the approved plans this was a matter for WBC Enforcement. SPC would watch for any applications submitted.

11.2 Planning Application 233038, Appeal: APP/X0360/W/24/3354608 – Land East of Hayes Drive North of Three Mile Cross

This had been discussed under Planning Inspectorate matters – see minute 25/PC/6.2.

11.3 Public consultation – Land East and West of Hyde End Road

There is a public webinar being held on 16th January.

11.4 Public consultation – Redevelopment of Shinfield Park

A public webinar had been held prior to this meeting and had been attended by Cllrs Lias and James. Cllr Lias had shared the responses to his questions tabled in advance.

Cllr Grimes and the Clerk had met with developers the previous day where a number of points were raised, including

1. Will they install solar panels or just leave it as a leaseholder option
2. Will they contribute to the bus route 3 to enter the site on some journeys to minimise car traffic as the nearest bus stop was 500m?

3. Will they fund improvements for cycling to Shinfield Rise
4. How will workers get food – driving to Shinfield Rise, Asda etc or on-site mobile catering van
5. Will there be enough onsite parking in designated spaces
6. Will they provide EV charging for HGVs
7. Would they allow Shinfield Players to use the northern car park in the evenings

11.5 Spencers Wood Nursery

It had been brought to the attention of the council that the car park at the rear of the site had been changed to a children's play area, creating parking problems on the Basingstoke Road and Spring Gardens. Members believed that this change of use would require approval.

Cllr Hoyle reported that BCllr Glover was also aware of the situation and he would ask if she had raised this with WBC Enforcement.

ACTION – Cllr Hoyle to check if this issue had been raised with WBC Enforcement and to report back to the committee

25/PC/12

Date of the next meeting

- 12.1 The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 12th February 2025

The meeting ended at 21:26

List of Actions

25/PC/3

24/PC/94 & 85.2	Cllr Hoyle offered to investigate "when did Woodcock Lane cease being a bridle way and to request that motor vehicles are restricted	Cllr Hoyle
24/PC/112.3	Clerk to report to committee when the outline costs for a Spencers Wood village centre feasibility study was available	Clerk
24/PC/121.1	Clerk to contact MOTION for advice regarding the streetlighting on B roads in the parish	Clerk
25/PC/4.1	Clerk to add to the agenda of the next Full Council meeting the meeting schedule of the Planning and Highways Committee	Clerk
25/PC/5.2	Clerk to resubmit a response to Planning Application 241964 to request that the proposed extension complies with WBC policy on sustainability by ensuring it does not cast a shadow over the neighbouring property.	Clerk
25/PC/5.3	Clerk to respond to Planning Application 241861 to state that Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) stood by their initial response and to request that they have an opportunity to speak at the relevant planning meeting.	Clerk
25/PC/5.4	Clerk to respond to Planning Application 243188 to state the concerns over upstream flooding, inadequate utility supplies particularly sewerage and drainage, and traffic problems and to request that, throughout the development phase to completion, a regular detailed report is given.	Clerk
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25/PC/6.2	Clerk to respond to the resident to inform him that the comments made by SPC on Planning Application 233038 would be available to the inspectorate and they didn't feel they could enhance this further.	Clerk
25/PC/10.2	Clerk to apply to register the three areas identified as 'Assets of Community Value'.	Clerk
25/PC/11.5	Cllr Hoyle to check if this issue had been raised with WBC Enforcement and to report back to the committee	Cllr Hoyle

Date: 28 January 2025
Application: 233038
Appeal: APP/X0360/W/24/3354607



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Dear Bruce Winton

PUBLIC INQUIRY

Appeal by: Mr J Van Laun - Wates Developments Ltd

Site Address: Land East of Hayes Drive North of 3 Mile Cross, Wokingham

Proposal: Outline application for the proposed erection of up to 148 dwellings together with associated infrastructure including public open space, with access only to be considered. (Details of appearance, landscaping, Layout and Scale are reserved). Application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment. Application is a potential departure from local plan.

This is to inform you that the Inspector appointed by the Office of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government will hold a Public Inquiry into this appeal at **The Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN.**

The nominated Inspector for the inquiry is **S Watson** BA(Hons) MCD MRTPI and the Inquiry will open at **10:00 am Tuesday the 25th of February**. The Inquiry is due to run for **8 days**.

Documents relating to the appeal are visible on the Council's website by viewing application number **233038**, [Wokingham Borough Council Online Planning](https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning/online-planning).

You may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, take part in the discussion. Anyone wishing to speak at the Inquiry should make themselves known to the Inspector on the day.

If you wish to participate in the inquiry virtually, please contact the Local Planning Authority for details on planning.appeals@wokingham.gov.uk.

Please note that the Case Officer contact at the Planning Inspectorate is: Alison Dyson, Tel: 0303 444 5304, Email: ALISON.DYSON@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

The decision will be published on the [Planning Inspectorate](#) website and on the Council's website. The Planning Inspectorate References is APP/X0360/W/24/**3354607**.

Anyone with a disability, who wishes to attend the inquiry is advised to contact planning.appeals@wokingham.gov.uk to check that suitable provisions are available.

Yours sincerely,
Development Management & Compliance

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

6th February 2025

Item 5.1

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
APP/X0360/D/24/3356530	95 Hyde End Lane Ryeish GreenSpencers Wood,	RG7 1ES	Householder (HAS)		242085	2		In progress
APP/X0360/W/24/3354607	Land east of Hayes Drive and north of Church Lane		Planning (W)		233038	2		In progress
	Front Plot At Shinfield Court Three Mile Cross	RG7 1HB	Planning (W)		240307	2		Plymouth Brethren regarding refusal of planning permission for shop.
APP/X0360/W/23/3329586	Land adjacent to 176 Hyde End Road	RG2 9ER	Planning (W)		231229 223646	3	22/05/2024	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/D/24/3337926	253 Shinfield Road	RG2 8HF	Householder (HAS)		232141	3	05/04/2024	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/W/23/3326997	Belamie Gables, 210 Hyde End Road	RG7 1DG	Planning (W)		223802	3	08/02/2024	
APP/X0360/C/23/3314060	Uplands, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AP	Enforcement Notice	L2	222052	3	17/11/2023	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	17/11/2023	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/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/22/3303625	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/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/22/3297923	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/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/22/3296611	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/21/3275086	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/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/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/21/3274461	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/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/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/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/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
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

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
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/19/3222049	Leyland Gardens Reading Berkshire	RG2 9AN	Householder (HAS)		181780	3	01/08/2019	WBC refused PA. Developers Appeal to PI was dismissed
APP/X0360/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/18/3199728	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/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/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/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/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/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/17/3173465	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/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/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/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/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/22/3311543	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/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

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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/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/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/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
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/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/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/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/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/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
3 =	Complete - WBC original decision upheld
4 =	Complete - WBC original decision overturned
5 =	Complete - Appeal withdrawn
Lx =	Linked cases
xxxx	Indicates changed since previous report

Reference	Address	Case Detail	Closed Date	Closure Reason
RFS/2024/089157	73 Clares Green Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DU	A mobile home in the garden next to the house	30 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2024/089600	44 Falcon Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8EL	Windows in loft not non opening	15 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2024/089920	315 Hyde End Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DD	Large building erected without permission possibly a workshop	20 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2024/089925	Sussex Lodge, Sussex Lane, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1BY	Unauthorised erection of outbuilding	30 January 2025	Application submitted
RFS/2024/090005	Land Between Cutbush Lane, Arborfield Road &, Shinfield Road, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9BE	check on Lane End Farmhouse use as residential property	2 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2025/090020	Land adj to Lambourn House, Brookers Hill, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9BX	potential breach to digger delivery and works on site	14 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2024/090029	Land to North of Hayes Drive, Three Mile Cross	unauthorised pile of earth left over from development	13 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2025/090032	52 Oatlands Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DN	COU to a pilates studio	14 January 2025	No breach

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RFS/2025/090061	Wisteria Cottage, Church Lane, Three Mile Cross, Reading, RG7 1HD	building new 2 storey building	29 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2025/090075	12c Grovelands Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DP	build not in accordance with approved plan 221053	31 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2025/090081	Gravelly Bridge Farm, Grazeley Green Road, Grazeley, Wokingham, RG7 1LG	Full app for temp CofU of agri land	30 January 2025	No breach
RFS/2025/090083	Thames Valley Science Park, Thames Valley Park, Shinfield, Reading	RM pursuant to O/2009/1027 comprising the construction gateway	30 January 2025	No breach

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RFS/2023/088920	GBSA, Gravelly Bridge Farm, Grazeley Green Road, Grazeley, Wokingham, RG7 1LG	Rifle club without permission	Awaiting consultee advice
RFS/2024/089113	The Lieutenants Cottage, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1AP	unauthorised works to a listed building	Awaiting application
RFS/2024/089424	The Paddocks, Kybes Lane, Grazeley, Wokingham	Running commercial activities in breach of item 5	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2024/089464	41 Appleby Walk, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG7 1UZ	Erection of an extension to the existing garage and outbuilding	Awaiting application
RFS/2024/089465	Land to the rear of 15, 16 & 17, Elizabeth Rout Close, Spencers Wood, RG7 1 DQ	Use of land for storage and possible breach of conditions	Awaiting compliance
RFS/2024/089657	52 Oatlands Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DN	Build not in accordance with approved plans 240188	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2024/089687	Land Rear Of Stanbury House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, RG7 1AJ	building waste dumped on SANG site	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2024/089836	Land west of Basingstoke Road, Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, RG71AZ	Digging up field and putting in a road and damage to oak tree with TPO	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2024/089922	45 Hyde End Lane, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1EP	refusal of application 242475	Awaiting application

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RFS/2024/089924	Sussex Lodge, Sussex Lane, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1BY	Unauthorised listed building works/demolition	Awaiting application
RFS/2024/089926	16 Woodside Way, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8SX	erection of an outbuilding	Awaiting compliance
RFS/2024/089969	9 Saxon Close, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1WW	Enclosure of open amenity land	Awaiting application
RFS/2024/090001	4 Great Lea Terrace, Three Mile Cross, Reading, RG7 1PB	Removal of caravan and all resulting debris within 3 months of cessati	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2024/090004	Land Adjacent to Lane end House, Shinfield Road, Shinfield, RG2 9BB	GDV check for Affordable Housing Contribution calc	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2025/090010	52 Oatlands Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DN	Erection of fence	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2025/090044	Cathain, Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 1AS	MCOU - enclosed previously open amenity land	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2025/090059	14 Grovelands Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DP	Building and demolition started on dwelling without relevant planning	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2025/090060	67 Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9EP	Building work not in accordance with approved plans (fence & height	New case

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RFS/2025/090067	Outbuilding On The East Side Of Eastfield Cottage, Church Lane, Three Mile Cross, RG7 1HD	Ditch dug and fence removed by developer without permission	New case
RFS/2025/090086	44 Falcon Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8EL	noncompliance with condition relating to eastern elevation windows	Site visit pending

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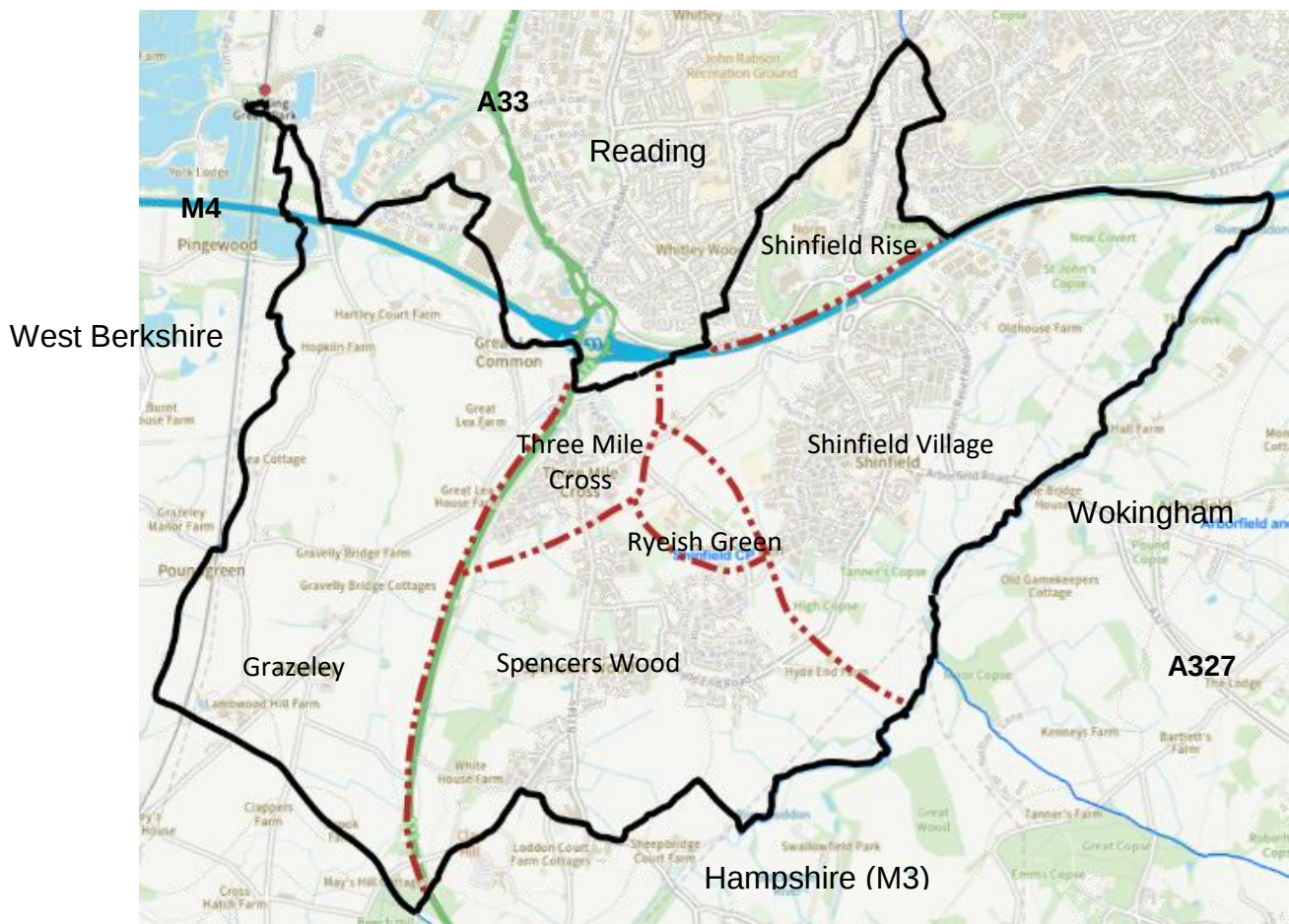
1. SHINFIELD PARISH - LOCAL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN (LATP)

The aim of the Shinfield parish LATP proposals are to identify local active travel routes (LATRs) which require development within Shinfield Parish. SPC's expectations are that Wokingham Borough Council (WBC), who have made active travel one of their priorities, and developers will take these LATRs into consideration when developing active travel proposals that affect the Parish.

Shinfield Parish Council has adopted a LATP, as part of their Neighbourhood Plan, to develop a safe, accessible and well signed network of local active travel routes (LATRs) in and around Shinfield parish. The focus of the LATP is on maintenance, improvements and development of smaller LATRs which can connect and give access to larger routes, including;

- **Ensuring ALL school routes (incl. SANG routes) are safe & accessible all year round.**
- Improving connecting routes between all wards of the parish, allowing easy access to schools & facilities within the parish.
- Improving LATRs to neighbouring parishes & towns, allowing access to wider range of facilities for both Shinfield and surrounding parishes.
- Protecting Public Rights of Way as our heritage and maintaining & promoting usage of these.
- Developing a constructive relationship with developers and local planners.

This Plan is intended to complement the Active Travel Plan of Reading Borough Council (RBC), and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure and Active Travel Plans of Wokingham Borough Council.



2. LOCAL AMENITIES & LOCATIONS

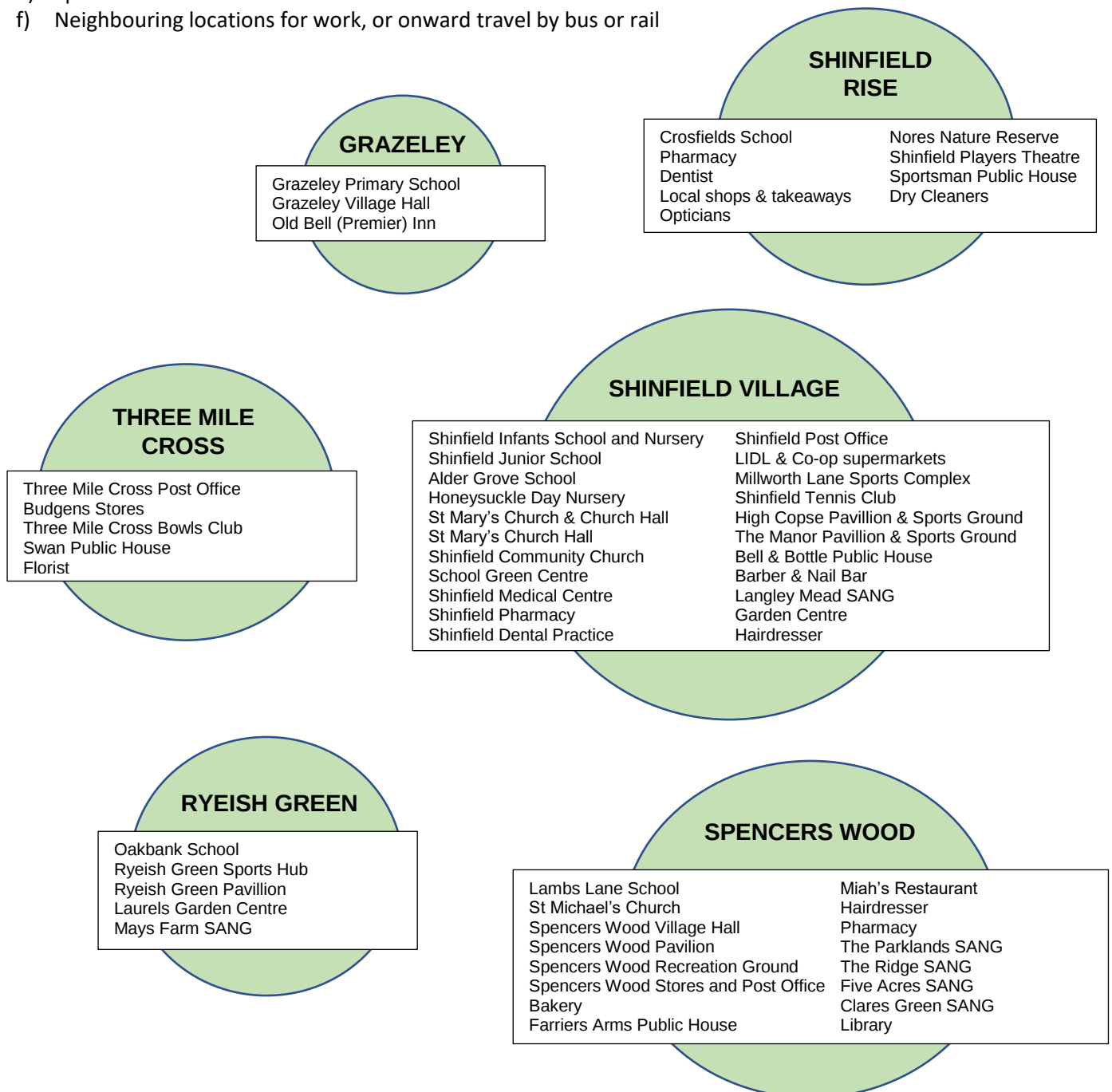
Principal locations of Shinfield parish:

South of M4 - Shinfield Village, Spencers Wood, Three Mile Cross, Ryeish Green, Grazeley

North of M4 - Shinfield Rise

The most identified local active travel journeys are to access:

- Shops and business services
- Schools
- Health services
- SANGs
- Sports and recreation facilities
- Neighbouring locations for work, or onward travel by bus or rail



3. LOCAL ACTIVE TRAVEL ASSESSMENT IN SHINFIELD PARISH

Residents are generally able to actively travel to amenities within the location they live.

Residents needing or wanting to actively travel to amenities in other locations within the parish are often met with challenges which prevent or discourage them from doing so.

4. LOCAL ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

- a) LATRs that need signposting
- b) LATRs that need surface upgrades
- c) LATRs that have missing links
- d) LATRs that are lengthy and inconvenient
- e) Grazeley is isolated from other locations via LATRs
- f) Limited LATRs between Shinfield North & South
- g) SANG LATRs with reduced year round accessibility

5. PROPOSALS TO ENCOURAGE AND ENHANCE ACTIVE TRAVEL IN SHINFIELD PARISH

1. SIGNPOSTING

All multi-use (walking, cycling & wheeling) LATRs to be signposted along their length, including:

- Urban LATRs through or adjacent to recent housing developments.
- SANG LATRs
- Established rural LATRs
- Entrance points to LATR's from main roads
- Strategic partners: SPC, WBC

1.1 Bolton Drive/Beke Avenue – signing for multiuse ATR

1.2 Fullbrook Avenue – signing for multiuse ATR

2. SURFACE UPGRADES

2.1 Footpath 16 – section from The Ridge to Hyde End Lane

- Repositioning of telegraph poles
- Upgrade surfacing to permeable bonded surface or tarmac
- Proposal currently assigned to WBC

2.2 Footpath 13 – section from Hyde End Lane/Ryeish Lane to SANG (30m)

- Upgrade surface to bonded surface or Type 1
- Removing Bollard & widening
- Strategic partners: SPC & WBC

2.3 Footpath 12 – From Hollow Lane to LIDL

- Upgrade surface
- Widening
- Improve lighting
- Strategic partners: SPC & WBC

2.4 Footpath 15 - Millworth Lane to Langley Mead SANG

- Upgrade surface
- Proposal currently assigned to UoR

3. MISSING LINKS

3.1 Footpath 8 via Six Bells to St Marys Church/School Green Centre/The Ridge/Schools

- Develop new safe ATRs parallel to Church Lane
- Strategic partners: SPC, WBC, UoR

3.2 Ryeish Lane from Shipridge Drive to Hyde End Lane

- Develop new path parallel to Ryeish Lane
- Strategic partners: SPC, WBC, landowner

3.3 A327 cycle way from Shinfield Rise to Black Boy Roundabout

- Continuation of designated cycleway from Reading
- Proposal currently assigned to WBC
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4. NEIGHBOURING LOCATIONS INCLUDING TRANSPORT LINKS

4.1 Multiuse path from Eastern Relief Road to Observer Way in Arborfield

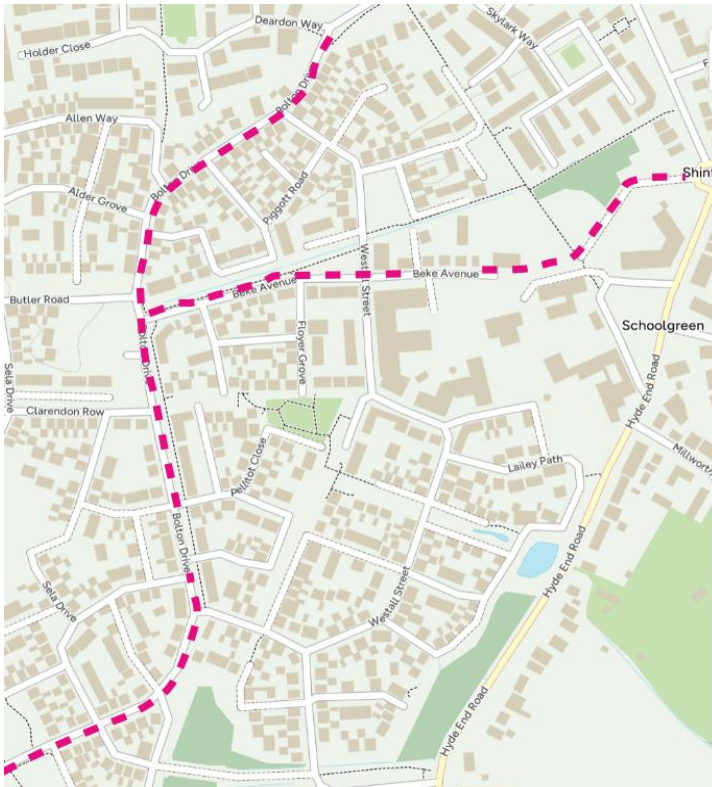
- Develop ATR parallel to A327
- Proposal currently assigned to WBC

5. SANG ROUTES

5.1 Footpath 17 – section from Church Lane to Deardon Field

- Upgrade to SANG specification
- Strategic partners: SPC, UoR

1.1 Bolton Drive/Beke Avenue – signing for multiuse LATR



- Bolton Drive – Bus Gate to Deardon Way (907m)
- Beke Avenue – Bolton Drive to Hollow Lane (570m)
- Blue multi-use signs need to be installed
- Signs can be attached to lamp posts currently in place
- Sign needed on Hollow Lane indicating Cycle LATR

LATR from Spencers Wood to Shinfield Village incl. LIDL & School Green Centre.

LATR to transport links - buses 3 & 600.



1.2 Fullbrook Avenue – signing for multiuse LATR along entire length

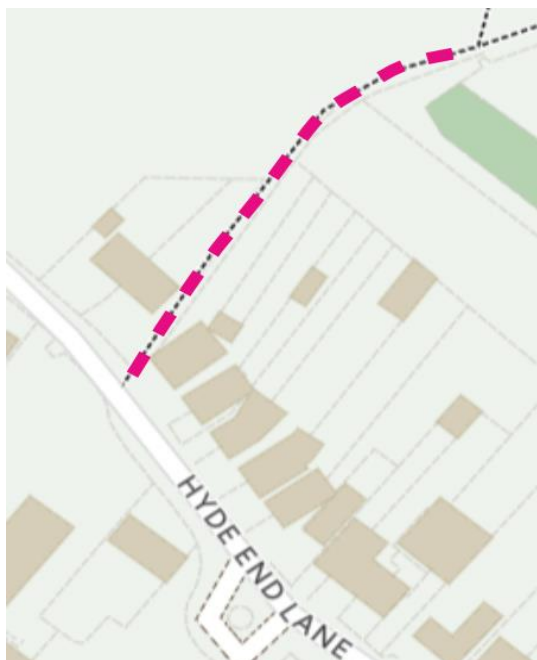


- Hyde End Road – Hyde End Lane (1km)
- Blue multi-use signs to be installed along cycle route on left side
- Signs can be attached to lamp posts currently in place
- Sign needed on Hyde Road indicating cycle LATR turn off.

LATR from Spencers Wood to Ryeish Green incl. Oakbank School, SANGs and Three Mile Cross. Links with Bolton Drive LATR to School Green facilities via Bus Gate.



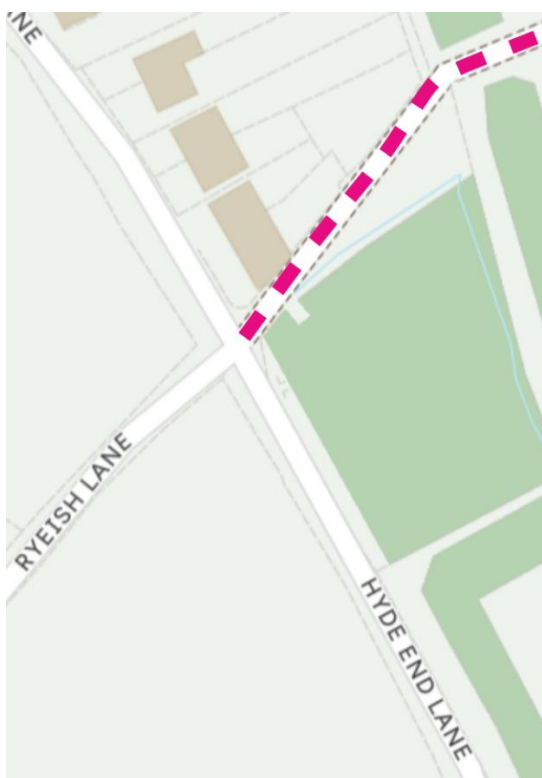
2.1 Footpath 16 – section from The Ridge to Hyde End Lane



- Hyde End Lane to The Ridge (105m)
- Upgrade surface to permeable bonded surface or tarmac
- Reposition telegraph poles
- Full spec for path available from UoR

LATR connecting Shinfield Village to Ryeish Green incl. Oakbank School.

2.2 Footpath 13 – section from Hyde End Lane/Ryeish Lane to SANG



- Hyde End Lane to SANG (80m)
- Upgrade surface to bonded surface or Type 1
- Remove Bollard & widen

LATR from Ryeish Green to Shinfield Village incl. Alder Grove School & High Copse Sports Ground.

2.3 Footpath 12 - from Hollow Lane to LIDL



- Hollow Lane to Footpath 11 & LIDL (115m).
- Upgrade surface
- Cut back vegetation
- Improve lighting

LATR to local bus stop connecting Shinfield Village to Shinfield Rise & Reading.

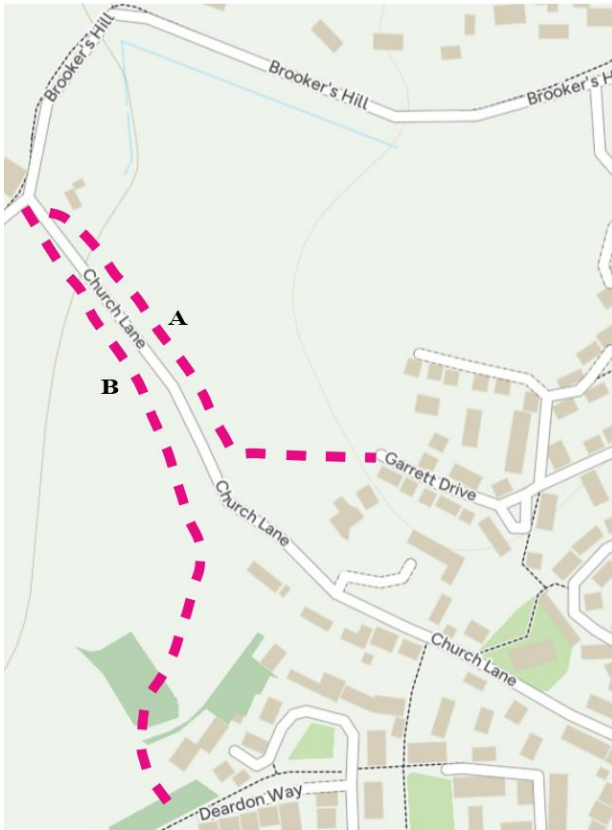
2.4 Footpath 15 - from Milworth Lane Sports Ground to Langley Mead SANG



- Milworth Lane Sports ground to Tennis Langley Mead SANG (100m).
- Upgrade surface

LATR from Milworth Recreation Ground to Langley Mead Extension.

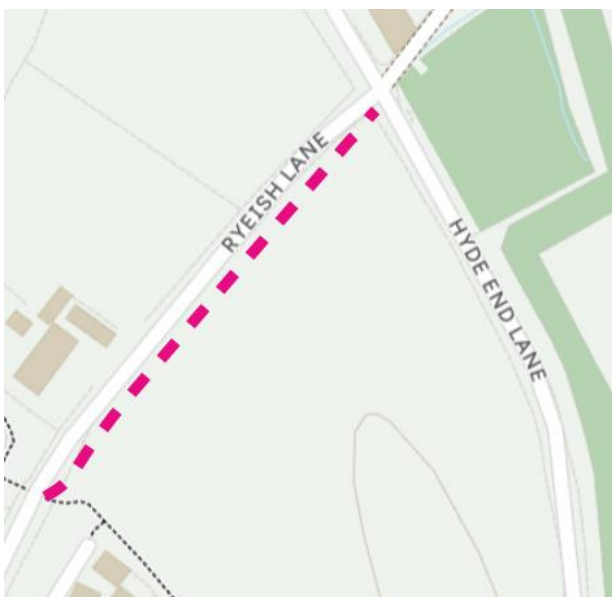
3.1 Six Bells to St Mary's Church



- Six Bells to St Mary's Church
- Route A (308m) via Garrett Drive
- Route B (450m) via Footpath 16 at Deardon Field.

Safe LATR connecting Shinfield Rise to Shinfield Village including LATRs to Aldergrove & Oakbank Schools.

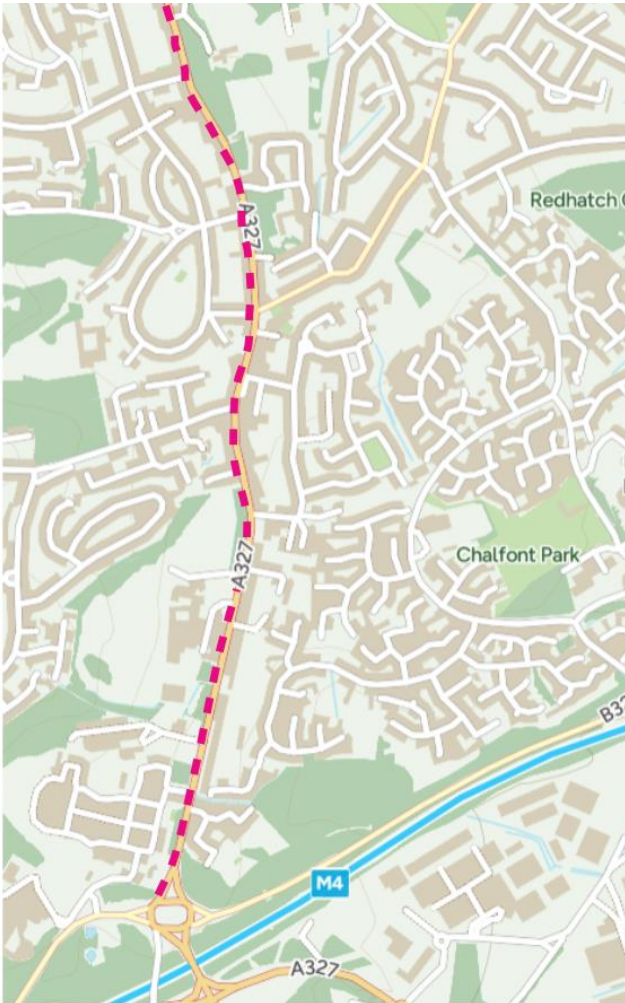
3.2 Ryeish Lane - Shipridge Drive to Hyde End Lane



- Shipridge Drive to Hyde End Lane
- Path to be constructed on land adjacent to Ryeish Lane

Safe LATR connecting Spencers Wood to Alder Grove School, The Ridge SANG, High Copse Sports Ground and Shinfield Village.

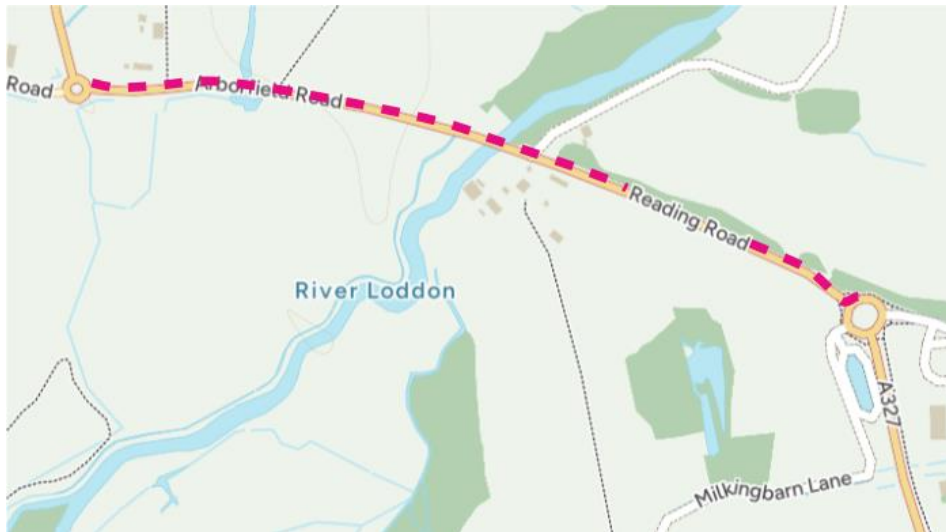
3.3 Cycleway from Black Boy Roundabout to Shinfield Rise



- Cycleway to be constructed along the length of the A327 from the Black Boy Roundabout to Shinfield Rise (2km)

LATR from Shinfield Rise to Shinfield Village.
Detailed design in WBC Walking and Cycling
Infrastructure Plan.

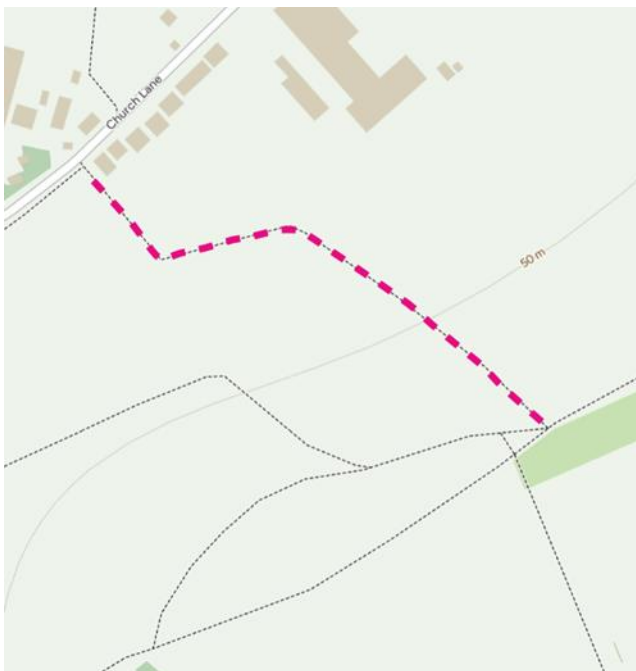
4.1 Multiuse path - Shinfield ERR to Observer Way in Arborfield



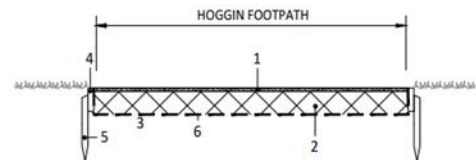
- Construct multiuse path parallel to A327 (1km)
- Plan in WBC long term development plans

LATR between Arborfield and Shinfield Village.

5.1 Upgrade Footpath 17 from Church Lane to Footpath 16 at Deardon Field



- Upgrade Footpath 17 to a firm surface (450m) from Church Lane to Footpath 16 - Deardon Field
- Suggested surface is Hoggins Path



HOGGIN FOOTPATH

HOGGIN FOOTPATH DETAILS

1. 20mm thick wet rolled crushed stone with 0-13mm nominal aggregate size.
2. Type 1 sub-base dtp (cl803) laid 150mm thick. compacted to max. 1:40 (2.5%) crossfall or min. 1:50 (2%) camber
3. Formation to be rolled and granular weedkiller applied
4. Pressure treated timber boards 38 x 150mm
5. Pressure treated timber stake, 50 x 50 x 600mm
6. Geotextile membrane; terram 1000 or similar product

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1. INTRODUCTION

Shinfield Parish Council has developed a policy to encourage Cycling, Walking and the Use of Public Transport within Shinfield Parish. The purpose of the policy is to inform Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council and developers when developing travel proposals that affect the Parish.

In 2021 the United Kingdom hosted the COP26 meeting to further the worldwide carbon emissions reduction strategy. In this context, Shinfield Parish Council is developing a range of measures to reduce carbon emissions including renewing buildings with lower carbon footprints, using electric vehicles and encouraging alternatives to fossil fuel-based car travel through negotiating improvements to the local bus network to make services more usable and working with partners to improve knowledge and use of walking and cycling routes (Appendix 3).

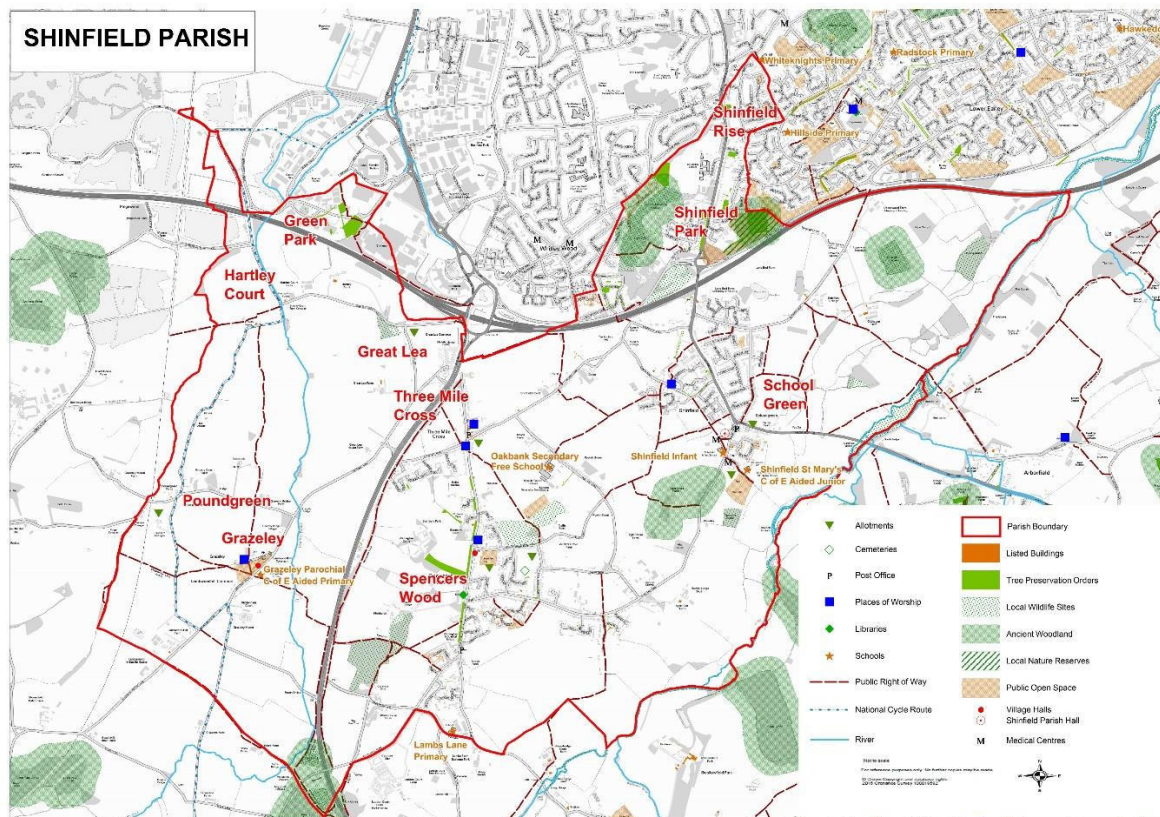
2. THE SHINFIELD CONTEXT

Shinfield Parish includes the South of the M4 Strategic Development Plan, leading to a forecast population growth from 11,000 to 19000 persons by 2025 which is a population increase of 8000. At current levels of vehicle usage local road use is likely to grow by approximately 4000 vehicles with little further improvement planned to infrastructure

The parish acts as road transport funnel for vehicles travelling to the M4 at Junction 11 and to Reading from Hampshire via the A33 dual carriageway, South Wokingham and the West Surrey via the two lane A327. In recent years the majority of traffic on the A327 has been diverted onto the Eastern Relief Road away from residential areas. However, traffic aiming for Junction 11 of the M4 cuts through the villages along the narrow Hyde End Road and Church Lane routes rather than using the B3270 along the north side of the M4.

Reading Borough Council has developed a strategic cycle route alongside the South Reading Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) route along the A33 from the south side of the M4 into the town centre and is planning a Cycle Way from Shinfield Rise into Reading starting at the northern edge of the parish.

3. GEOGRAPHY



Shinfield Parish is located to the south-east of Reading and in the west of Wokingham borough. The parish consists of three major geographic areas with significant differences in accessibility:

- a) **North:** Shinfield North is the part of the parish north of the M4 which is an urban extension of South-East Reading. The area has a main road linking it with south of the parish and Reading town centre and will have connections to the main cycle route from Reading to the University and Shinfield Rise as well as a number of quieter roads. It is linked to Junction 12 of the M4 and has good urban bus services and is within the Reading fare zone.
- b) **South:** Shinfield, Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross and the South of M4 Strategic Development Location contains the major part of the parish population plus the Shinfield Studios and University Science Park. By 2022 the area will also include five primary age schools and one secondary school. The area is bounded by the M4 to the north, the River Loddon to the south and east and the A33 Swallowfield Bypass to the west.
Internally the area has two north-south roads and two east-west roads and a series of quiet lanes and By-ways linking the communities as well as an east-west sustainable transport link for buses, cyclists and pedestrians. The area has limited crossing points for cars and cyclists with two main road crossings of the Loddon and also a By-way and another quiet lane for cyclists. There are only two road crossings and two further foot and cycle crossings of the M4 and only two road crossings of the A33.
- c) **West:** West of the A33 to the Basingstoke - Reading Railway line (the approximate border of SHINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL and Wokingham BC) there are a network of quiet lanes and By-ways suited to walking and cycling. The area also contains a road link across the M4 to the new Reading

Green Park Station and to the Kennet riverbank footpaths. The road is part of the Round Berkshire Cycle Route. The area has a small population and is part of the Burghfield Detailed Evacuation Planning Zone (DEPZ) and is likely to remain relatively undeveloped farmland.

Geographic and administrative definitions

Shinfield North is coterminous with parish and borough ward boundaries. Shinfield South and West areas are coterminous with all other parish wards and includes Shinfield South and part of Swallowfield borough council wards. The use of north, south and West in this policy relate to definitions in paragraph 3 (a, b, c).

4. TRAVEL POLICY OBJECTIVES

Shinfield Parish Council Travel Policy objectives are to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to meet their daily travel and leisure requirements by walking and cycling through:

- a) A connected and linked network of walking and cycling routes along quiet roads and dedicated off road routes.
- b) Provision of such walking and cycling that go where people need and want to go.
- c) Segregated and protected walking and cycling spaces on busy roads where alternative routes are not available.
- d) Reduced speed limits on all roads shared by cyclists and motor vehicles.
- e) Connections to a wider network of segregated routes to Reading, Lower Earley/Winnersh Triangle and Arborfield.
- f) Increased access across the A33 to the west of the Parish including to the Mere Oak Park and Ride, Reading Green Park Station and the River Kennet for leisure, school and work journeys.
- g) Provision of new segregated routes that are safely shared between walking and cycling.
- h) Retaining the character of our quiet lanes.
- i) Improving access to Public Transport
- j) Improving road safety
- k) Improving availability of information on sustainable travel options for local travel

5. RESIDENTS NEEDS.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2008) indicated that the majority of residents work outside of the parish. This may change with the advent of the Science Park and Film Studios. The majority of Primary Age children are educated within one of the local schools (5 existing and 1 planned) whilst secondary school pupils are educated at the local Oakbank School or at schools in Arborfield, Reading and Wokingham.

Each major village has a fuel garage, vehicle repair garage, sub-post office and at least two convenience stores whilst a larger store is planned for School Green. The area has a baker, a butcher, flower shops, hair-dressers/barbers, 5 open Public Houses, and a garden centre. The villages are separated by green wedges and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANG) so they are not close enough for all travel between the villages to be walkable but are close enough to be within cycling distance.

However, within the individual villages all residences are within walkable distance of local facilities. Residents in Shinfield North are within walking distance of local facilities in Whitley and Shinfield Rise within Reading borough.

The largest local travel activities are split between local journeys within the parish and journeys to facilities which serve residents outside the parish:

- a) To shops and business services
- b) To schools
- c) To health services
- d) To the SANGs, sports and recreation facilities
- e) To Reading for Work, Onward Travel by Bus or Rail

Local travel activities with accessibility within or from outside the parish

ID	Destination	Location		Accessibility			
		Within Parish	Outside Parish	Walking route	Cycling route	Bus service	Car access
S01	Local Shops, business services	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
SO2	Large shops, businesses etc	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
E01	Primary Schools	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
E02	Secondary Schools	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
E03	Secondary Schools		YES		NO	NO	YES
EO4	University of Reading Whiteknights campus		YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
H01	Local Health services (Shinfield)	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
H02	Local Health services (Swallowfield/ Whitley)		YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
H03	Hospital services (Royal Berks)	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
R01	Green space and SANGS	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
R02	Sport facilities/fields	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
R03	Recreation/community facilities	YES		YES	YES	NO	YES
W01	Work at Science Park/Film Studios	YES		YES*	YES	YES*	YES
W02	Work in greater Reading		YES	YES**	YES	YES	YES
W03	Onward travel by rail*** or bus	YES		NO	YES	NO	YES
W04	Onward travel by rail or bus****		YES	NO	YES	YES	YES

*From Shinfield and Shinfield north

**South Reading

***Following opening of Reading Green Park Station and restart of National Express coach services from Mere Oak Park and Ride.

****Reading Station

The largest travel flows for employment are to South Reading, University of Reading and inwards to the Science Park/Film studios.

6. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- a) Reading bus services 3 & 8 provide a frequent bus service to and from the East of the Parish. Mere oak Park & Ride provides a frequent service into Reading.
- b) Park and Ride services stopping at Hartley Court Turn (A33 Bus gate) provide frequent services to Reading town centre and station for Three Mile Cross residents.
- c) Service 9 from Fullbrook Avenue does not stop along a considerable section of Hyde End Road restricting access to local residents. Plans are being evaluated for 3 additional stops on this section.
- d) Service 7 from Spencers Wood to Reading has timetable gaps in service of up to 2.5 hours.
- e) Service 7 has a restricted service south of Spencers Wood to Swallowfield and Fleet which limits public transport access to Swallowfield Medical Practice.
- f) At times the route 7 & 9 timetables coincide along the Basingstoke Rd from Spencers Wood to/from Reading limiting the benefit of the additional capacity and sustainability of route 7.
- g) Services 8 & 9 form a circular route but ticketing ends at Fullbrook Avenue where route numbers and destination boards are changed. Significant local benefit would be created by merging the two routes into a single service provided by the same vehicle with through ticketing to give additional direct links to Reading destinations (Reading Station, town centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital), between Spencers Wood/Three Mile Cross and medical facilities in School Green and employment at the Science Park/Film studios.

7. THE CHALLENGES

- a) For residents of the south area internal walking routes are generally well-defined and road crossings generally well protected. An exception is the crossing of Hyde End Road at the western end of Shinfield when all pedestrians must cross from the north to the south of the road at a location with poor visibility. Certain roads require improvement such as Church Lane between the Six Bells and Shinfield Church which is increasingly busy and lacks any segregated footway to permit residents to walk to the M4 footbridge from the residential areas.
- b) Cyclists lack a connected route to the A33 cycle way as the pavement between Three Mile Cross and the A33 is only suitable for pedestrians and the road is very busy and narrow. An alternative route through the new estate north of Church Lane requires an improved cycle and walking connection to the A33.
- c) Within the south area cyclists should be directed to the sustainable transport link and internal cycle routes to keep them away from Church Lane and Hyde End Road. However, work is required to complete a suitable link from Fullbrook Avenue to Church Lane.
- d) A key cycle link exists along Cutbush Lane and links to the Lower Earley Way cycle lane. However, there is a gap for cyclists traveling to the University and Royal Berkshire Hospital along Shinfield Rd which need to be resolved. This also affects residents and visitors from Reading travelling to the Science Park/Film Studio. The M4 footbridge and Black Boy bus lane bridge provide exits from the south area but do not link to suitable routes into Reading.

- e) To the east there is a gap to Arborfield which should be resolved within the Wokingham Borough Council plan.
- f) Shinfield Parish Council has developed a map of cycling and walking routes which are publicised on the Parish website. This required wider broadcasting should be included in links from Wokingham's website.

8. WOKINGHAM PLANS FOR CYCLE WAYS IN SHINFIELD PARISH

Shinfield Parish is connected to the Wokingham Borough Council cycle routes:

- a) Wokingham, Winnersh, Earley and Reading (Routes CR3 and CR5) which connects with Cutbush Lane and serves the North and South area of the Parish providing segregated access to Earley and Winnersh Triangle.
- b) Beech Hill to Green Park is linked by CR4 through the west of the Parish but is disconnected from the populations of the South Shinfield Area.

The Wokingham Draft Plan aims to provide a safe network of cycling and walking routes between the towns and villages of Wokingham Borough.

Wokingham is developing a programme of Greenways, including route A to link Arborfield Cross with South Shinfield and the Loddon Long Distance Path. The route connects with Cutbush Lane and the Black Boy roundabout bus lane and provides a link through Greenway route F to Arborfield Garrison (Bohunt School) and through Route B to Wokingham and Emmbrook (Emmbrook and The Holt schools).

The new Hatch Farm spine road links to the lower Earley Way Cycle Route and provides another segregated cycle way to connect with the A329 cycle route (Forest School).

The proposed Loddon Long Distance Path is supported by the Shinfield Neighbourhood Plan to provide walking access along the north bank of the river Loddon.

9. GAPS BETWEEN SHINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL AND WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL ASSESSMENTS

- a) The routes proposed within Shinfield South in the draft plan are existing roads that are narrow and carry high levels of vehicular traffic and are considered by Shinfield Parish Council to be unsafe for cyclists.
- c) No infrastructure improvements are proposed to improve cyclist safety.
- d) The proposals do not provide segregated routes through the south of Shinfield between Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross and between Spencers Wood and Shinfield and propose that cyclists continue to use the busy unsegregated Basingstoke Road and Hyde End Road

10. PROPOSALS BY SHINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL TO IMPROVE CYCLING AND WALKING AROUND AND THROUGH SHINFIELD PARISH

Existing proposals and obligations

Existing proposals and obligations by developers, Wokingham Borough Council and Shinfield Parish Council should be completed:

- 1) Three Mile Cross Junction Improvement works with associated cycle way and foot path from Basingstoke Rd via the Parklands development and Deer Leap Park to Hays Drive roundabout to be completed.
- 2) Footways in sports fields west of Hyde End Lane to be completed connecting Fullbrook Avenue development with Ryeish Sports Hub and Oakbank School. Implement school zone safety measures around Oakbank School.
- 3) Publishing Wokingham Borough Council and Shinfield Parish Council Walking, Cycling and Bus information and maps on the Shinfield Parish Council website, notice boards, within community buildings and providing promotional material and weblinks to local schools and employers.
- 4) Wokingham Greenways routes A, B & K and Loddon Long Distance Footpath plans to be implemented.
- 5) Implementing 3 additional bus stops on Hyde End Road between Basingstoke Road and Fullbrook Avenue.
- 6) Implementing speed limit reductions and village gates on all main routes within Shinfield Parish to protect cyclists and pedestrians (see Appendix 4).

New proposals

New proposals by Shinfield Parish Council aim to improve the Draft Wokingham plan.

Proposal 1: Church Lane segregation

Build a cycleway/footway along or parallel to Church Lane from St. Mary's Church to the Six Bells Public House to connect with the M4 foot and cycle bridge to link north Shinfield and South Shinfield.

Proposal 2: Three Mile Cross Cycle Route.

Provide a segregated cycle route from Swallowfield and Spencers Wood to Three Mile Cross and the A33 Cycleway via either Lambs Lane, White House Lane and Woodcock Lane or segregated lanes on Basingstoke Road.

Proposal 3: Hyde End Lane segregation

Provide a walking and cycling route east of and parallel to Hyde End Lane from the Fullbrook Avenue Bus Gate to the Mays Farm SANG car park and Church Lane.

Proposal 4: Shinfield North Cycle route to Shinfield Rise

Create a cycling/walking path from the Black Boy roundabout northwards to link with the Reading Borough Council Cycle lane at Shinfield Rise to provide access to University of Reading, Royal Berkshire Hospital and support inward travel to the Science Park and Film Studio.

Proposal 5: Develop a cycle and walking route to link Spencers Wood, west of Shinfield village developments and Arborfield Cross.

Develop a cycle/walking route linking Spencers Wood and developments west of Shinfield village and Langley Mead SANG to Arborfield via a segregated route south of the A327 and linked to the Arborfield bypass cycle way.

Proposal 6: Develop a safe alternative cycling route to Hyde End Road

Develop a safe cycling route between Spencers wood and School Green either by segregated lanes on Hyde End Rd or via Clare Green Rd, Croft Rd, Hyde End Lane (south) Bus link, Bolton Drive and Beke Avenue

Proposal 7: Improve Bus routes 8 and 9 on weekdays

Improve routes 8 and 9 during weekdays by converting to a circular service with all route 9 journeys being started or extended as route 8 services which would improve connectivity between villages and increase revenue at nil cost to the operator or funders as the 9 route is already configured as a continuation of the 8. The limited retiming would improve timetable gaps between route 7 and 9 on Basingstoke Rd and provide all communities with high frequency bus services.

Appendix 1

Recreation and Sports facilities

a) Ryeish Green Sports Hub provides a variety of activity for the benefit of residents from anywhere within Wokingham Borough, including:

- i. Gym all ability activity
- ii. Badminton
- iii. Tennis
- iv. Football.

These activities cause parking and traffic congestion to the detriment of nearby residents. Football activity at weekends is a particular difficulty with several football pitches hosting several games each football day attracting teams and visitors from out of area.

Additional pitches with insufficient extra parking provision are being constructed nearby.

b) Millworth Lane Recreation Ground provides facilities for Cricket and Football

As with Ryeish Green, these activities cause parking and traffic congestion to the detriment of nearby residents. Football activity at weekends is a particular difficulty with several football pitches hosting several games each football day attracting teams and visitors from out of area.

Shinfield Parish Council proposes to migrate sports activity from Millworth Lane to new facilities coming on stream in 2022 and 2023 as below. After which the ground will revert to a recreation ground to provide a much needed leisure area for local residents.

c) The Manor Sports Ground

The Manor is due to open June 2022, will have a pavilion and will provide Cricket and Football facilities with some parking and will impact travel on Brookers Hill and adjacent areas.
The Pavilion will double as a social space for private hire when not being used for sporting related activities.

d) High Copse Sports Ground

High Copse is due to open 2023, will have a pavilion and will provide Cricket and Football facilities with some parking and will impact travel on Hyde End Road and adjacent areas

The Pavilion will double as a social space for private hire when not being used for sporting related activities.

The new sports centres described are being provided to meet a growing demand for sports facilities but will add to road congestion, particularly at weekends.

To manage the growth in leisure facilities the Parish Council will work with clubs and users to increase use of sustainable transport to these venues to minimise short distance car journeys

APPENDIX 2

Schools

Aldergrove Primary School

The school opened in 2020 and is located at the edge of the West of Shinfield (village) development and is connected by footpaths and cycle way to Ryeish Green and north of Hyde End Rd developments.

The school is planned as a walkable site and evidence be gathered as it becomes fully occupied.

Grazeley Parochial School

The school serves a dispersed rural community and is only accessible by car and walking for very local children

Lambs Lane

The school serves Spencers Wood, Three Mile Cross and Swallowfield and lacks safe walking and cycling routes for parent and children along the Basingstoke Road. Pavements are discontinuous on with the pedestrians having to change sides twice between Three Mile Cross and Lambs Lane of Basingstoke Road and vehicles stop at shops in Spencers Wood park on the only pavements.

Shinfield Infants and St. Mary's Junior schools

Located at School Green in Shinfield the schools are within a large walkable community and have local bus services to Shinfield North and part of Spencers Wood although there are no bus stops within the West of Shinfield development.

Significant parking issues arise every day leading to risks of accidents between cars and children.

Oakbank Secondary School (next door to Ryeish Green Sports Hub)

Oakbank School has a particular problem because of its remoteness and wide catchment area which encourages parents to deliver and collect a large number of pupils by car each school day.

There is considerable congestion and the start and end of each school day. Parents are resisting efforts by the school management team to encourage less car use.

A draft proposal to mitigate this issue is being prepared by Wokingham Borough Council

Shinfield Parish Council will provide Oakbank School with a map of local walking and cycling routes, a copy of which will be placed on a notice board in the road outside the school at start of Shinfield Footpath 16 (A surfaced path suitable for walkers and cyclists)

APPENDIX 3

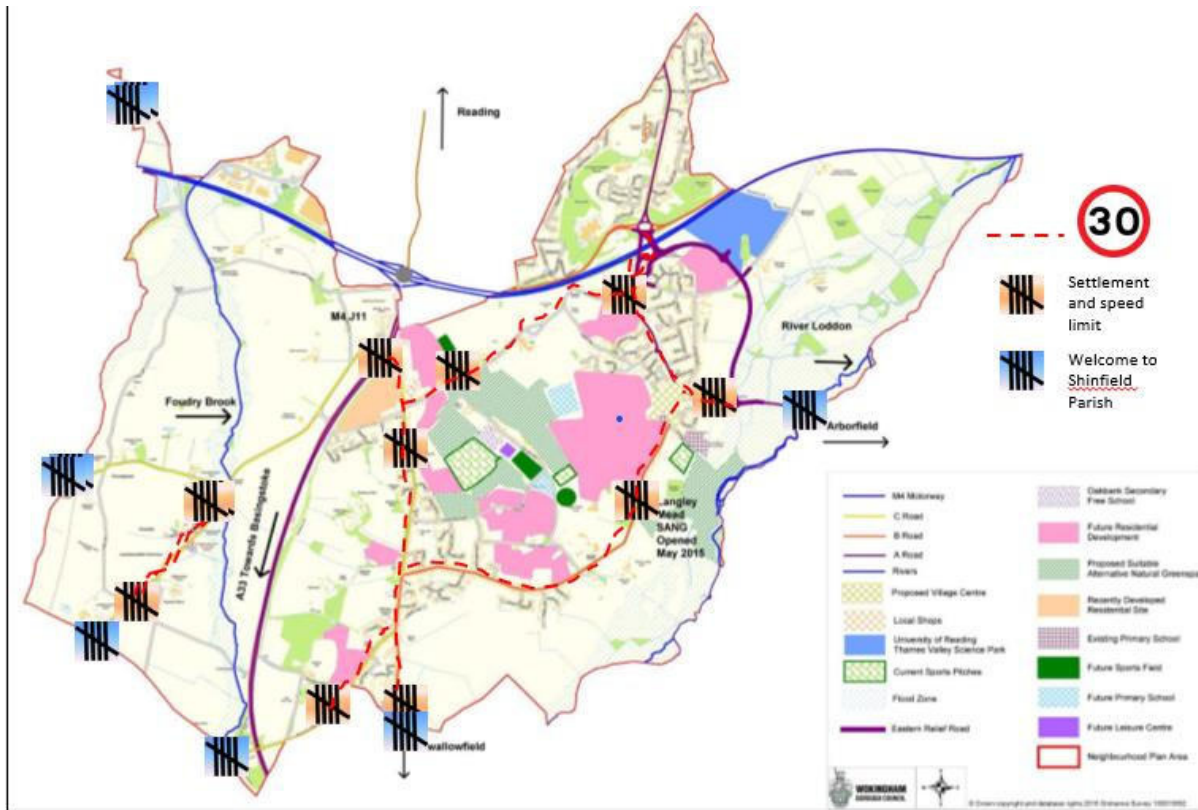
Implementing safe walking and cycling routes

Safe Walking and Cycling within the Parish is addressed in part by the introduction of signposted and mapped off-road or quiet road walking and cycling routes which are being developed in stages

- a) Stage 1 Central area between Shinfield South, Ryeish Green and Three Mile Cross is complete
- b) Stage 2 Integration of the Manor, Shinfield, into the sign posted central area routes.
An order has been placed for the signs
- c) Stage 3 Integration of Parklands/Footpath 20/Clares Green/adjacent Basingstoke Rd to be assessed and implemented during Spring 2022.
- d) Stage 4 Routes from Shinfield central area to Green Park and in Grazeley direction to be assessed and implemented during Autumn 2022.
- e) “You are here” maps are to be placed end 2021 on strategically placed notice boards in the central area to encourage usage.
- f) Public Rights of Way within Shinfield Parish should be regularly maintained for use by the public for travel and leisure purposes
- g) Where integral to Shinfield Parish Council Travel Policy, Wokingham Borough Council should be petitioned to upgrade Public Rights of Way when appropriate.

APPENDIX 4

Speed limits and village gates



APPENDIX 5

Community Transport

Using public transport can be challenging for people with health conditions or restricted mobility.

Being able to get from A to B is crucial for maintaining a healthy, happy, active and enjoyable lifestyle.

Community Transport services help people get to where they need to go.

Three Community Transport organisations provide this service in Shinfield Parish and are given financial support by Shinfield Parish Council.

1. Readibus

Tele: 0118 931 0000

Website: www.readibus.co.uk

ReadiBus is a Registered Charity founded in the early 1980's to provide a community transport service for the residents of the boroughs of Reading, Wokingham and West Berks.

Funding

Funding is through community grants from local authorities and through individual fund raising and legacies

Driver Training

Staff and volunteers are trained in safety procedures and other routines that are essential to the provision of a safe and dependable service.

Vehicles

ReadiBuses are extra-long-wheelbase Mercedes Sprinters with a passenger lift at the rear to enable door-to-door operation in narrow streets where there is double car-parking on either side of the street.

Services

Readibus provides a local bus service for doctor and hospital appointments and for shopping and other trips.

ReadiBus also runs a programme of excursions and day trips to shopping and seaside venues

Membership and Fees

Members must be registered.

Users with restricted mobility or carers can register on the website.

There is no registration fee.

Fares

There are no fares for local journeys. The service is open to Reading or Wokingham bus pass holders only.

There are modest fares to pay for excursions but help may be available for anyone in need of financial assistance.

2. Keep Mobile

Tele: 0345 544 0850

Website: www.keep-mobile.org.uk

Keep Mobile is a voluntary organisation established in 1992 to provide a community transport service for the residents of the boroughs of Wokingham and Bracknell Forest.

Funding

Funding is through community grants from local authorities and through individual fund raising and legacies

Driver Training

Keep Mobile drivers and passenger assistants are trained to the nationally recognised MiDAS/PATS standard, (Community Transport Association's Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) as recognised by the Department of Transport and RoSPA.

Vehicles

Keep Mobile operate 16 seater mini-buses all of which have adaptable seating arrangements to suit varying needs and are equipped with passenger lifts.

Services

Keep Mobile provides a local bus service for doctor and hospital appointments and for shopping and other trips.

Keep Mobile also run a programme of excursions and day trips to shopping and seaside venues

Membership and Fees

Membership is open to anyone living in the area covered by Wokingham Borough Council, or disabled, or over the age of 70 through self-certification.

Members must be registered. Users or Carers can register on the website.

Membership fee	£1.00
Annual subscription	£9.00

Fares

There are no fares for local journeys by Wokingham bus pass holders.

There are modest fares to pay by non-bus pass holders and for excursions.

3. Shinfield Voluntary Car Service

The Shinfield Voluntary Car Service is a Registered Charity that was founded in 2010 to provide a community transport service for residents of Shinfield Parish and patients of the Swallowfield Medical Practice.

Telephone

0118 9883400

Email: shinvol@gmail.com

Funding

Funding is through client contributions & donations plus local authority grant applications and subsidies

Driver Training

Drivers receive training from our own accredited 'MiDAS' trainer on giving passengers a safe and comfortable journey. Training includes an observed drive.

A MiDAS certificate is awarded on passing.

All drivers are required to be DBS screened (Police checked)

Vehicles

Drivers use their own cars. Some vehicles are suitable for carrying portable, folding wheelchairs.

Motor insurance, road tax and MOT certificates are inspected annually.

Services

SVCS provides a door-to-door car service to help eligible clients get to medical practice and hospital appointments, to go shopping or to go on social trips such as to clubs, hairdressers and libraries.

Anyone needing help getting into and out of cars (beyond a steady hand) will need to bring their own escort, at no extra cost.

We regret that we're unable to push clients in their wheelchairs.

Membership Fees

Clients must be registered with the Shinfield Car Service. There is no registration or membership fee.

Fares

Most medical trips are free of charge for Wokingham Bus Pass holders.

Otherwise, we ask for a contribution of a few pounds towards running costs for each return trip made.

Wokingham Pilot Campaign

To assess the effect a 'footpath review' may have on the Parishes in Wokingham and how these may connect to the town centre and neighbouring Authorities. Gauging opinion from local groups before presenting to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) for their opinion.

The concept

A review of the footpath network to identify public footpaths that if given bridleway or restricted byway status would offer improved connections between towns, areas of settlement, places of interest e.g. schools and country parks, existing bridleways and byways. Also those that would help to offer alternatives to busy or dangerous road and to form circular routes for increased recreational opportunities. Please see the concept illustration below, no specific routes are indicated, it is appreciated that the Rivers, M4 and A329(m) increase the challenge.



Why

We believe recreation , Active Travel and health and well being need to go hand in hand to offer increased connectivity and safer alternatives to increasingly busy and dangerous roads for vulnerable road users. Moving Wokingham towards a greener, healthier, safer future that also addresses the inequality in the current Public Rights of way network is vital for the whole community. The current rights of way network appears to be an undervalued resource but holds enormous potential.

There are a number of current policies WBC are actively following and consulting on: The ROWIP, LCWIP, DMMO process, Greenways, SANG, Active Travel, Health and Well Being, which are all explained below. However, while each of these has excellent ideals, they don't complement each other to provide a cohesive off road network which would encourage people to choose Active travel, instead of their car, or take more exercise recreationally.

Wokingham has been chosen for this pilot for the following reasons -

- The Rights of Way Improvement plan (ROWIP) acknowledges and seeks to address the inequality in the current network, with a long list of desired routes. However, whilst it is a requirement for councils to review their ROWIP every 10 years, these are a plan for management with desired actions, but without actual Government targets to reach and actively implement.

- Active Travel options are poor, whilst the Council seeks to improve this with new Greenways (walking and cycling routes for active travel and to link the Strategic Development Locations) as part of housing development, there are challenges with this. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) proposals for Wokingham seem to largely be on-road routes, or via shared footways which are undesirable for many reasons. Some are proposed along pavements and verges which would mean total exclusion of horse riders from roads they legally have a right to use if these are implemented - Horse riders are not permitted to use on-road cycleways, it is also against the law/Highway code for a bicycle to pass a horse on their left side.
- Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) applications have been submitted along some footpaths in the Borough on historic evidence, some also with user evidence.
- The Borough is urban/rural, each parish is different.
- The Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network is extensive but only approximately 10% is bridleway, less than half the national average of 22% which in itself is considered woefully inadequate.
- The bridleway network is fragmented, leaving vulnerable users unable to avoid increasingly busy roads. There is only one very short bridleway circuit in Barkham, all other circular routes in the Borough are footpath so only available to pedestrians.
- Off road access between bridleways, byways, areas of settlement, towns, villages, schools and places of interest e.g. country parks, is limited. The proposed Greenways will assist with this, but gaps will still remain. For horse riders, access to the Greenways in Wokingham will only be where possible - some Greenways will cross SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) areas or follow footways where only pedestrian use is currently permitted.
- Parts of the footpath network are inaccessible to those who have a right to use it for kissing gates, steps, stiles and other barriers. Only able bodied people can negotiate these, excluding access by disabled, elderly and parents with buggies and prams.
- Health and Well being, including mental health are vital, the 2020 pandemic proved how vital access to the outdoors is for everyone. Also with an 'ageing population', staying active is really important.
- Wokingham has a high percentage of horse owners living in the Borough. Recreational horse riding is essential for the survival of equestrianism, an improved PRoW network could help to secure its future.

How

I see this as potentially an easy win for the Council. The infrastructure largely already exists, but too much of it is only open to pedestrians.

- Not all footpaths would be needed. Surely this suggestion is preferable to 'The Right to Roam'? Providing a useful compromise as part of the much needed public gain.
- Footpaths would be chosen for upgrade for their location and convenient links they could offer, coupled with the minimum width of 3m. Trimming may be required in some places to achieve width/height where this exists but overgrowth has restricted the available space. Pinch points (e.g. tree jutting into the way) should not be an issue if there is space to pass either side of it. Some landowners may be willing to support the community need by widening narrower paths in situations where the path is highly desirable but currently too narrow. With an agreement for allowing higher rights, there should also be scope to move paths to a more desirable location, either to form more direct routes or that suit the land owner better than the current path e.g. moving the route to a boundary.
- There may be a cost implication where surface/drainage improvements are needed. However, as these footpaths are already in use by the public, if they are already in a poor state, any improvements needed, would surely be needed anyway to allow continued/improved access by those other than pedestrians who already have the right to use them e.g. wheelchair users. Funding may be gained from existing grants, also by fund raising from groups who will benefit from the upgraded/reclassified routes.
- DMMO application routes applied for as bridleway, or restricted Byway, that already have footpath classification and would help to provide the above benefits, could be given their higher status more quickly, saving the Council money. This money could instead be spent on pathway improvements. It is appreciated that Government policy for a fast track system would probably be needed to make this possible.
- To identify which footpaths to reclassify, stakeholders representing the user groups should be consulted and public consultations held. ROWIP, Active Travel and LCWIP plans considered to bring together one plan with timescales for phased delivery. Potential target of 2050 to reach completion .

Benefits

Walkers - No reduction in access, walkers would be able to continue using 100% of the off road network. Walkers would still retain sole use of the majority of the network and would benefit from any drainage and surface improvements made. As they age and their mobility is reduced, they would have easier access to the improved routes, with increased width and without barriers that may otherwise prevent them from continuing to enjoy walking. Knowledge that by sharing more routes with other users they are assisting with provision of a community need.

Cyclists - Increase in available off road routes, for both Active Travel and recreation. Opportunity to avoid riding on the roads and feel safer without the motorised traffic. Ability to enjoy more of the countryside. Increased opportunities to also ride with others who are currently put off riding their bike for fear of accidents on the road. Parents may be more encouraged to ride with their children and feel more confident allowing their children (of an appropriate age) to ride with their friends unsupervised and cycle to school. Cycling is currently a male dominated activity, increasing off road access may encourage more women to take up cycling.

Horse riders - Increase in available off road routes, for both Active Travel and recreation. Opportunity to avoid riding on the roads and feel safer without the motorised traffic. Ability to enjoy more of the countryside. Increased opportunities to also ride with others who are currently put off riding their horse out towards their nearest bridleway for fear of accidents on the road. Parents may feel more confident allowing their children (of an appropriate age to ride out with their friends unsupervised. Horse riding is a female dominated activity, there are policies to encourage women to take up and remain in sport, increasing recreational horse riding activities will support these.

Disabled and Elderly - Increase in available routes that are easier to navigate, for both Active Travel and recreation. Opportunity to enjoy more of the countryside instead of having to use the roads with mobility aids such as 'trampers', or walking on pavements next to motorised traffic. We are an ageing population, staying active is vital to assist in maintaining health and well being. Wider routes with improved surfaces will allow easier access by wheelchair, including those who need their legs elevated. Also, easier use by those who need someone to walk by their side e.g. partially sighted or those with conditions that affect their balance, such as Parkinson's.

Parents with buggies and prams, children on wheeled toys such as scooters, balance bikes etc - Increase in available routes for both Active Travel and recreation. Opportunity to enjoy more of the countryside, giving children a little more freedom to safely use their wheeled toys or toddle on foot without the worry of motorised traffic next to them. Safer and easier to control children on off road pathways than along road edge pavements when they could fall off their wheeled toy into the road. Increased width and improved surfaces that will allow buggies and prams to pass through barriers and past other users more easily.

Landowners - Opportunity to move pathways that are through fields to boundaries that suit them better, or give more space between a public route and their home. Knowledge that by agreeing to higher rights on a footpath they own, they are supporting the whole community, increasing safety and enjoyment of the countryside. Allowing these routes to remain in perpetuity for many future generations to also enjoy.

Objective and desired outcome

Gaining improved connectivity between existing bridleways and byways, also towns, villages and places of interest (e.g. country parks, schools etc). Creation of circular routes, please see concept illustration above. Ultimate goal of a circular, off road, bridleway route in every parish which are linked, forming a 'honeycomb' or spiders web pattern of bridleways and byways over the whole of the Wokingham Borough.

A high level of support for the concept from all local groups with an interest in access that represent the Borough and Wokingham community as a whole.

Wokingham Borough Council to voice their support for the pilot. An agreement in principle, they have the power or should there be a Govt. policy for a 'footpath review', that they would be willing to adopt this and actively implement the necessary revisions to the existing network.

Wokingham Pilot Campaign - 'Footpath review' response form

The British Horse Society would value your opinion on the 'footpath review' concept for this pilot campaign. Before filling in this form please would you read the information document that accompanies it.

Please would you return this form on or before 28th February 2025. Thank you.

Name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Group/organisation/charity I am representing:	
Date:	
1. Recreation, Active Travel and health and well being need to go hand in hand to offer increased connectivity and safer off road alternatives to increasingly busy and dangerous roads for vulnerable, non motorised road users.	
I agree	I disagree
2. Wokingham needs to move towards a greener, healthier, safer future that also addresses the inequality in the current Public Rights of Way network.	
I agree	I disagree
3. The current Public Rights of Way network, for having such a high percentage of footpaths which only allow use by walkers, with limited access by disabled, those with buggies and prams, is an undervalued resource that holds enormous potential. There is potential in the footpath network to provide improved connections throughout the Borough for more non motorised, vulnerable road user groups than are currently unable or not permitted to use it.	
I agree	I disagree
4. A footpath review is a more attractive and viable option than 'The right to roam'.	
I agree	I disagree
5. Offering more off road connections between areas of settlement and to places of interest e.g. country parks and schools. Also off road circular routes for more non motorised groups is important to my group/organisation/charity.	
I agree	I disagree
6. The criteria set out in the information document, for how the footpath network can be improved, is appropriate and necessary to gain a much needed facility for the Wokingham Borough community as a whole.	
I agree	I disagree

Please write any other comments your have below

I would like to receive updates on this campaign

Yes

No

Thank you again for taking the time to give your opinion on this pilot campaign.

Please return the form to:

nicola.greenwood@bhsvolunteer.org.uk

Nicola Greenwood

British Horse Society Access and Bridleways Officer - Wokingham

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