

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 9th August 2023, at the School Green Centre, RG2 9EH, commencing 19.30



Bruce Winton
3rd August 2023

Members: Cllrs Boyer, Grimes, 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 12th July 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

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** an update from the council's volunteer liaison regarding rights of way
- 7.3 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a proposal from the Ramblers regarding Footpath 18*

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** information regarding the Finchampstead Parish Neighbourhood Plan*
- 8.2 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** information regarding the consultations on the submitted neighbourhood plans for Cold Ash and Hermitage (Regulation 16)*
- 8.3 To **RECEIVE** and **CONSIDER** a Facebook posting regarding Hall Farm*
- 8.4 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** a Wokingham Borough Council news release regarding 'moving traffic offences application approved by the Department for Transport'*
- 8.5 To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** information regarding Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)*

9. Future Meetings

- 9.1 To **NOTE** the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting is Wednesday, 13th September 2023

*** indicates papers attached**

**** indicates papers to follow**

Minutes of a meeting of
Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Wednesday 12th July 2023
At School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Boyer, Grimes, James, Lias, Masseron, Peer (Chair) & Tatla

Attending: B Winton (Clerk) & S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
BCllr Glover
1 member of the public

23/PC/69 Public Questions

69.1 There were no public questions

23/PC/70 Apologies and declarations of Members' Interest

70.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jahromi

70.2 There were no declarations of members' interests.

23/PC/71 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

71.1 The minutes of the committee meeting of 14th June 2023 were approved and signed as such by Cllr Peer

Proposed: Cllr Tatla
Seconded: Cllr Grimes
Approved: Unanimously

71.2 Actions and Matters Arising

23/PC/58.1 Clerk to send Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to member of the public

This had been done.

23/PC/58.2 Clerk to write to the Executive member at WBC to enquire when the 123 list will be updated

The Clerk advised that following an update to the CIL regulations in 2019 WBC was now required to publish an Infrastructure Funding Statement and this replaced the Regulation 123 List. These Statements were the source of the analysis referred to at 23/PC/58.4

The latest document (covering 2021/22) contains only one page with general information on future plans but does refer readers to the Medium Term Financial Plan (2023/24 is available) which does include more information.

£256.2m capital expenditure is envisaged between 2023/24 and 2025/26. This included:
Shinfield West Primary School £30k p.a.
A327 Cycleway £350k 2025/26

Many programmes are referred to as being borough wide so there may be more expenditure in the parish but this is all that refers specifically to Shinfield parish.

In the previous version of the plan there was an entry for Spencers Wood Primary School £5.1m 2024/25 but this has been removed on the current document.

The Clerk has written to BCllrs Lindsay Ferris (Planning) and Imogen Shepherd-DuBey (Finance). BCllr Ferris has responded "I know that there have been detailed discussions on all sorts of capital related issues, but will find out whether we have a formal process" for involving Town and Parish Councils.

ACTION :

- Clerk to send a copy of Medium Term Financial Plans to members
- Deputy Clerk to add item to Full Council agenda

23/PC/58.4 Clerk to add to the Full Council agenda the analysis of CIL and S106 money, and to discuss with other parish clerks the significant imbalance in the figures between the lack of funding allocated to projects in Shinfield Parish and other parishes within WBC

This had been done

23/PC/58.5 BCllr Glover agreed to assist a member of the public in communicating with WBC regarding planning application 221366

BCllr Glover reported that following discussions with officers at Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and experienced Borough Councillors that the planning permission would probably have been

granted regardless of the fact that the residents had not been notified of the planning application and been given the opportunity to comment. Cllr Peer explained that planning law did not take into consideration the quantity of objections made, and the matter would have been evaluated on its technical planning law merits and whether these complied, regardless of the number of objections raised. BCllr Glover had written to both the residents affected, expressing her sympathy with their cause, and informed them that there was not much that could be done.

23/PC/60.2 Clerk to complete assessment of streetlamps and report back to the
23/PC/39.2 committee

The Clerk advised that this had been started but would take time to complete

ACTION – Item to be carried forward to the next meeting

23/PC/60.2 Clerk to investigate the builder's rubble that had been deposited on
23/PC/53.2 the cycleway near the M4

The Clerk reported that he had not done anything on this one yet

ACTION – Item to be carried forwards to the next meeting

23/PC/61.3 Clerk to respond to the planning application PA231229 relating to 176
Land Adjacent Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Wokingham RG2 9ER

Full application for the proposed creation of access and hardstanding, with associated fencing and gates, formation of a dropped kerb and removal of a tree.

The Clerk had responded as agreed by the committee

23/PC/66.1 Clerk to follow up potential community fund with the Spencers Wood
Solar Farm company

See Minute 23/PC/77.1

23/PC/66.2 Clerk to investigate potential funding from the solar farm in the field
adjacent to the Spencers Wood Solar Farm with Swallowfield Parish
Council

See Minute 23/PC/77.2

23/PC/67.1 Clerk to make representation to WBC via the Borough Councillors on
an application for a Goods Vehicles Operators Licence

The points raised by members had been fed back directly to WBC.

- 23/PC/67.2 Clerk to set up a register for recording issues with sewage in the parish and other items of nuisance and inform WBC when appropriate

The Clerk advised that he had set up a register of reported nuisance to capture all nuisances referred to the parish council. So far this included:

- Vans using Bus Lane from Shinfield Meadows
- Sunday working at Shinfield Meadows
- Cricket Club parking at Millworth Lane
- Motorbike nuisance at Millworth Lane
- Sewerage at Lawrence Denne
- Overgrown vegetation
- Dumping rubbish
- Flower beds at SGC

- 23/PC/67.3 Cllr Lias to report to the committee on the current status of the roadworks on Church Lane/Basingstoke Road junction

Cllr Lias reported that Taylor Wimpey had confirmed that the junction works would not take place until 2024. This work was agreed, as part of the development work, to make the junction safer as a result of the new builds.

- 23/PC/67.4 Deputy Clerk to add to the agenda "Local Record of Flora and Fauna" to the agenda of the July meeting

This was on the agenda

23/PC/72

Schedule of Deposited Plans

- 72.1 PA 231405 - Kelsta-Li, Brookers Hill, Shinfield, Wokingham RG2 9BX

Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, raising of the roof to create first floor habitable accommodation, plus the erection of a balcony

After consideration of the planning application, it was agreed that SPC had no comments

ACTION: - Clerk to respond to WBC regarding PA 231405

72.2 PA 231437 - Carney's Yard, Church Lane, Three Mile Cross RG7 1HB

Full application for the Temporary use of land for the accommodation of 27 No cabins, 3 No caravans and 3 No welfare cabins with associated hardstanding and new fencing to western boundary, for a 14 month period to end of August 2024(RETROSPECTIVE)

After full consideration of the application members expressed concerns over the following:-

- What is happening about waste disposal?
- There are no proper sewerage or water facilities on site
- Site appears to be used for cheap accommodation
- Check with AWE and flag with them that there appears to be a small village emerging within the DEPZ
- Concerns over whether the contractors are complying with all relevant legislation
- Hedge lines and trees are being damaged
- Retrospective application

ACTION: -

- Clerk to circulate draft opposition on the above grounds to members
- Clerk to submit the objection to WBC
- Clerk to write to AWE to ensure they are aware of the situation and check they are employing contractors within all relevant legislation

23/PC/73

Appeals

73.1 The Clerk advised that there had been no changes to the previous report.

23/PC/74

Enforcement Notices

74.1 Closed Enforcement Notices

Members noted the contents of the report

ACTION – Clerk to ask WBC to explain the 'Other' comment that appears on the list of the Closed Enforcement Notices

74.2 Live Enforcement Notices

Members noted the contents of the report

75.1

Footpath matters

Cllr Masseron had circulated a detailed report and highlighted the following:-

- Cycle way was being used opposite Parrot Farm but there is currently no exit out onto the Arborfield Road
- A gate is required at the Millworth Lane end of the new path
- Crossing the Arborfield Road will be difficult as there is no designated crossing
- Footpath 18 was a good walk that was highly recommended
- Shinfield Volunteers and the Ramblers had carried out a lot of work manually to keep the footpaths maintained

ACTION –

- Cllr Masseron to raise the issue of crossing the Arborfield Road at the next Footpath & Cycleways meeting
- Clerk to request that Nigel Frankland create a gap in the fence at the Arborfield Road end of the path where the new footpath runs through to Millworth Lane or ask him to put up a sign at the Millworth Lane end to inform users that there was no exit at the end of the path.

The Chair thanked Cllr Masseron for her well presented report, and reminded the committee that SPC is always open to consideration in regard to requests from the Ramblers for particular funding of a project in which they are involved in the parish. An expression of thanks was made to the Ramblers Association for all the hard work they undertook in the parish.

Wokingham Borough Council S106 and CIL funds

76.1

The Clerk advised that there was no further update on this at present.

Spencers Wood Solar Farm Community Fund

77.1

The Clerk advised that a draft deed had been received on 12th July from the company for consideration. The company would pay £500 per MW of installed capacity per annum (planned capacity is 25MW so £12,500 p.a. once the farm was operational) and updated by RPI annually.

SPC commitments were as previously discussed in committee but the main one was to “spend the payments received on goods and services, which are for the promotion or improvement of the environmental, social, educational, cultural or economic benefit of the parish community including for the avoidance of doubt the administrative and general expenses incurred by the Parish Council”

ACTION: - Clerk to add to agenda for Full Council

77.2 Clerk to investigate potential funding from the solar farm in the field adjacent to the Spencers Wood Solar Farm

The Clerk advised that he had confirmed with the Clerk to Swallowfield Parish Council that both parish councils had received a payment of £10,000 each from the developer as a one-off community contribution. This was received in 2015/16 as the ORTA Solar Grant which was taken into Energy Efficiency Fund Reserve. It was believed this was put towards the £40,000 project to switch to LED street lamps the following year.

23/PC/78

Local Record of flora and Fauna

78.1 The Clerk had undertaken some research and reported there were already schemes available that may offer a route towards the local flora and fauna in the Parish.

The National Biodiversity Network (NBN) has members including the Environment Agency, Natural England, Wildlife Trusts and RSPB. Through their website they point interested parties to sites for recording their local area but each route is brought together into a National recording Scheme and can be viewed via the NBN atlas.

ACTION – Clerk to promote the NBN website to local residents and schools to encourage them to record any findings

23/PC/79

Correspondence

79.1 Basingstoke Road TRO – parking restrictions

Members reviewed the proposed parking restrictions on the Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood and highlighted that there could be an issue for the properties opposite as vehicles were likely to park outside the houses and block the driveways. Additional yellow lines should be put opposite the bus stop to prevent congestion. Enforcement needs to be in operation to ensure that the area is kept clear.

ACTION –

- Clerk to request that the Highways Department, WBC, continues to assess the impact on residents on the opposite side of the road to the yellow lines and ensure that enforcement is in place.
- Clerk to seek rates from WBC for enforcement if the parish decided to pay for its own enforcement

79.2 WBC Planning Update Tuesday 4th July

The Clerk reported that he, the Deputy Clerk and Cllrs Peer, Lias, James, Grimes and Tatla were present at the WBC Planning Update on 4th July out of an attendance of 35. Officers were questioned about the withdrawal of the planned bus gate on Beke Avenue and agreed to discuss further with Cllr Grimes.

ACTION –

- Clerk to write to WBC regarding the potential enhanced traffic levels after the opening of Beke Avenue that crossed an extensively used footpath and request a meeting with Cllr Grimes and the Clerk
- Clerk to share the slides with members once received

79.3 Gate between Skylark and Parker Close

A member of the public has asked for assistance with a gate for this area to stop motorbikes (and on one occasion a car) from using this pathway.

ACTION – Clerk to contact WBC and request for offset gates to be installed at the point where the path connects Skylark Way and Parker Close.

79.4 Moving Traffic Order

The Clerk advised that WBC had informed him that there had been no objections to a Moving Traffic Order which would give WBC greater enforcement powers over the Bus Lane between Fullbrook Avenue and Bolton Drive. This would now go to Executive Member approval on 27th July.

79.5 New Parliamentary Constituency name

Cllrs were concerned that the new Parliamentary Constituency name excluded Shinfield even though 13.6% of the constituents were resident in Shinfield parish. While members would have liked Shinfield to have been included in the constituency name it was recognised that it would now be too late.

23/PC/80

Date of the next meeting

- 80.1 The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9th August 2023 (Apologies were received in advance from The Clerk)

The meeting ended at 21:10

List of Actions

23/PC/71.2 23/PC/58/2	Clerk to send a copy of the Infrastructure Funding Statements and Medium Term Financial Plans to members	Clerk
23/PC/71.2 23/PC/39.2	Assessment of streetlamps to be carried forward to the next meeting	Clerk
23/PC/71.2 23/PC/53.2	Clerk to investigate the builder's rubble that had been deposited on the cycleway near the M4 to be carried forward to the next meeting	Clerk
23/PC/72.1	Clerk to respond to WBC regarding PA 231405	Clerk
23/PC/72.2	Clerk to circulate draft opposition on the issues discussed regarding PA231437 to members	Clerk
23/PC/72.2	Clerk to submit the objection on PA 231437 to WBC	Clerk
23/PC/72.2	Clerk to write to AWE to ensure they are aware of the situation and check they are employing contractors within all relevant legislation	Clerk
23/PC/74.1	Clerk to ask WBC to explain the 'Other' comment that appears on the list of the Closed Enforcement Notices	Clerk
23/PC/75.1	Cllr Masseron to raise the issue of crossing the Arborfield Road at the next Footpath & Cycleways meeting	Cllr Masseron
23/PC/75.1	Clerk to request that Nigel Frankland, UoR, create a gap in the fence at the Arborfield Road end of the path where the new footpath runs through to Millworth Lane or ask him to put up a sign at the Millworth Lane end to inform users that there was no exit at the end of the path	Clerk
23/PC/77.1	Clerk to add to the agenda for Full Council the Spencers Wood Solar Farm Community Fund draft deed	Clerk
23/PC/78.1	Clerk to promote the NBN website to local residents and schools to encourage them to record any findings	Clerk
23/PC/79.1	Clerk to request that the Highways Department, WBC, continues to assess the impact on residents on the opposite side of the road to the yellow lines and ensure that enforcement is in place.	Clerk
23/PC/79.1	Clerk to seek rates from WBC for enforcement if the parish decided to pay for its own enforcement	Clerk

23/PC/79.2	Clerk to write to WBC regarding the potential enhanced traffic levels after the opening of Beke Avenue that crossed an extensively used footpath and request a meeting with Cllr Grimes and the Clerk	Clerk
23/PC/79.2	Clerk to share the slides from the WBC meeting with members, once received	Clerk
23/PC/79.3	Clerk to contact WBC and request for offset gates to be installed at the point where the path connects Skylark Way and Parker Close	Clerk

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

1st August 2023

Item 5.1

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
APP/X0360/W/23/3320252	25 Newlands Close, Shinfield	RG2 9LG	Planning (W)		230135	1		SPC felt the original application for a new fence was too tall.
APP/X0360/C/23/3314060	Uplands, Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AP	Enforcement Notice	L2	222052	2		
APP/X0360/W/22/3309384	Uplands Basingstoke Road READING	RG7 1AP	Planning (W)	L2	222052	2		
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
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

Case Reference	Site Address	Post Code	Case Type	Linked	PA	Status	Decision Date	Comments
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
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

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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
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/2023/088240	Land At Stanbury House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1AJ	Working on bank holiday - BofC re working hours	24 July 2023	Voluntary compliance
RFS/2023/088278	18 Grazeley Road, Three Mile Cross, Wokingham, RG7 1BJ	Non porous paving of large area to the rear of the property	11 July 2023	No breach
RFS/2023/088332	2 Milsom Close, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DS	kerb blocks on top of concrete on top of some sort of membrane	10 July 2023	No breach
RFS/2023/088343	32 Seymour Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DT	Garage conversion without permission	28 July 2023	No breach
RFS/2023/088347	71 Hyde End Lane, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1EX	enquiry from owner re neighbour concerns	6 July 2023	No breach
RFS/2023/088362	34 Leyland Gardens, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9AN	Put a fence up across the footpath between 34-next door	24 July 2023	No breach
RFS/2023/088433	44 Falcon Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8EL	Historical Notice compliance check	27 July 2023	Voluntary compliance

Wokingham Borough Council – Previous month's closed Enforcement Cases for Shinfield Parish - August 23

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Reference	Address	Case Detail	Case Status
RFS/2022/087690	Land adjacent to, 181 Hyde End Road, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9EU	u/a works to TPO tree	Legal and/or Court
RFS/2022/087811	Land West Of, Beech Hill Road, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1HL	possible breach of landscape condition and s106 agreement	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/087929	2 Monarch Drive, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9EW	Removal of roadside hedge new entrance and exit being created	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/087932	44 Falcon Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8EL	Breach of condition re window	Awaiting compliance
RFS/2023/088009	Crossgates, Basingstoke Road, Three Mile Cross, Wokingham, RG7 1AS	Garden shed / annexe being used as living area & extension built no PP	Awaiting information
RFS/2023/088141	36 Sela Drive, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9YJ	conversion of garage to new dwelling	Awaiting compliance
RFS/2023/088173	Mereoak Park (Office), Mereoak Lane, Grazeley, Reading, RG7 1NR	Ancillary offices being rented out.	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088227	Friars Oak, Shinfield Road, Shinfield, Reading, RG2 9BE	Fence adjacent to highway over 1m tall	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088228	Land Adjacent To Grange Lodge, Cutbush Lane, Shinfield, RG2 9AL	Breach of 202868 conditions - Drainage, Landscaping, Approved Details	Awaiting application

Wokingham Borough Council – Live Enforcement Cases for Shinfield Parish - August 23

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Reference	Address	Case Detail	Case Status
RFS/2023/088270	12 Star Rise, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1YS	Unauthorised car sales business operating from premises	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088312	Marlborough House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, RG7 1AE	BofC re landscaping	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088327	253 Shinfield Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8HF	loft conversion big roof extension right along all the roof	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088345	7 Priors Gardens, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1WS	Erection of fence more than 2m high without PP	New case
RFS/2023/088348	Land Next To Lea Fields House, Great Lea, Three Mile Cross, RG7	U/A ground clearance without PP	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088365	5 Jardine Meadows (Land adjacent), Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1YP	BofC12 of 181834	Investigation ongoing
RFS/2023/088430	253 Shinfield Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8HF	Erection of x2 outbuildings in the rear garden without PP (PD rights)	New case
RFS/2023/088431	253 Shinfield Road, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 8HF	Use of outbuilding in the rear garden approved as CLE/2009/2983 being	New case
RFS/2023/088445	9 Priors Gardens, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1WS	u/a business operating from garden	New case

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Reference	Address	Case Detail	Case Status
RFS/2023/088446	9 Priors Gardens, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1WS	u/a signage/advert	New case
RFS/2023/088447	9 Priors Gardens, Spencers Wood, Reading, RG7 1WS	change of use of amenity land	New case
RFS/2023/088452	32 Seymour Avenue, Shinfield, Wokingham, RG2 9DT	6ft fence erected at front of house	Site visit pending

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FP35 - Grazely

SVG turned their attention to Grazely and Shinfield Parish Walk No3, which links to Wokefield Byways 13 & 14. Shinfield FP35 along this walk was impassable and with the help of Loddon Valley Ramblers this walk is now problem free, and getting great feedback from walkers.



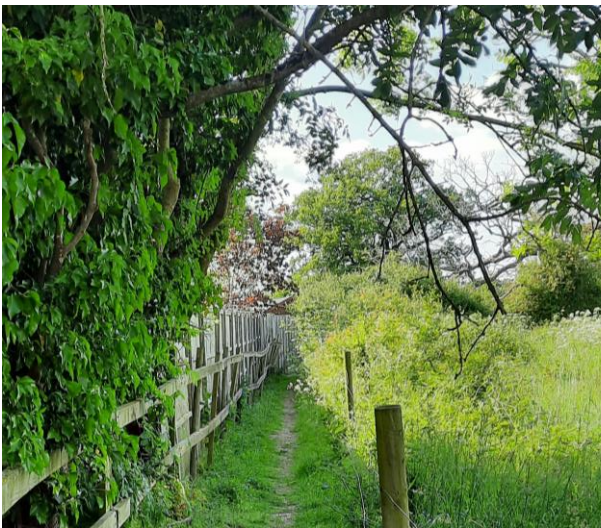
WBC policy on footpaths is to do a surface cut in spring and a side cut in autumn. Clearly this is not enough and additional maintenance is needed to keep our footpaths safe and accessible.

FP30 & FP32A

These footpaths are now clear, only because the landowner harvested the crops blocking the path. This is likely to be a recurring problem.

FP18

A broken fence along the Church Lane end of FP18 was removed with the permission of the owner.



UoR

The invoice for FP11 was finally issued and paid - £30, 431.94 incl VAT.

Rights of Way Shinfield

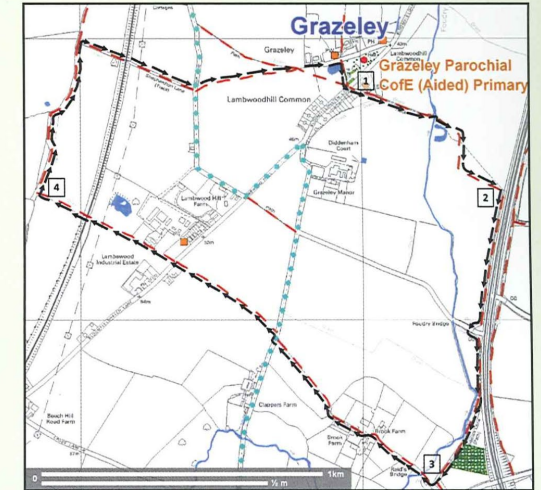


Walks Leaflets

- Six original leaflets sponsored by SPC
- One updated so far, with five to follow
- Checked by a walker (often a Rambler)
- Text and artwork done by leaflet team
- Who is contact for a reprint?

SHINFIELD PARISH WALK 3

Around
Grazeley



"We learn to know the nooks and turns of the shady lanes and sunny commons"

Quote from Mary Russell Mitford 1787 -1855.

This leaflet shows one of six walks across different parts of Shinfield Parish.

The Parish has many rights of way linking various facilities and places of interest such as post offices, shops, pubs, schools, the River Loddon and historic buildings.

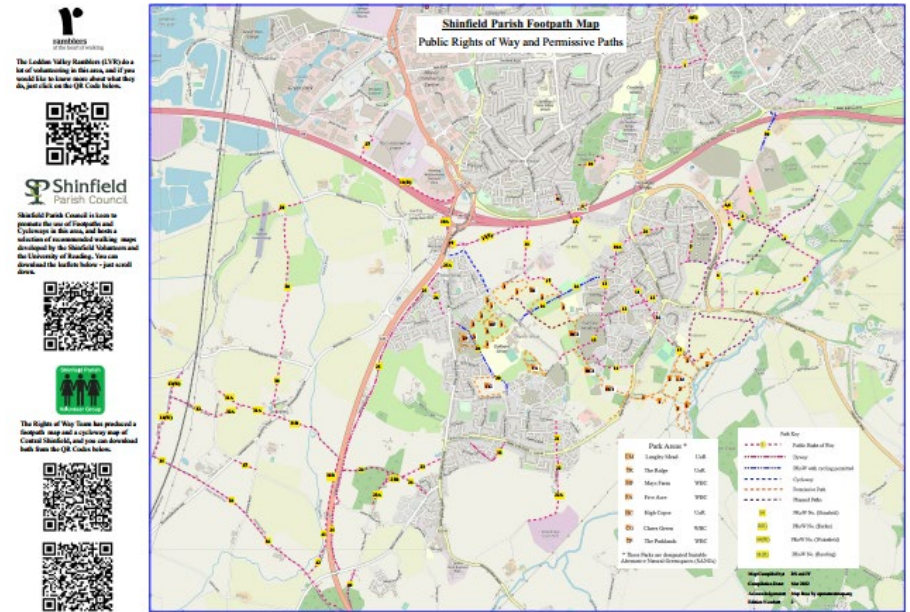
The walks pass through villages, woodlands rich with wildlife and open fields often providing extensive countryside views.

We hope that you enjoy your walk.



Shinfield Parish Footpath Map

- Hosted by SPC (Website)
- Needs to be updated for UoR paths
- Expected early in 2024
- Map base is fine
- SPC to take a view on existing maps

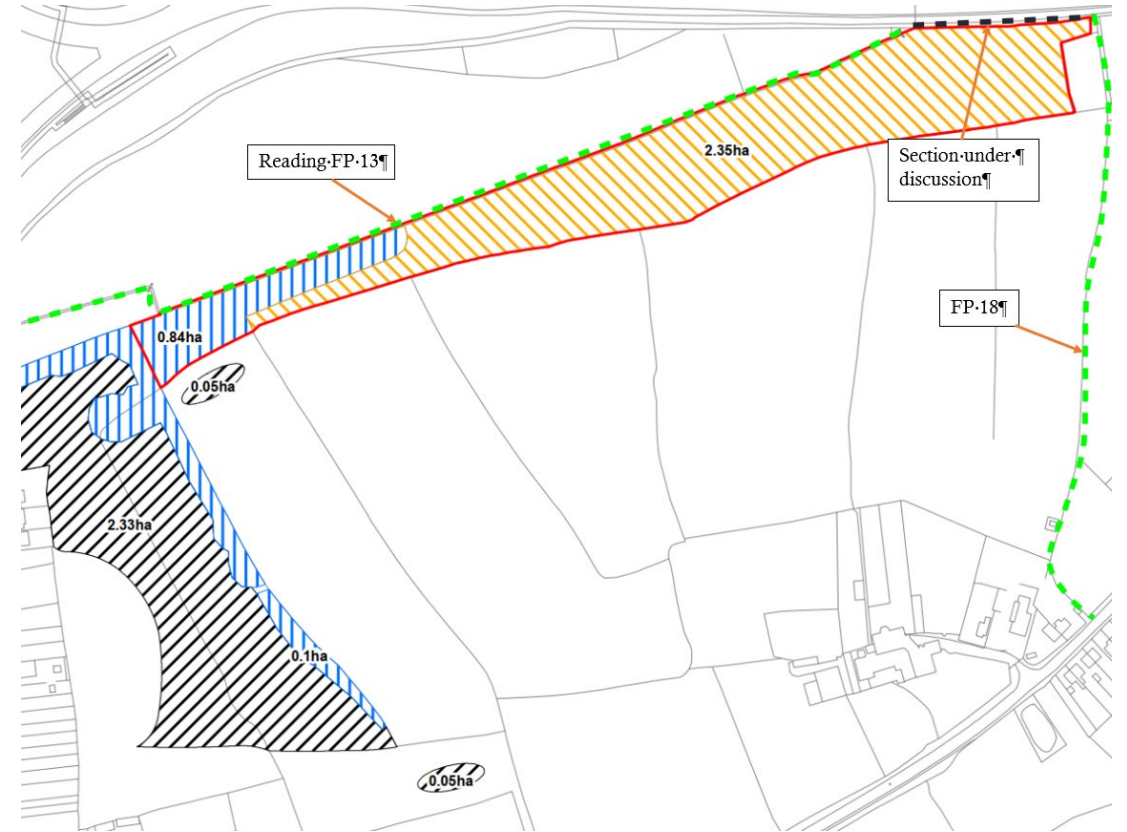


Path Maintenance

- Two cuts a year from WBC
- Unpredictable growth leads to path deterioration
- Only local resources can deal with the problem
- Key is to understand which paths need attention
- Volunteers have recruited three to Rights of Way Team
- Ramblers do most of the work, and the problem management
- Perhaps a bit of budget to call on?

Ramblers Wish List

- To really finish Footpath 18
- Resurface last 100m section
- We will do the project management
- We need help with the heavy lifting
- Lay weed control membrane (1m)
- Lay road planings to 100mm depth
- We are willing to contribute to costs



Costings

• Road Planings 16 tonnes at £20/tonne	£320.00
• Transport of planings and dropping along path	£250.00
• Hire of man and machine (to put planings on path)	£400.00
• Vat	£194.00
• Weed Control Membrane and pegs	£150.00
• Total	<u>£1314.00</u>
• Ramblers Contribution	-£250.00
• Total	<u>£1064.00</u>

Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan goes to referendum

Residents of Finchampstead parish will be able to vote on the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan on Thursday 7 September 2023.

Finchampstead Parish Council and volunteers have been working on a neighbourhood plan for a number of years and submitted their proposed plan to Wokingham Borough Council in August 2022. 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 Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan has been found to meet the basic conditions, subject to a number of modifications, and can now proceed to referendum.

The question that will be asked in the referendum is:

"Do you want Wokingham Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Finchampstead 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 Finchampstead [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 - 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4.30pm on Fridays
- Wokingham Library, Carnival Hub, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF - [view the Wokingham Library opening times](#)
- Finchampstead Library, FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, RG40 4ES - [view the Finchampstead Library opening times](#)

Consultations on the submitted neighbourhood plans for Cold Ash and Hermitage (Regulation 16)

Cold Ash Parish Council and Hermitage Parish Council have both been working on neighbourhood plans which have recently been submitted to West Berkshire District Council. After submission, responsibility for taking the plans forward lies with the local planning authority.

Neighbourhood plans are formal planning documents prepared by Town and Parish Councils in consultation with their local community. They allow local people to shape the future of the areas in which they live, and they include policies for development and the use of land.

The neighbourhood plan for Cold Ash, also known as the Cold Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), will guide development in the parish of Cold Ash to 2039.

The neighbourhood plan for Hermitage, also known as the Hermitage NDP, will guide development in the parish of Hermitage to 2039.

We are carrying out consultations on both the Cold Ash NDP and the Hermitage NDP from **Friday 21 July until 4:30pm on Friday 1 September 2023**. These consultations are also known as 'Regulation 16 Consultations'. We would like to invite your comments on the submitted plans and their supporting documents.

How to comment on the Cold Ash NDP:

The submission Cold Ash NDP and its supporting documents can be viewed:

- Online: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/coldashnp>;
- At West Berkshire District Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD. The offices are open Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, and on Fridays 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Representations can be made in writing or by way of electronic communications:

- Online: using the Council's Local Plan Consultation Portal which can be accessed at: <https://consult.westberks.gov.uk/kse/>. You will need to register, but then any comments you make will be stored in your account for future reference. Registration is possible using a Facebook or Twitter account.
- By Representation Form which is available to download at: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/coldashnp>. Completed forms can be returned by email to planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Development and Regulation, West Berkshire District Council, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD.

All representations must be received by **4:30pm on Friday 1 September 2023**.

How to comment on the Hermitage NDP:

The submission Hermitage NDP and its supporting documents can be viewed:

- Online: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/hermitagenp>;
- At West Berkshire District Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD. The offices are open Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, and on Fridays 8:30am to 4:30pm; and
- At Adelaide Room, Holy Trinity Church, Marlston Road, Hermitage, RG18 9SU.

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What happens next?

Once the consultations finish, the Cold Ash NDP and Hermitage NDP will each undergo independent examination. The representations received on both the Cold Ash NDP and Hermitage NDP will be forwarded to the appointed examiners.

The opportunity for further comments at this stage would only be at the specific request of the examiners. Most neighbourhood plans are examined without the need for a public hearing. If you think the neighbourhood plans require a public hearing, you can state this in your comments, but the examiners will make the final decision.

Following the examinations, the examiners will issue reports, which could include some recommended changes to the draft plans to meet a set of tests known as 'Basic Conditions'. If this part of the process is successful, the next stage would be to proceed to a Referendum.

If the Cold Ash NDP and Hermitage NDP are successful at Referendum, then plans will form part of the statutory development plan and will form the basis for determining planning applications in Cold Ash Parish and Hermitage Parish.

Kind regards,

Planning Policy Team

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The following is a Facebook post made by SOLVE.

A Tale of Two Parish Councils Pat Phillipps

United response?

In January 2022, Arborfield and Newland Parish Council and Shinfield Parish Council gave their consultation response to WBC's Local Plan Update. It took the form of a long, closely argued document prepared by chartered town planners Bell Cornwell. In particular, it voiced serious misgivings about the Hall Farm/Loddon Valley proposal contained in the LPU.

The first objection to the proposal was that it goes beyond providing the housing required for the plan period. The councils argued that future housing requirement figures are unclear, and including Hall Farm at this stage could 'prejudice the outcome of subsequent local plan reviews'. They also expressed concern that the large development area proposed would 'entice developers to seek planning permission for the larger scheme of 4,500 homes'.

They were critical of the proposal on environmental grounds. There would be significant carbon emissions from site development, which would involve constructing an extensive road network of roads, new services and facilities, as well as the houses themselves. In addition, the councils considered, the proposed development could increase the likelihood of flooding in downstream locations, potentially putting lives at risk.



The document criticised various shortcomings of the plan that had not been picked up by WBC's planning department. They noted that loss of landscape gaps has previously been a reason for not bringing other promoted sites forward. The proposed Hall Farm/Loddon Valley development would destroy the current landscape gap between Arborfield and Sindlesham. Since Sindlesham is a tier 3 settlement, it is not appropriate for expansion, according to WBC's own Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report. The Hall Farm/Loddon Valley proposal would in fact expand the settlement.

The parish councils next pointed out that sharp sand and gravel reserves exist across the site. The Minerals and Waste Plan for the region safeguards sand and gravel, to ensure these minerals are not made unavailable by being built on. They observed that mineral extraction would be needed for the proposed development. Extraction and subsequent infilling on the site would cause a significant delay to development, meaning that the 2,200 houses might well not be delivered within the plan period.

Their final point was that the LPU fails to allow for the traffic impact of the Hall Farm proposal. In its November 2021 Strategic Sites Report, WBC published a Viability Assessment which does not cost for a new M4 Junction. The parish councils argued that this junction might well be required, to avoid severely impacting an already overloaded local road network.

All in all, the Bell Cornwell document was a robust and well-supported critique of the Hall Farm/Loddon Valley housing proposal. Both parish councils should have been pleased with it, and keen to publicise it to their residents, especially given the thousands of pounds they spent on it. Or so you might think.

Not so united

Acting in tandem, the two parish councils made some shrewd points in their consultation document about the unsuitability of Hall Farm/London Valley as a development site. They acted very differently when it came to how they presented themselves to their residents, however. Early in January 2022, Arborfield PC publicised a local initiative to stop the development, which urged residents to get their consultation responses in before the cut-off date. (Yes, it was our very own SOLVE campaign.) At the council's January meeting, the Bell Cornwell report, circulated prior to the meeting, was discussed, and it was agreed a letter would be drafted to accompany the report including the council's response. In an appendix to the minutes of the meeting, Arborfield Borough Cllr Gary Cowan's detailed objections to Hall Farm were set out at length. The minutes of the February 2022 council meeting state that they had had a discussion with Reading University representatives about Hall Farm, and 'agreed to disagree'. The following month, Arborfield PC again discussed how to challenge WBC on including Hall Farm in the LPU, specifically taking issue on the process they followed to select the site.

So Arborfield residents wanting to see how their parish council was working for them on the Hall Farm issue was left in no doubt where it stood. And those who hadn't heard of the Hall Farm issue yet were brought up to date.

Then we come to Shinfield. Whether many residents there became aware of the stand taken in the Bell Cornwell letter is doubtful. The minutes of Shinfield Parish Council planning meetings in early 2022 record only that a consultation response by the two parish councils was being produced. Nothing is said as to the position it would take on Hall Farm/Loddon Valley. Shinfield PC newsletters from last year say little or nothing about the council's view of the matter.

The Shinfield PC Chair reported to its December 2021 full council meeting that 'work was taking place' with Arborfield Parish Council on their approach to a proposed development at what he called 'Halls' Farm. He thought there was 'a need to accept that there would be some development but to minimise it as much as possible'. This interesting concession nowhere appears in Arborfield PC's statements on Hall Farm. He promised that 'a submission would be presented to full council in due course'. Quite what he meant by a 'submission' was not stated. In any case, Shinfield PC's full council minutes for the whole of the following year showed no discussion of the Hall Farm development proposal at all. In the SPC office it seems 'due course' hasn't come round yet.

Then again, perhaps for their Parish Council the word 'submission' typically has the other meaning.

NEWS RELEASE



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: 27 August 2023
Issued by: Debby Morgan

Issue No: 127/23

MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES APPLICATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

The Department for Transport has approved Wokingham Borough Council's application to take on the enforcement of moving traffic. Offences. These changes will allow the council to increase the enforcement work that it already undertakes (such as enforcing parking violations) to make our roads safer, more accessible and reduce congestion.

Moving traffic offences that would be enforceable under the new powers can include such restrictions as driving through a 'No Entry' sign, driving on routes that are for buses and taxis only, and turning left or right when instructed not to.

Enforcement will start in September 2023 and will mainly use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, with penalty charge notices (PCN) sent to the registered keeper of offending vehicles. For the first six months, drivers will receive a warning, but only for their first offence.

Why did the council apply for this?

These restrictions are currently enforceable by the police, but the council received overall positive feedback from the consultation last year for it to take on the responsibility of enforcing certain regulations.

Some residents raised concerns through the consultation that these changes may just be about raising revenue. However, the council wants to reassure people that safety is its main priority and that it is also bound by Department for Transport rules which say that should there be any surplus income this can only be spent on improvements to public transport, highways and the environment.

The purpose of this enforcement activity is to deter drivers from breaking traffic restrictions while keeping people safe. The objective is that those using the road network will work with the council to prioritise the safety of all those travelling around the borough – drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

- MORE -

Programme rolling out in areas across the country

The council applied to the Department for Transport in February 2023, seeking for powers to enforce on moving traffic offenses, following consultation last year showing 55 per cent of respondents were in favour of it taking on these powers.

Wokingham Borough Council joins many other councils across the UK who have been approved to take on these powers, including neighbouring authority Reading Borough Council who started to roll out the programme earlier this year.

Safety our number one priority

Cllr Paul Fishwick, executive member for active travel, transport and highways said, “Our residents’ safety is our number one priority, and these changes will allow us, like many other local authorities, to take control and increase the enforcement work that we already undertake to make our roads safer and accessible while reducing congestion.

“Warnings will be given initially when the enforcement starts in September for the first six months, but we want to make it clear that drivers will only receive one warning during this period for their first offence.

“We enforce these traffic offences to keep everyone safe and would ask that all drivers travelling around the borough follow the Highway Code that has been put in place to ensure everyone’s safety, including their own.”

Initial locations

Locations for enforcement have been prioritised based on those with the highest number of driver non-compliance. The eleven initial locations that have been identified and approved are:

- Broad Street, Wokingham at the junction with Rose Street: Banned right turn
- Barkham Road rail crossing Wokingham, at the junction with Oxford Road: Banned right turn
- Station Road, Wokingham at the junction with Station Approach: Banned right turn
- Wellington Road Wokingham, at the junction with Station Road: Ahead only
- Gipsy Lane, Wokingham: Weight restriction
- Murdoch Road, Wokingham, Width restriction Keep left
- Goatley Way, Wokingham: One-way street
- Milton Road, Wokingham: No Entry except buses
- Easthampstead Road, Wokingham: Yellow box junction

- Hyde End Lane, Spencers Wood at the junction with Fullbrook Avenue and Bolton Drive: Buses only
- Whitlock Avenue, Wokingham: Banned right turn

- ENDS -

Further information:

1. More from Cllr Paul Fishwick at paul.fishwick@wokingham.gov.uk

Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Information sent to Town and Parish Councils from the Berkshire Nature Recovery Strategy Manager, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

“I’m emailing to make contact regarding the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), which I am managing. These are an exciting new set of statutory strategies for nature recovery across England, which are locally led. Over the next 11-17 months wide ranging consultations with stakeholders across the county will be conducted, and used to create Priority Map of Berkshire, signifying where nature restoration should take place. If you aren’t already aware, please find an [explanatory video](#) and the [latest information](#) on the strategies. Here is also the [current website depicting our Berkshire Strategy](#) so far.

Parish and town councils will be pivotal in creating a successful strategy for our county. The intimate knowledge you each have of your green spaces, and connections with landowners and residents is exactly what this locally led project needs to really work. I’d therefore like to include you all at this early stage. I’d love for representatives from as many parishes as possible to attend an introductory webinar on **Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 11am-12pm**. Please save the date for this – a booking link will follow shortly. During the webinar the process of creating nature strategy will be explained, as well as details of how each parish can get involved. Later in October-December 2023, there will be further consultations within which participation of parishes will be welcomed. You have all hopefully been added to a Microsoft Sharepoint group- where any documents relating to the strategy for towns and parish councils will be added.”