



The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, Berkshire, RG5 4JZ
www.woodley.gov.uk

To: **Members of the Planning and Community Committee**
Councillors J. Cheng (Chairman); K. Baker; D. Bragg; M. Doyle; M. Forrer; C. Jewell;
J. MacNaught; D. Mills; M. Nagra; S. Rahmouni; R. Skegg; P. Wicks

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 10 September 2019, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander
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 COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2019** Page 5
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record.
4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. **(Appendix 4)** Page 13
5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**
To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. **(Appendix 5)** Page 15

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

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

Application: 182696
Location: Land to the South of Sandford Farm Cottage, Perimeter Road, Woodley, RG5 4SU.
Proposal: Full planning application for the erection of 1 No. dwelling and relocation of access, including enhancement of TPO and landscape proposals.
(Woodley Town Council recommended refusal of the application.)

7. **HIGHWAYS**

a) To note the press release issued by Wokingham Borough Council regarding road maintenance. (**Appendix 7a**)

Page 17

b) **Carriageway surface dressing**

To note that Nightingale Road, Woodley, will be closed between its junctions with Crockhamwell Road and Fairwater Drive to allow Wokingham Borough Council contractors to undertake surface dressing operations in safety. Works requiring this restriction are expected to take place on 7 September 2019.

The alternative route for all vehicles affected by this restriction will be via Crockhamwell Road, Woodlands Avenue and Fairwater Drive, or by this route in reverse.

c) **Carriageway micro asphalt schemes**

To note that planned highway improvements have been scheduled by Wokingham Borough Council to take place on the following roads in Woodley:

Kingfisher Drive service roads	16 – 18 September 2019
Rickman Close (Kingfisher Drive to end)	18 September 2019
Kingfisher Drive spine road	18 – 20 September 2019
Wallace Close	20 – 22 September 2019
Larch Drive	21 – 22 September 2019
Fairwater Drive service road	22 – 23 September 2019

Road closures will be required to allow the contractor to carry out the works safely. There will be restricted vehicular access and diversion routes will be in place. Working hours are anticipated to be from 9:30am to 4:00pm and the roads will be re-opened every day.

8. **STREET NAMING**

Wokingham Borough Council have asked the Town Council for suggestions for naming the new road to be constructed at the former Pitts Works site, 101 Colemans Moor Road, Woodley. Members are asked to consider suitable suggestions. A list of possible future road names previously compiled by the Committee is attached at **Appendix 8**, for information.

Page 19

9. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

To receive an update on matters relating to Community Speedwatch.

10. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY WORKING PARTY**

To appoint members to the Cycling in Woodley Working Party.

11. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2020-2030 CONSULTATION**

Item deferred from the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019 (minute number 61).

Following the report on the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030 presented by Councillor Jewell at the last meeting, some Members requested more time to consider the document. It was resolved that Members would send their comments to the Committee Officer by the end of August and that these comments would be combined to form a response to the consultation.

Members to note that no comments were received by the Committee Officer.

Members to consider a response to the consultation. The consultation document can be viewed at:

www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations

Responses are required by 26 September 2019.

12. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 (LTP4)**

Item deferred from the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 13 August 2019 (minute number 62).

Following the report reviewing the existing Local Transport Plan 3 document presented by Councillor Skegg at the last meeting, Members requested more time to consider the document and formulate responses to the questions raised by Wokingham Borough Council.

Members are asked to consider responses to the following questions:

1. Feedback on the Transport Vision and the delivery of LTP3 to date.
2. Local transport issues.
3. Potential solutions to Q2 / anything we would like to see in LTP4.
4. Suggestions regarding who else should be engaged with.

Responses are required by the end of September.

The current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) can be viewed at:

www.wokingham.gov.uk/plans_policies_and_strategies/transport_plans_and_guidance/local_transport_plan

13. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN**

To note that, as agreed at the last meeting (Planning and Community Committee, 13 August 2019, minute number 63) all comments on the proposed new Parking Management Plan that were sent to Councillor Baker, or the Committee Officer, following the meeting, were forwarded to Wokingham Borough Council by the deadline of 16 August.

14. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: ADOPTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE - CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

The Wokingham Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has established a task and finish group to examine the process for adopting new roads, open spaces, landscaping and play areas following the completion of new housing developments. The task and finish group will examine the legal, planning and technical framework relating to the adoption process and will look at examples of best practice. It will also examine the way in which residents are informed and updated.

Further information is given in a press release from Wokingham Borough Council, attached at **Appendix 14**.

Page 20

Written evidence on the adoption process is requested from residents, community groups, Town and Parish Councils and other stakeholders. Members are asked to consider a response to the request. Responses are required by 30 September 2019.

15. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Woodley Town Centre Newsletter – August 2019*
- *Me2 Club Newsletter – September 2019*

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

17. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

18. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note any enforcement issues.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Community Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 13 August 2019 at 7:45 pm

Present: *Councillors: J. Cheng (Chairman); K. Baker; D. Bragg; M. Doyle; M. Forrer; C. Jewell; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; R. Skegg; P. Wicks*

Officer present: *L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

53. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Nagra.

54. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. Skegg – Personal interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 191848: 25 Millbank Crescent, as the applicant is a friend.

Councillor Skegg left the room during the discussion of this application and took no part in the decision making.

55. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2019**

Councillor Forrer commented that he had sent apologies for the meeting on 16 July but that this had not been recorded in the minutes. The Committee Officer agreed to amend the minutes to reflect this.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the amended minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 16 July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

56. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To forward comments to the planning authority as detailed in **Appendix A**.

57. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting, as given in the agenda.

58. **PLANNING APPEALS**

RESOLVED:

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

Application: 190056

Location: 268 Kingfisher Drive, Woodley, RG5 3LH.

Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of two storey side extension to existing dwelling with front and rear dormers, single storey front extension to form porch, plus internal alterations.

- ◆ To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 173614
Location: 21 Duffield Road, Woodley, RG5 4RL.
Details: Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of 6 No. two storey dwellings with associated parking and landscaping following the demolition of the existing property.
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

59. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

Councillor Baker reported that members of the Woodley Speedwatch team were still trying to arrange a meeting with the Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Supervisor for Community Speedwatch, as reported at the last meeting, and were awaiting a response from him. The Committee Officer agreed to chase this up.

60. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY**

Members considered the proposed terms of reference for a Cycling in Woodley Working Party, which had been included in the agenda. It was suggested that the Vision 2020 document published by the Woodley Community Partnership in 2009 should be reviewed by the working party to ascertain how many of the recommendations had been achieved, and this document could then be used as a basis for the future work of the working party. Members agreed that the terms of reference should be amended to reflect this.

It was agreed that the working party should consist of Members who had an interest in cycling, irrespective of which political party they represented, or whether they were a member of the Planning and Community Committee. Councillor Jewell agreed to canvas Councillors to see who would be interested in joining the working party.

Following discussion, Members agreed that in addition to looking at improving facilities for cyclists, the working party would also take the views of non-cyclists into consideration and look at the problems that were sometimes caused by cyclists.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To set up a Cycling in Woodley Working Party.
- ◆ To approve the amended terms of reference for the Cycling in Woodley Working Party, as attached at **Appendix B**.

61. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2020-2030 CONSULTATION**

Item deferred from the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 16 July 2019 (minute number 42).

Councillor Jewell presented her report on the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030. This report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Committee discussed the report and some Members asked for more time to consider a response.

Councillor Baker thanked Councillor Jewell for her report on the consultation document.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That Members would send their comments on the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030 to the Committee Officer by the end of August.
- ◆ That the Committee Officer would combine Members' comments to form a response to the consultation.

62. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 (LTP4)**

Item deferred from the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 16 July 2019 (minute number 44).

Councillor Skegg presented his report reviewing the existing Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) document. As the LTP3 document was very long, Members felt they needed more time for consideration of the document and to formulate responses to the questions raised by Wokingham Borough Council. Councillor Skegg agreed to circulate his notes to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Baker thanked Councillor Skegg for his report on the LTP3 document.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To defer this item until the next meeting, on 10 September 2019.
- ◆ That the Committee Officer would invite the Wokingham Borough Council LTP4 Team to a meeting with the Planning and Community Committee.

63. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Members noted correspondence received from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the development of a new Parking Management Plan for the borough. Town and parish councils were asked to identify key issues that should be considered when developing the new Plan. As responses were required by 16 August, it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That Councillor Baker would formulate a response identifying issues to be considered in the development of the Parking Management Plan and that the proposed response would be circulated to all Committee Members.
- ◆ That Committee Members would send their comments to Councillor Baker for incorporation into the formal response.

64. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: LOCAL PLAN UPDATE
– SITE ASSESSMENT ENGAGEMENT 2019**

Members noted correspondence received from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the next stage of the Local Plan Update.

65. **CONNECTING COMMUNITIES IN BERKSHIRE (CCB): COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING**

Members noted correspondence received from CCB regarding a short course on Community-led Housing, to be held on 19 September 2019.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ Not to send a representative to attend the course on Community-led Housing on 19 September 2019.

66. **WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM**

Members noted the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum meeting held on 17 July 2019.

67. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
 - *Connecting Communities in Berkshire E-Bulletin – July 2019*
 - *Me2 Club Newsletter – July 2019*
 - *Woodley Town Centre Newsletter – July 2019*

68. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were suggested for inclusion in a future agenda.

69. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To publicise the following:
 - A request for ideas to be considered by the Cycling in Woodley Working Party.

Under this item, Councillor Baker informed members that the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party had received a request from the Earley Town Council working party members to consider a possible future planning application on the SULV land and take a joint stance on the decision. The Woodley Town Council members had taken the view that it was not for the working party to comment on specific planning applications as these would be considered by the Planning and Community Committee, as the Committee was the primary decision maker.

70. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note that recent advice from Wokingham Borough Council stated that enforcement issues no longer had to be treated as a confidential item and it was therefore not necessary to exclude the public and press.

71. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed the meeting of ten ongoing enforcement matters and twelve enforcement investigation closure notifications.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm

Woodley Town Council

Page 1

Date :- 14/08/2019

Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
-----------------------	------------------	-----------------------	-----------------

Approved on the following applications;**191394**

08/08/2019

Mr Kondreddy

1 Gemini Road
Gemini Road
Woodley
RG5 4TF

Proposal : Householder application for the erection of 1.6m high railings to boundary. (Retrospective)
Observations : No objections.

191401

12/07/2019

Mr B. Teal

218 Kingfisher Drive
Kingfisher Drive
Woodley
RG5 3LQ

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, plus the insertion of 1 No. rooflight and internal alterations.
Observations : No objections.

191602

06/08/2019

Unknown

96 Pitts Lane
Pitts Lane
Earley
RG6 1BU

Proposal : ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION
Householder application for the erection of a two storey rear extension to dwelling.
Observations : No objections.

191626

23/07/2019

Mr Nagaraju Perisetty

43 Quentin Road
Quentin Road
Woodley
RG5 3NE

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed extension and conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation plus insertion of 1 No. rooflight and changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.
 REVISED DRAWING RECEIVED 23/07/2019
Observations : No objections.
 REVISED DRAWINGS RECEIVED 23/07/2019
 Following receipt of the revised drawings, the Committee considered this application again and had no objections to the proposal.

191688

19/07/2019

Mr M. Toms

167 Fairwater Drive
Fairwater Drive
Woodley
RG5 3JQ

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension and the proposed erection of a detached garage following demolition of existing semi-detached garage.
Observations : No objections.

Date :- 14/08/2019

Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
191730	23/07/2019	Mrs Tandel	26 Rochester Avenue Rochester Avenue Woodley RG5 4NA
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed outbuilding plus insertion of 3 No. rooflights to rear of existing building.			
Observations : No objections.			
191743	23/07/2019	Mr & Mrs Munnery	11 Alderley Close Alderley Close Woodley RG5 4TG
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension plus the insertion of 2 No. rooflights.			
Observations : No objections.			
191761	19/07/2019	Mr & Mrs King	6 Nimrod Close Nimrod Close Woodley RG5 4UW
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey extension plus insertion of 1 No. rooflight to rear, garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, porch canopy extension to front, internal alterations and changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.			
Observations : No objections.			
191787	25/07/2019	Unknown	81 Ravensbourne Drive Ravensbourne Drive Woodley RG5 4LJ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey front/side extension including porch extension/alteration to existing dwelling.			
Observations : No objections.			
191796	06/08/2019	Mr D Busby	21 Denmark Avenue Denmark Avenue Woodley RG5 4RS
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single storey/part two storey front/side/rear extension plus the insertion of 4 No. rooflights.			
Observations : No objections.			
191848	23/07/2019	Mrs Dearing	25 Millbank Crescent Millbank Crescent Woodley RG5 4EP
Proposal : Householder application for a single storey front extension forming porch.			
Observations : No objections.			

Date :- 14/08/2019

Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
191856	25/07/2019	Unknown	25 Copse Mead Copse Mead Woodley RG5 4RP

Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of part single/part two storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension.

Observations : No objections.

Cycling in Woodley Working Party

Terms of Reference

Overall purpose

1. To develop a Woodley Town Council Cycling Strategy in order to identify, prioritise and optimise actions to:
 - a) Improve Woodley's cycling environment; and
 - b) Provide better facilities for cyclists in Woodley
2. To work with local authorities/cycling groups/experts to achieve the aims of the cycling strategy.

Membership of the working party

There shall be at least 4 members of the Council and no more than 3 interested parties (such as a highways engineer, a cycling expert and cyclists) appointed to the working party. Others may attend by invitation to give expert advice.

Non-councillor members of the working party have no right to vote at the working party's meetings.

Meetings

Meetings of the working party should take place at least quarterly.

Terms of operation

- To review the Vision 2020 document published by the Woodley Community Partnership in 2009, with regard to cycling provision.
- To define the aims and objectives of a WTC cycling strategy.
- To publish and publicise the strategy.
- To discuss how the objectives of the Cycling Strategy may be met.
- To produce a roadmap of the Working Party's planned future.

New Applications Received Between 09/08/2019 and 05/09/2019

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
New Application			
191616	12/08/2019	Mr Dharmesh Modi	8 Wroxham Road Wroxham Road Woodley RG5 3AT
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed part single, part two storey side/rear extension to include part garage conversion to form store and utility room plus insertion of 5 No. rooflights and roof lantern to rear, loft conversion to create habitable accommodation plus insertion of 3 No. rooflights to front and 1 No. rooflight to side, internal alterations and changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191988	30/08/2019	Mr & Mrs Ferri	27 Enstone Road Enstone Road Woodley RG5 4QU
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, single storey extension including the erection of porch canopy plus insertion of 1 No. rooflight to front following the removal of existing porch to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191989	05/09/2019	Mr Sean Riordan	Emmanuel Church Centre South Lake Crescent Woodley RG5 3QW
Proposal : Full planning application for proposed single storey side extension to existing church building following demolition of existing portacabin plus changes to fenestration, internal alterations and proposed installation of solar panels to existing building.			
Observations :			
192009	19/08/2019	Mr N Koreganokar	38 Gemini Road Gemini Road Woodley RG5 4TF
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed garage conversion to create habitable accommodation (home gym) plus changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
192054	28/08/2019	Mr & Mrs Collett	21 Anthian Close Anthian Close Woodley RG5 4XA
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed raising of roof including garage conversion (to form study and dining room) plus first floor side extension to create habitable accommodation, erection of single storey detached garage to front, internal alterations and changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			

New Applications Received Between 09/08/2019 and 05/09/2019

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
192089	19/08/2019	Mr & Mrs Bridson	19 Fosters Lane Fosters Lane Woodley RG5 4HH
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed side and rear extensions following demolition of conservatory and outbuilding to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
192091	12/08/2019	Mr & Mrs Campbell-Montgomery	150 Reading Road Reading Road Woodley RG5 3AA
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of conservatory following the removal of existing conservatory to rear of existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
192113	16/08/2019	Mrs Jackie Mansfield	21 Wallace Close Wallace Close Woodley RG5 3HW
Proposal : Householder application for proposed single storey side extension.			
Observations :			
192151	19/08/2019	Caroline & Emad Salib	8 Frampton Close Frampton Close Woodley RG5 3BS
Proposal : Householder application for proposed single storey rear and side extension with internal alterations and new roof layout.			
Observations :			
192162	22/08/2019	Mr Ballabani	93 Howth Drive Howth Drive Woodley RG5 3DJ
Proposal : Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension, conversion of workshop to habitable space, partial conversion of garage, single storey front extension to form porch and replacement of flat roof over garage plus internal alterations.			
Observations :			
192221	28/08/2019	Mr & Mrs Searles	35 Tiger Close Tiger Close Woodley RG5 4UY
Proposal : Householder application for proposed two storey side/rear extension, single storey front extension, internal alterations and partial garage conversion. (Part retrospective)			
Observations :			

Applications Received :- 11

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

Thu 5 September 2019

' C ' Contrary to Borough

Page No : 1

' E ' Endorsed by Borough

GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 190996	Approved	42 Reading Road
E 191318	Approved	Unit 4, E Reading Retail Centr
E 191356	Approved	10 Mitchell Way
E 191401	Approved	218 Kingfisher Drive
E 191447	Approved	28 Arundel Road
E 191479	Approved	45 Welford Road
C 191598	Approved	17 Arundel Road Local COMMENT The Committee recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds: - Visually unacceptable: the pair of semi-detached dwellings will become unbalanced and lopsided. - Out of character with the street scene.
E 191602	Approved	96 Pitts Lane
E 191626	Approved	43 Quentin Road
E 191631	Approved	149 Nightingale Road
E 191647	Approved	30 Radcot Close
E 191688	Approved	167 Fairwater Drive
E 191730	Approved	26 Rochester Avenue
E 191743	Approved	11 Alderley Close
E 191761	Approved	6 Nimrod Close
E 191848	Approved	25 Millbank Crescent
E 191856	Approved	25 Copse Mead

**THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY
LEFT BLANK**

NEWS RELEASE

APPENDIX 7a



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: 29 August 2019

Issue No: 131/19

Version: 1.0

COUNCIL SET TO KICK OFF ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CAMPAIGN

This year Wokingham Borough Council's annual road maintenance campaign is bigger than ever. The council secured a significant piece of the government's potholes fund meaning more of the borough's roads can be resurfaced, retreated or redressed.

Officers from the council's highways team have been surveying road conditions and have identified 118 roads that are most in need of improvement. In total, this represents more than 300,000 sqm of highways where an estimated £2.6million will be spent on enhancements.

Work will begin shortly and will be completed by early November, meaning residents can expect an improved road network before the winter weather sets in.

"We are pleased to be investing in and improving our road network," said Cllr Pauline Jorgensen, executive member for highways and transport. "These have been programmed to minimise disruption to our residents as much as possible. We thank you for your patience while we do all we can to maintain our highway network to ensure road users are safe and their journeys are smooth.

"Rather than allocating maintenance on a ward-by-ward or regional basis, the roads which need the most attention are being prioritised, thanks to comprehensive surveying of all of the boroughs roads by our highways teams. We have worked hard to secure the money we needed to ensure that our roads get the treatment required. Some of this work has been funded directly by government, which means some smaller residential roads are being repaired as well as the crucial maintenance work we are doing on our main roads."

Almost 100,000 sqm of surface dressing work will be carried out across 14 locations. This adds protection to the carriageway surface, sealing it from water while also enhancing its skid resistance and will extend the life of the carriageway surface by up to 10 years.

- MORE -

This work, primarily on A roads and other busy streets, will take place in early September. This work will be restricted to off-peak daytime hours, between 9.30am and 4pm, to minimise disruption.

Resurfacing work will take place on 18 different streets, with almost 35,000 sqm being given this more extensive treatment. This involves removing layers of a worn out road surface and replacing it with new material.

These vital works will mostly take place overnight, from 8pm to 6am, or off-peak during the day, from 9.30am to 4pm, to reduce disruption – running from early September to early November.

More than 80 streets, which are mostly residential, will see micro asphalt surface treatments take place. It will include work around schools, with all this planned during the October half-term to minimise disruption.

The micro asphalt surface treatment, planned from mid-September to early November, is a preventative maintenance treatment, used to seal the existing road surface, improve the texture and help water evaporate.

This type of surface treatment will prolong the life of a road by up to ten years. It is mostly used in residential areas where there is slower moving traffic.

Some of this work will also take place once weather conditions begin to improve again in March. This will only apply to work on residential streets and should not cause any major disruption.

Full details of this year's programme, including which roads will be resurfaced or redressed and when, can be found by visiting www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/roadworks-and-road-maintenance/pothole-and-road-repairs-schedule/. Or, visit our social media pages, www.facebook.com/WokinghamRoadworks and www.twitter.coc/WBCTrafficAlert, for regular updates on the work. Details of road closures will also be available on www.roadworks.org.

- ENDS -

Suggested Street Names for future developments in Woodley

Flowers

Acacia	Amaryllis	Anemone	Begonia
Bouvardia	Cactus	Camellia	Clematis
Crocus	Daffodil	Daisy	Delphinium
Fuchsia	Godetia	Honeysuckle	Hyacinth
Larkspur	Lavender	Lily	Lobelia
Lupin	Orchid	Petunia	Poppy
Primrose	Sunflower	Tulip	Wisteria
Zinnia			

Birds

Bittern	Blackbird	Buzzard	Chaffinch
Cormorant	Dove	Duncock	Grebe
Guillemot	Jackdaw	Kestrel	Lapwing
Magpie	Mallard	Moorhen	Nuthatch
Partridge	Pheasant	Red Kite	Starling
Reeds	Robin	Seagull	Skylark
Swallow	Swan	Woodpecker	Wren

Authors

Bronte	Chaucer	Dickens	Goldsworthy
--------	---------	---------	-------------

Aircraft

Magister

Others

Bulrush	Dovecote	Squirrels Drey	
Diamond	College Court	Hadfield	Lloyd
Olympic	Orchard	Russell	Appledore
Appletree	Elizabeth	Willis	Grangewood
Hawkhurst	Hawthorn	Binding	Doncom
Juniper	Lebus	Hollingsbee	Pinewood

NEWS RELEASE

APPENDIX 14



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: August 21, 2019

Issue No: 126/19

Version: 1.0

HAVE YOUR SAY ON ADOPTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

The procedure for adopting new roads, open spaces, landscaping and play areas once housing developments have been completed is now the focus of special group set up specifically to examine it.

The aim of the new task and finish group set up by Wokingham Borough Council is to see if the adoption process for new infrastructure can be speeded up to avoid delays and unnecessary angst for residents living in or near these new homes and estates.

Residents, community groups, town and parish councils and stakeholders are invited as part of this investigation to provide written evidence detailing their experiences of being involved in the adoption process. The deadline to submit this evidence is 30 September.

The task and finish group will also look closely at the legal, planning and technical frameworks for infrastructure adoption, as well as examples of best practice. It will examine the ways residents are informed and updated, and how to improve people's understanding of the council's, developers' and individual homeowner's different roles in the whole process.

"The procedure and timeframe for adopting new estate infrastructure can be confusing and frustrating for residents," said Andrew Moulton, assistant director for governance at the council. "So we want to see if things can be done differently to help everyone involved."

Evidence can be emailed to the council's scrutiny officer, Neil Carr, at: neil.carr@wokingham.gov.uk or by post to: Democratic Services, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN. The deadline is 30 September.

- ENDS -