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To: **Members of the Planning and Community Committee**

Councillors B. Soane (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; R. Horskins; L. Guttridge; C. Jewell; V. Lewis; J. Sartorel; P. Singh; J. Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning and Community Committee will be held at the Oakwood Centre at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 17 October 2023, at which your attendance is requested.

The Town Council reserves the right to record and broadcast this meeting. Anybody attending the meeting will, by virtue, consent to having their image and audio recorded for this purpose.

Kevin Murray
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members on agenda items.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 19 September 2023 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

(These minutes were provided in the Full Council agenda of 26 September 2023)

4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. ***(Appendix 4)***

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5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. (*Appendix 5*)

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

To note that the following appeal against refusal of planning permission has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate:

Application: 231154

Location: 49 Quentin Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3NE

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a part two storey part first floor side extension, and single storey rear extension.

(Woodley Town Council had no objections to the proposal.)

7. **PRIOR APPROVAL SUBMISSION**

This type of application only requires consultation with adjoining neighbours of the site.

To note application 232388:

Location: 48 Headley Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4JE

Proposal: Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.48m, for which the maximum height would be 3.23m and the height of the eaves 2.54m.

To note application 232339:

Location: 31 Arundel Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4JP

Proposal: Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.00m, for which the maximum height would be 3.60m and the height of the eaves 2.90m.

8. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

Applications for works to trees

This type of application does not require consultation.

To note application 232328:

Location: SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION FOR WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA: St. John The Evangelist, Church Road, Woodley, RG5 4QN.

Proposal: T009, Pedunculate Oak - Fell to approx. 3m high stump retaining areas of decaying lower trunk for habitat value. T010, Purple Cherry Plum - Reduce height to approx. 5m in height and lateral spread to 3m radius; remove deadwood. T017 Pedunculate Oak - Reduce height to approx. 0-12m in height and lateral spread to 4-5m radius. G022, Common Ash x4 - Sever ivy and inspect base and lower trunks; one of the ash is in decline, if base is satisfactory, reduce canopy by 2-3m back to healthy wood. T008, Pedunculate Oak - Selectively reduce elongated branches over neighbouring property by approx. 3m back to nearest suitable reduction points. T015, European Lime - Remove deadwood from crown; inspect previous topping point at 8-9 for evidence of decay; reduce canopy by 2m on church side. T016, European Lime - Remove deadwood from crown; inspect previous topping point at 8-9 for evidence of decay; cut back to create

2.5m canopy clearance to church. G028, Leyland Cypress x30 - Crown lift and cut back to clear offsite outbuilding by 2m; remove two low branches from one specimen - branches marked with paint. T029, Leyland Cypress - Remove two lower branches. T001, European Lime - Remove deadwood from crown; inspect cable bracing. T019, Laurel Cherry - Fell decayed stem to high stump. T025, Pedunculate Oak - Remove deadwood. T033, English Yew - Remove deadwood over churchyard. T035, English Yew - Selectively reduce canopy in north side by 1.5m to create reasonable clearance to the church. T036, European Lime - Remove deadwood from crown; remove lower branch over church path; reduce elongated branches on northern half of tree by 2m to clear canopy of yew and reduce exposure in high winds; inspect cable bracing if present. T037, European Lime - Inspect cable bracing if present. T038 European Lime - Remove deadwood from crown; inspect cable bracing. T027, Small Ash - Fell to ground level. T031, English Yew - Remove large deadwood over 1m in length and 30mm in diameter.

To note application 232329:

Location: TPO 3/1951 WOODLAND 3: 11 Portrush Close, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3PB.

Proposal: T1, Silver Birch – Crown reduction by 3m.

To note application 232444:

Location: TPO 109/1976: 1 Perth Close, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4TU.

Proposal: T1, Oak - Reduce back to previous template the eastern aspect, tapering into height, and the north and southern aspects, the extent of the reduction is to not exceed 1.5m to suitable growth points. Ensure statutory clearance of the highway is maintained by up to 5m targeting secondary growth points only.

T2, Oak – Remove moderate deadwood, ensure adequate clearance of 5m over highway.

T3, Oak - Reduce overextended laterals on the northern, eastern, and southern aspects by up to 1.5m, lift crown to 4m targeting secondary growth points, ensure adequate clearance of 5m over highway.

To note application 232482:

Location: TPO 3/1951 WOODLAND 3: 2 Lynton Close, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3SF.

Proposal: T1, Silver Birch – Crown lift to approx. 5m above ground level and all-around crown reduction to appropriate pruning points, removing 2 -3m in height, approximately 1.5m off North, West and South side and approximately 2.5m off East (neighbouring) side.

To note application 232489:

Location: TPO 3/1951 WOODLAND 3: 3 Burgess Close, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3LJ.

Proposal: T1, Sycamore – Crown reduction by 1.5-2m in height, leaving final height no more than 14.5m, and by 0.5-1m in spread; remove all deadwood greater than 50mm in diameter.

9. **TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS**

a) Cycling in Woodley

- i. To consider adopting the following statement as the Council's Strategy for Cycling.

"A strategy to communicate, collaborate and educate our local community to improve, facilitate and encourage cycling in Woodley.

In particular, there is a need for better signage, more joined-up cycling facilities, and a forum in which to bring together those interested in improving facilities for cycling in Woodley."

- ii. To consider adopting a Strategy for Cycling Action Plan; a draft, based on the previous cycling action plan, is set out at **Appendix 9a**.
- iii. To consider any other matters in relation to cycling in Woodley, in line with the Council's Strategy for Cycling.

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b) Community Speedwatch

To note the following update on the Council's Community Speedwatch activities:

- The Council's Speedwatch equipment (BlackCat data logger & Sentinel camera) is now working and connecting to the laptop; equipment has been labelled and is ready for collection by the Town Council's Speedwatch coordinator.
- A draft Community Speedwatch webpage, and online Speedwatch Site Nomination Form have been developed; these are ready to be published once the Speedwatch Coordinator confirms we are ready to go live.
- When a go live date is set, Officers will develop a suitable publicity plan.

c) Highways Issues

To highlight and discuss any highways issues noted by Members.

10. **WBC STREET CLEANING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONSULTATION**

- a) To consider the Wokingham Borough Council consultation on proposed changes to its grounds maintenance and street sweeping contracts (**Appendix 10a**) and consider whether to provide a response. The consultation document provided by WBC is a copy of the online survey that was conducted in August/September 2023.

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- b) To note the correspondence from Wokingham Borough Council Lead Specialist, Richard Bissett, (**Appendix 10b**) regarding an option for the town and parish councils to collectively provide approx. £80,000 funding to retain the current litter bin provision. This has not been presented in a way that can be considered by individual Councils in relation to the bins in their area, or whether this would be an option.

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11. **FINCHAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

To note the Wokingham Borough Council formally adopted the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan on 21 September 2023.

Full details can be found on Wokingham Borough Council's Neighbourhood Planning website pages (www.wokingham.gov.uk).

12. **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

To highlight and discuss any recent community issues noted by Members.

13. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- Me2 Club Newsletter – September 2023
- CCB eBulletin – October 2023

14. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

15. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

16. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

a) To note the enforcement notifications listed in ***Appendix 16a.***

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b) To note the enforcement case closures listed in ***Appendix 16b.***

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No. & Address	Proposal
231793 246 Kingfisher Drive, Woodley, RG5 3LH	Full application for the erection of a hydraulic car ramp at the rear of 246 Kingfisher Drive. (Retrospective)
231828 24 Rothwell Gardens, Woodley, RG5 4TJ	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension with a canopy roof and a first floor side and two storey rear extension with 1 no. Juliet balcony following demolition of the existing rear conservatory, the existing garage and side/rear extension, plus changes to fenestration. We have received revised/additional plans for the above application. The revised details show: Revised plans moving the Juliet balcony to the southwest side elevation and to add a fixed shut and obscure glazed window to rear elevation.
231977 4 Coppice Road, Woodley, RG5 3QX	Application to vary conditions 2 and 5 of planning consent 222632 for the proposed erection of a part single and part double storey front, side and rear extensions to existing dwelling following loft conversion works and demolition of the existing garage. Condition 2 refers to approved details and condition 5 refers to Restriction of Permitted Development Rights, and the variation is to allow the changes to fenestration (part retrospective).
231979 4 Coppice Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3QX	Householder application for the proposed engineering works to rear of the dwelling to create a lower patio and yard with a boiler housing, pergola cover, and steps with retaining wall to support upper garden level. (Part retrospective)
232223 35 Vauxhall Drive, Woodley, RG5 4EB	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, plus ramp at front entrance for disabled access, 1no. rooflight, and raising of rear patio.
232235 84 Redwood Avenue, Woodley, RG5 4DR	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front extension.
232296 1 Crediton Close, Woodley, RG5 4DQ	Householder application for the proposed relocation of existing fence.
232313 138 Antrim Road, Woodley, RG5 3NZ	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.
232343 134 Butts Hill Road, Woodley, RG5 4NR	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front, side, and rear extensions.
232388 2 Woodley Green, Woodley, RG5 4QP	Householder application for the proposed erection of part single part two storey rear and side extensions, plus single storey front extension, following the demolition of existing garage.
232454 8 The Orangery, Earley, RG6 1FH	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.

232483 26 Duffield Road, Woodley, RG5 4RN	Householder application for the proposed single storey front side extension plus changes to fenestration.
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PLANNING DECISIONS

WITHDRAWN – NO DETERMINATION MADE BY WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Reference / Address	Proposal
NONE	

REFUSED – CONTRARY TO TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Reference / Address	Proposal
NONE	

REFUSED – ENDORSING TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Reference / Address	Proposal
231846 44 Coppice Road, Woodley, RG5 3RA	Full application for the proposed subdivision of the site and erection of a two storey side extension to form 1 no. terraced dwelling with associated parking.

APPROVED – CONTRARY TO TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Reference / Address	Proposal
230743 Library Parade, Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3LX	Full application for the proposed creation of a mixed use building consisting of the retention of the existing 3 no. retail stores at ground floor level and the addition of 14 no. apartments on new first, second and third floor levels, including the erection of three and four storey rear extensions with associated car parking, cycle and bin stores, following partial demolition of the existing building.

APPROVED – ENDORSING TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Reference / Address	Proposal
231420 Sandford Mill, Sandford Lane, Woodley, RG5 4TB	Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached carport and shed.
231646 20 Pitts Lane, Earley, RG6 1BT	Full planning application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension and raising and modification of the roof of the existing Gospel Hall to form a first floor, plus changes to fenestration, addition of a front canopy roof and creation of first floor access via rear external stairs, with associated changes to car parking and landscaping and erection of gates.
231655 22 Lindberg Way, Woodley, RG5 4XE	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension plus first floor side extension.
231769 56 Butts Hill Road, Woodley, RG5 4NH	Householder application for the proposed dropped curb.
231909 16 Fawcett Crescent, Woodley, RG5 3HU	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension, with fenestration to match existing, following the demolition of existing rear extension and existing outbuilding.

APPROVED – ENDORSING TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION cont...

231927 21 Bodmin Road, Woodley, RG5 3RZ	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, plus 2no. roof lights and formation of ground floor side window, following the demolition of existing conservatory.
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Strategy for Cycling Action Plan

Action	Partners/Stakeholders	Short/medium/long term	Ranking
Conduct an audit of cycle parking provision.	Businesses + WBC	Short	1st
Identify and provide signs for 'safe' cycle routes using existing infrastructure.	WBC	Short	1st
Establish better signage and road/pavement markings for cyclists.	WBC, RBC	Short/medium	1st
Develop a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan for Woodley (and Earley?).	WBC, ETC	Medium/long	
Consider the setting up of a cycle hire scheme (including e-bikes) in conjunction with WBC's Bike Hut.	WBC + cycle suppliers	Medium	
Set up a cycling focus group to 'test' ideas for changes/improvements.		Short	1st
Liaise with other Councils/organisations to establish partnerships that will help to reduce gaps in provision beyond Woodley's boundaries – inter-urban routes.	WBC, ETC, RBC, Charvil PC Sustrans	Short/medium/ongoing	1st
Consider ways of increasing education for all ages to reduce accidents, improve cycling proficiency and to avoid conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists.	WBC, Police, Sustrans	Medium/long/ongoing	
Establish a central depository for data on cycle thefts and accidents.	Police	Medium	



Proposed changes to our grounds maintenance and street sweeping contracts

Despite the triple threat of high inflation, increasing needs in the community and continuously low funding from central government, we remain committed to sound finances and protecting those people who need us most.

It was with these commitments in mind that we initiated some changes to our street cleansing and grounds maintenance services.

However, these changes were not fully approved via our correct protocol and in correcting this we want to get your feedback on our proposals.

Thanks for taking the time to give us your views. Your feedback will help refine our proposals, which will be considered by the council's Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 October and then we expect a decision will be made by the Executive Committee on 26 October.

1. Are you responding as



A Wokingham borough resident



An elected borough councillor



A town or parish councillor



Representing an organisation



Completing the survey for someone else



Other (please specify):

2. If you are representing an organisation or individual, please tell us more, such as the name of the organisation

Savings needed

To balance our budgets and continue to support those who need us most, we are having to find savings in all services we can, including our grounds maintenance and street cleansing contracts. We have identified savings targets in each of these areas -- about £100,000 per year in grass cutting and an average of £200,000 per year in street cleansing -- and we want to know what you think of our proposals.

We need to be clear that we do need to find a way to make these savings targets, so we are asking for feedback on our proposals rather than asking you if we should make cuts in these areas. We will tell you how we propose to make the required savings and ask for your views.

Our goal is to make the necessary cuts with as little detrimental impact as possible and to do that we need your help. If you think we shouldn't make a savings somewhere, just remember that we will then have to find somewhere else to make the savings.

We will also ask if you have any other ideas about how we can make savings in these areas.

3. How important are the areas where we are considering changes to you?

Please remember that we cannot maintain services as they currently are due to the need to make savings, so it would be helpful if you could prioritise services rather than rate them all of the same importance.

	Not at all important	Not so important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
Litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weed spraying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bottle banks storage area cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town centre cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-town centre cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road sweeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Footpath cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A329M and A33 cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Litter bins

We have just over 1,100 litter bins across the borough. We have been working with our contractors to identify bins we could remove with as little negative impact as possible. To contribute to our savings target, we are proposing to remove about 150 (14 per cent) of these.

We have worked with our contractors to identify 170 bins for removal as they meet one of more of the following criteria:

- Rarely full: the bin is rarely full, so we think it could be removed with minimal impact
- Other bins nearby: there are other bins located nearby, so we think one or more could be removed without a negative impact
- Difficult to access to empty: the location of the litter bin is a safety concern for emptying, such as being on a junction, so removing these bins would allow our contractors to operate more safely and efficiently
- Nuisance bin: the bin is in an inappropriate location due to smell nuisance, for example being very close to a children's play park or residential property, or is frequently filled with household waste / used for fly tipping, so the bin cannot be used by the public for its intended use

To see an interactive map of the litter bin locations, see the page on our engagement website for a link to the map (<https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/proposed-changes-to-street-cleaning-and-grounds-maintenance-services>).

Below is a list of the bins by parish, with a description of where they are and the reasons for their removal.

4. Below are the litter bins we have identified for removal. If you don't think a bin should be removed, please tell us why.

Remember that we will need to remove around 150 litter bins, so if we remove any from the list below, we will need to find others to add.

The list below is written in the following format:
(Unique reference no) Parish, location: reason(s) for removal

See list of reasons for removal above

	Concerns about litter bin removal
bins nearby	
with Sheerlands Road: other bins nearby	
with Whitehall Drive: other bins nearby	
nearby	
(LB513) Arborfield, Eversley Road -	
difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
(LB5575) Arborfield, Fleming Close. rarely full	
(LB5) Arborfield, Link Way. Other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
(LB5) Ardmore, Inverose Gardens. rarely full	
nearby	
roundabout: other bins nearby	
nearby	
(LB667) Berkhem, Langley Common Road	
bus stop near school road junction. other bins nearby	
(LB668) Berkhem, Langley Common Road	
near roundabout with Diggs Lane. other bins nearby	
nearby	
(LB694) Charlton, Inverstone Crescent. rarely full	
without seating: other bins nearby	
Wee Waif: other bins nearby	
opposite Keats Way: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
nearby	
(698) Easley, Cardinal Field, Kilross Drive	
furthest from the road. difficult to access to empty	
shelter: other bins nearby	
area: other bins nearby	
junction with Cannock Way: other bins nearby	
(LB570) Easley, Church Road, crossing road	
off Peters Road. difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
(LB467) Easley, Oulver Lane, roundabout	
junction with Church Road. difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
Langdale Gardens: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
Copse: difficult to access to empty	
area: other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
area: other bins nearby (LB1464) Farley, Maiden Erlegh Drive	
second closest to school access. other bins nearby	
(LB1460) Farley, Maiden Erlegh Drive	
second closest to Wokingham Road junction. other bins nearby	
(LB15) Farley, Mays Lane. rarely full	
nearby	
area: other bins nearby	
within the play area: other bins nearby	
along the riverbank: difficult to access to empty	
(4447) Farley, Riverside Park, Tealard Way	
- along the riverbank. difficult to access to empty	
stop: other bins nearby	
Way junction: other bins nearby	
Valley Police Station: other bins nearby	
Way junction: other bins nearby	
(4090) Farley, Pothill Park, Woodl Way, just	
outside the play area. difficult to access to empty	
the play area: difficult to access to empty	
other bins nearby	
nearby	
with Erleigh Court Drive: other bins nearby	
road: other bins nearby	
junction: other bins nearby	
junction by bus stop: other bins nearby	
with Mays Lane: other bins nearby	
(LB506) Farley, Wokingham Road, near	
junction with Albourne Avenue. other bins nearby	
junction with Meadow Road: other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
(LB2570) Easley, Welkingsham Road, near junction with Henley Wood Road. Other bins nearby	
nuisance bin	
bins nearby	
footpath to Chivers Drive: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
(LB410) Fishbarnstead, Fishbarnstead Road, California Crossroads sign to Avery Golf Park. other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
Road: other bins nearby	
Road - near Roman Ride: other bins nearby	
(LB700) Fishbarnstead, Lower Welkingsham Road - Wellingtonia Roundabout. difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
(LB620) Fishbarnstead, Nine Mile Ride, Kill Ride bus stop. difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
(724) Fishbarnstead, Waverley Way, furthest away from the play area. other bins nearby	
nearby	
bins nearby	
Esso garage: other bins nearby	
Lane Primary school: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
stop: other bins nearby	
stop opposite Estate Agent: other bins nearby	
Grazeley Road bus stop: other bins nearby	
End Rd bus stop: other bins nearby	
Mill House Hotel: other bins nearby	
(LB267) Shipfield, Rosingtons Road, Three Mile Cross opposite petrol station. other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
Mile Cross petrol station: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
nearby	
(LD34) Shinfield, Egerton Road. Rarely full	
(LD224) Shinfield, Fair Lawn Green. Rarely full	
Whiteknights School: other bins nearby	
nearby	
(LD305) Shinfield, Halls Lane. Rarely full	
nearby	
sign: other bins nearby	
Shinfield sign: other bins nearby	
(LD375) Shinfield, Shinfield Disc, near	
junction with Westlands Avenue. Other bins	
nearby	
station: other bins nearby	
sub-station: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
bins nearby	
Old Mill Court: other bins nearby	
opposite Russett Gardens: other bins nearby	
Hall Road junction: other bins nearby	
Loddon Hall Road junction: other bins nearby	
Pennfields junction: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
junction: other bins nearby	
station: other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
with Stanlake Lane: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
road: other bins nearby	
nearby	
with King Street Lane: other bins nearby	
wash: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
petrol station: other bins nearby	
sainsburys junction: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
with Sherwood Road: other bins nearby (LP200) Wincobank, Robinhood Way, near	
Wentynill Green Lane junction: other bins nearby (450) Wincobank, Wincobank Meadows, Asher	
meadows - 100m from entrance: other bins nearby	
rarely full	
opposite shopping parade: other bins nearby	
crossroads - by car wash: other bins nearby (LP728) Wincobank, Reading Road, Sainsbury's	
crossroads - near estate agents: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
tennis courts: other bins nearby	
two artificial pitches: other bins nearby	
greenway: other bins nearby	
Shops - near dog groomers: other bins nearby (LP406) Walsingham, Clifton Road	
Emmabrook Shops - near hair salon: other bins nearby (670) Walsingham, Elizabeth Road, Lattimer	
road - adjacent to allotment gardens: other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
Road - within the play area: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
full	
Church: other bins nearby	
Cornerstone: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
stop: rarely full	
(/ B557) Welkington, Reading Road, The Terrace. difficult to access to empty and other bins nearby	
(/ B206) Welkington, Reading Road, woosening roundabout bus stop. other bins nearby	
nearby	
with Rances Lane: nuisance bin	
Heron Road junction: rarely full	
on railings: other bins nearby	
two car park areas: other bins nearby	
(/ 489) Woodley, Ashbury Park, Tinnies Lane - At the highest point. difficult to access to empty	
play area: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
outside the play area: other bins nearby	
play area: other bins nearby	
Road junction: other bins nearby	
near Glendevon Road: other bins nearby	
Bader way bus stop: other bins nearby	
junction with Loddon Bridge: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
(/ B20) Woodley, Gennie Road, Beside, near funeral director. other bins nearby	

	Concerns about litter bin removal
stop: other bins nearby (LB652) Woodley, Crickhamwell Road, near	
footpath to Searford Gardens: other bins nearby	
other bins nearby	
with Woodlands Avenue: other bins nearby	
roundabout: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
Chequers Way junction: other bins nearby	
dog groomers: other bins nearby	
nearby	
Drive service road: other bins nearby	
Drive shops: other bins nearby	
bins nearby	
near surgery: other bins nearby	
Play area: other bins nearby	
nearby	
area: other bins nearby	
nearby	
nearby	

5. We are proposing to empty all highway litter bins once a week, excluding town centres which will continue to be emptied more frequently. Currently 550 bins in the borough are emptied twice a week, and the rest are emptied once a week.

Reducing how often we empty litter bins could increase litter around the bins. We could put up notices asking residents to take litter home with them if the bin is full to help prevent this.

What do you think of this proposal?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

6. Are there any other litter bins you think we should consider removing or reducing how often we empty them?

If so, please clearly state the location (ideally using the unique reference number from the interactive map above) and the reasons why you think it should be removed or reduced.

7. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our litter bin proposals?

Weed spraying

We are considering reducing how often we spray weeds on highway network hard surfaces across the borough, which includes roads, pavements, traffic islands and roundabouts, to either once or twice a year.

This could cause more visible weeds in areas across the borough. However, there would be environmental and financial benefits, including using less weed spraying chemicals and costing less.

We currently spray weeds in these areas three times per year.

8. What do you think of the option to reduce weed spraying to once a year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

9. What do you think of the option to reduce weed spraying to twice a year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

10. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our weed spraying proposal?

Bottle banks area cleaning

We are considering reducing how often we clean the area around the bottle banks (glass bottles and textiles) including removing any illegally dumped materials to once a week or once every two weeks. We currently do this twice a week.

Reducing how often we clean these areas could mean that some of the busier bottle banks may have more litter and broken glass around them. We could put up signs to encourage residents not to leave litter and explain that any materials left on the floor are considered fly tipping.

11. What do you think of the option to reduce cleaning around bottle banks to once every two weeks?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

12. What do you think of the option to reduce cleaning around bottle banks to once a week?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

13. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our bottle bank cleaning proposals?

Town centre and retail areas sweeping

We are considering either a 30 or 40 per cent decrease in the total budget we spend on cleaning Wokingham and Woodley town centres. We would sweep lower footfall areas less frequently, prioritise higher footfall areas and continue to keep the town centre street cleaner.

We currently sweep the streets and pavements anywhere between three times a day and fortnightly, depending on the location. We also have a town centre street cleaner for these areas.

Decreasing the budget on town centre cleaning could mean we would see more litter and detritus in these areas.

14. What do you think of decreasing the total budget we spend on cleaning Wokingham and Woodley town centres by 40 per cent and prioritising high footfall areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

15. What do you think of decreasing the total budget we spend on cleaning Wokingham and Woodley town centres by 30 per cent and prioritising high footfall areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

We are considering cleaning non-town centre retail areas either once a week or once every two weeks. We currently clean these areas twice per week.

Decreasing how often we clean non-town centre retail areas could mean that there is more litter and detritus in these areas.

16. What do you think of the option to clean non-town centre retail areas once every two weeks and to focus on high footfall areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

17. What do you think of the option to clean non-town centre retail areas once a week and to focus on high footfall areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

18. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our town centre and retail areas cleaning proposals?

Road sweeping

We are considering changing how we clean our highway network roads to sweeping all roads every seven weeks or every nine weeks, other than town centre areas which will continue to be cleaned more frequently.

Currently all highway network roads are cleaned on a regular basis, anywhere from fortnightly to five times per year, with the average being every six weeks.

This proposal would see some roads cleaned slightly less often, with others cleaned slightly more often. Roads that would be cleaned less often could see more litter and detritus.

19. What do you think of the option of cleaning all roads other than town centre roads every nine weeks?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

20. What do you think of the option of cleaning all roads other than town centre roads every seven weeks?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

21. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our road cleaning proposals?

Footpath cleaning

We are considering cleaning highway footpaths either every 12 or 14 weeks, although we would prioritise busier areas and clean them more frequently.

We currently clean most footpaths across the borough including subways, cycleways, pavements next to roads and linking footpaths every six weeks, or more frequently for higher use footpaths.

Decreasing how often we clean footpaths could see more litter and detritus on them.

22. What do you think of the option to clean footpaths every 14 weeks and to prioritise busier areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

23. What do you think of the option to clean footpaths every 12 weeks and to prioritise busier areas?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

24. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our footpath cleaning proposals?

A329M and A33 cleaning, including litter picking and road sweeping

We are proposing to change how often we clean the A329M, to litter picking the verges, embankments and hard shoulders either four times per year or three times per year. We currently litter pick them monthly.

We are proposing to change how often we clean the A33 to litter picking a minimum of once per year or once every other year with the laybys being cleaned more frequently. We currently litter pick the A33 twice a year.

Decreasing how often we clean our fast roads could mean more litter and detritus on them.

25. What do you think of the proposal to litter pick on the A329M three times a year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

26. What do you think of the proposal to litter pick on the A329M four times a year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

27. What do you think of the proposal to litter pick on the A33 once every other year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

28. What do you think of the proposal to litter pick on the A33 once every year?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

29. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our fast roads cleaning proposals?

Grass cutting

We currently use a grass height based approach to cutting across the borough, with five inches being the standard. This generally means the grass is cut about six times per year.

We are proposing the following:

- Verges and smaller spaces would be cut four times a year
- Play areas, sports pitches and larger open spaces would be cut more than four times a year, to ensure an appropriate length of grass for their use
- Urban highway verges that are sightlines for traffic would also be cut more than four times a year to ensure visibility for road users.
- Rural highways verges that are sightlines are currently cut two to four times per year and will remain unchanged

We are also proposing to increase the areas where we allow the grass to grow long and cut annually. This would benefit biodiversity and pollinators across the borough, reduce our carbon emissions and provide savings.

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What do you think of these proposals?



I like it



I can accept it



I am neutral on it



I don't like it but understand the need for it to happen



I don't support it

31. Do you have any other suggestions or comments about our grass cutting proposals?

Any other ideas to make savings

32. Do you have any further comments on any of these issues, including other ways we could make savings in these areas?

33. Are you happy for us to contact you about your answers?

Yes

No

Email address and / or telephone number:

About you (optional)

The following questions are to ensure we take the views and needs of differing people into consideration and to understand your responses to the previous questions a little better. It is a legal requirement for us to ask these questions, but you are not obliged to answer any you do not wish to. The data acquired is used for this consultation only and cannot be used to identify you.

35. What is your postcode?

36. What town or parish do you live in?

37. What sex/gender do you identify as?



Female



Male



Transgender



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

38. How old are you?



17 or younger



18-20



21-29



30-39



40-49



50-59



60 or older

39. What race or ethnicity best describes you?



Arabic



Asian/British Asian: Bangladeshi



Asian/British Asian: Chinese



Asian/British Asian: Indian



Asian/British Asian: Pakistani



Black/British Black: African



Black/British Black: Caribbean



White: British



White: Other



Mixed race



Gypsy/Traveller



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

40. What do you consider your religion to be?



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism



Sikhism



No religion



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

41. Which of the following terms best describes your sexual orientation?



Asexual



Bisexual



Gay



Lesbian



Heterosexual/Straight



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

42. Have you undertaken any form of sex/gender reassignment?



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

43. Are you currently pregnant or have you given birth within the last year?



Yes



No



Not applicable



Prefer not to say

44. Do you have a disability, long-term illness or health condition?



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

45. Would it be helpful if you could indicate the nature of your disability? If so, please do.

Fwd: Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance Proposals

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Date: 10/10/2023 2:58 PM

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From: Richard Bisset <>
To:
Cc:
Sent: 18/09/2023 5:10 PM
Subject: Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance Proposals
Dear Clerks,

Thank you for your feedback on the above proposals either through the consultation or via the online sessions which were very productive. I attach the Word copy of the consultation document for reference.

A number of Clerks requested that the proposals be taken through their respective Council meetings for further consideration. This includes all options for keeping the litter bins, for instance through their own staffing resources (i.e., Site wardens) or direct financial support. The proposal is to reduce litter bins by 150 across the borough and reduce the emptying of Highways litter bins currently emptied twice a week to once a week. The cost of maintaining the full complement of bins and retaining the twice weekly collection (as is now) would be in the region of £80k. An option is for T&PC's to collectively contribute approximately £80k and the current service could continue.

A report will be taken through to the Executive on 26 October which will seek agreement for the changes to take place including the removal of litter bins. It is envisaged that any changes to the services are made in November 2023, however if T&PC's either support, through their existing resources, or fund the emptying of the 150 litter bins (£80k) this needs to be notified to Wokingham Borough by Friday 10 November at the latest. It would be advantageous to have a two-year agreement in place to provide stability and continuity on this issue.

Thank you once again and please let me know if you require any further information.

Richard Bisset
Lead Specialist
Place Clienting
Wokingham Borough Council

ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATIONS - 17 OCTOBER 2023

12 Grays Crescent, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3EN

U/A extension at rear - no PP

65 Norton Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4AJ

Rear dormer - not in accordance with PP or PD

ENFORCEMENT CLOSURES - 17 OCTOBER 2023

12 Sandford Drive, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4RR

Juliette balcony at the back without PP
Other - complaint withdrawn

246 Kingfisher Drive, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3LH

electric hydraulic vehicle lifting ramp installed w/o pp
Application submitted

15 Addington Gardens, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3EW

Balcony created without PP
Voluntary compliance

4 Coppice Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3QX

additional window in side elevation
Application submitted

4 Coppice Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3QX

extension appears larger than approved 222632
Application submitted

2 Lindberg Way, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4XE

Fence erected on an open plan area road between properties 1 & 2 Lindb
No breach

29a Western Avenue, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3BJ

unlawful use without planning permission
No breach

Strawberry Local, 62 - 64 Howth Drive, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3EG

Construction of a storage facility behind shop without PP
Other - merged with another case

55 South Lake Crescent, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 3QN

Building work taking place without PP
No breach

61 Norton Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4AJ

Rear dormer - not in accordance with PP or PD
No breach

63 Norton Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG5 4AJ

Rear dormer - not in accordance with PP or PD
No breach