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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 16 July 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 18 JUNE 2019**
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 June 2019 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record. ***(These minutes were provided in the Full Council agenda of 25 June 2019.)***
4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. ***(Appendix 4)*** Page 4
5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**
To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. ***(Appendix 5)*** Page 7
6. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**
To note application 191744
Location: 45 Knowle Road, Woodley, RG5 3QE.
Proposal: Application for prior approval for the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.0m, for which the maximum height would be 3.95m and the height of the eaves 3.0m.

7. **PLANNING APPEALS**

To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 182995
Location: 37 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, RG5 3LE.
Details: Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a detached outbuilding.
(Woodley Town Council had recommended refusal.)
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

8. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

To receive an update on matters relating to Community Speedwatch.

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

Wokingham Borough Council is consulting on the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030, which will replace the existing Rights of Way Improvement Plan published in 2010. Comments and suggestions received during the consultation period will feed into and shape the final Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030. The consultation document can be viewed at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations

Members are asked to review the draft Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020-2030 and consider a response to the consultation. Responses are required by 26 September 2019.

10. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: ARBORFIELD AND BARKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION**

Wokingham Borough Council is consulting on the proposed Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan, which has been prepared by Arborfield & Newland and Barkham Parish Councils with the help of the local community. The Plan sets out planning policies to guide the development and use of land in the parishes up to 2036. The consultation document can be viewed at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations

Members are asked consider a response to the consultation. Responses are required by 19 August 2019.

11. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4**

At the Borough Parish Liaison meeting held on 1 July 2019, a report was presented which gave details of the process for developing a new Local Transport Plan (LTP4). The report is attached at **Appendix 11a**. Minute number 9 of the Borough Parish Liaison meeting, attached at **Appendix 11b**, details the points raised following the presentation.

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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

Town and parish councils are being asked for feedback on 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.
5. Would we like a face to face meeting with the LTP4 team?

Members are asked to consider responses to these questions. Responses are required by the end of September.

12. **CENTRAL AND EASTERN BERKSHIRE AUTHORITIES: JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: ADDITIONAL REGULATION 18 (SITE SPECIFIC) CONSULTATION ON THE POTENTIAL ALLOCATION OF THE BRAY QUARRY EXTENSION SITE**

To note correspondence, attached at **Appendix 12**, regarding a consultation on the Bray Quarry Extension site, which has been proposed as an additional site for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

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Members are asked to consider a response to the consultation. Responses are required by 19 August 2019.

13. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY**

To note the article about cycling facilities in Woodley 2008-2019 published in the June 2019 edition of CycleReading, the newsletter of the Reading Cycle Campaign. (**Appendix 13**)

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Members to discuss cycling facilities in Woodley.

14. **CITIZENS ADVICE WOKINGHAM**

To note receipt of the Wokingham Impact Report 2018-19 from Citizens Advice Wokingham. An electronic copy of the report can be accessed at: [Impact Report 2018-19](#)

15. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Connecting Communities in Berkshire E-Bulletin – June 2019*

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

17. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

18. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and they are asked to withdraw for item 19 on the agenda.

19. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note any enforcement issues.

New Applications Received Between 14/06/2019 and 11/07/2019

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
New Application			
190996	01/07/2019	Mrs Conneely	42 Reading Road Reading Road Woodley RG5 3DB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling following demolition of existing conservatory plus conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation.			
Observations :			
191050	14/06/2019	Mr G Bertram	29 Duncan Road Duncan Road Woodley RG5 4HR
Proposal : Householder application for a proposed conversion of an existing garage to create habitable accommodation.			
REVISED PLANS RECEIVED 14/06/2019. The revised plans show three parking spaces and amend the proposal description to: Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling following the demolition of the existing single storey rear extension (resubmission of 173377 with amended ground floor plan now proposing games room instead of previously approved garage).			
Observations : Two residents were present at the meeting to voice concern about this application.			
The Committee considered the proposal and had concerns about the parking provision at the property if the garage was converted to habitable accommodation, especially as local residents had expressed concern about exacerbation of the current parking problems in the cul de sac.			
191105	20/06/2019	Mr Tim Richardson	181 Headley Road East Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4JG
Proposal : Full planning application for the proposed erection of one 2 bed detached dwelling with new associated driveway, private garden and bike storage.			
Observations :			
191138	14/06/2019	Mr & Mrs Day	1 Wheble Drive Wheble Drive Woodley RG5 3DS
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey side extension to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191178	14/06/2019	Mrs Murray	28 Pitford Road Pitford Road Woodley RG5 4QF
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side extension including 2 No. rooflights, single storey rear extension and changes to fenestration.			

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Observations :			
191318	20/06/2019	Unknown	Unit 4, E Reading Retail Centr Shepherds Hill Woodley RG6 1BB
Proposal : Full planning application for the proposed change of use from restaurant to a clinic plus changes to fenestration.			
Observations :			
191332	01/07/2019	Mr & Mrs Merritt	3 Harrier Close Harrier Close Woodley RG5 4PE
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation. (Part retrospective)			
Observations :			
191356	04/07/2019	Mr Fernandes	10 Mitchell Way Mitchell Way Woodley RG5 4NQ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation, plus changes to existing garden fencing.			
Observations :			
191447	25/06/2019	Mr & Mrs Carrington	28 Arundel Road Arundel Road Woodley RG5 4JL
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension to form porch and a first floor side/rear extension to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191466	18/06/2019	Mr & Mrs Dalfsen	46 Fitzroy Crescent Fitzroy Crescent Woodley RG5 4EU
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of a rear conservatory.			
Observations :			
191469	27/06/2019	Mr Mughal	13 Corbett Gardens Corbett Gardens Woodley RG5 4JY
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, insertion of 2 No. rooflights, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration.			
Observations :			

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
191479	10/07/2019	Unknown	45 Welford Road Welford Road Woodley RG5 4QS
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of 2 No. rooflights plus internal alterations.			
Observations :			
191598	28/06/2019	Miss Argave	17 Arundel Road Arundel Road Woodley RG5 4JP
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey front/side/garage extension to include flat roof over porch extension and part conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation to link following the demolition of existing utility room and garden shed; single storey and dormer extensions to rear following the removal of existing conservatory; conversion of loft space to create habitable accommodation plus insertion of 5 No. rooflights to front; internal alterations and changes to fenestration to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191626	04/07/2019	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.			
Observations :			
191631	09/07/2019	Unlown	149 Nightingale Road Nightingale Road Woodley RG5 3LZ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed single storey rear/side extension plus the insertion of 1 No. rooflight and part glass part flat roof to rear, porch extension to front, and garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, first floor extension plus insertion of 2 No. rooflights to front/side and internal alterations to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			
191647	04/07/2019	Mr Bradbrook	30 Radcot Close Radcot Close Woodley RG5 3BG
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed part first floor, part two storey side extension following garage conversion to create habitable accommodation plus demolition of garden shed, front porch alteration and internal alterations to existing dwelling.			
Observations :			

Applications Received :- 16

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 190409	Approved	242 Loddon Bridge Road
C 190748	Approved	Land S of Sandford Farm Cottag Local COMMENT Two residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns and one letter of concern had been received. The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds: - The route along Perimeter Road and Beggars Hill Road is a single track, no-through road, with no passing or turning places and additional vehicles associated with the proposed development will have a significant impact on existing users of this road, which is well used by joggers, dog walkers and horse riders. - The proposed development will change the look and feel of this country lane (Perimeter Road). - Overlooking and loss of privacy to Sandford Farm Cottage, which is a Grade 2 listed building.
E 190751	Approved	31 Wallace Close
E 190851	Approved	78 Antrim Road
C 190880	Approved	27 Beechwood Avenue Local COMMENT The Committee recommended that this application be refused on the following grounds: - Overdevelopment of the site. - The Proposed Ground Floor Plan does not show that the existing garage is going to be converted into habitable accommodation.
E 190881	Approved	Addington School
E 190904	Approved	1 Constable Close
E 191116	Approved	7 Halstead Close
E 191131	Approved	24 Hudson Road
E 191153	Approved	14 Scott Close
191154	Approved	14 Cornfield Road
E 191166	Approved	10 Sussex Gardens
E 191197	Approved	14 Welford Road

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E 191213	Approved	112 Butts Hill Road
E 191218	Approved	2 Welford Road
C 191219	Approved	2 Welford Road Local COMMENT Two residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns about this application. The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused due to the height of the proposed building. If planning permission is granted, the Committee asked for there to be a condition stating that the use of the building should be ancillary to the main dwelling.
E 191237	Approved	11 Ravensbourne Drive
E 191297	Approved	16 Kingsford Close
E 191323	Approved	65 Cartmel Drive
E 191341	Approved	61 Woodlands Avenue

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

C 190922	Refused	25 Copse Mead Local COMMENT No objections.
E 191132	Refused	57 Beechwood Avenue
C 191160	Refused	65 Norton Road Local COMMENT No objections.

TITLE	Local Transport Plan 4
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Borough Parish Liaison Forum on 1 July 2019/20
WARD	None specific
LEAD OFFICER	Sarah Hollamby, Director of Community and Customer Services

Background

Every Highway Authority in the UK is required by the Local Transport Act (2008) to produce a Local Transport Plan. This sets the vision for transport in the borough along with a number of objectives and targets which the borough wishes to achieve within the plan period.

An LTP4 for Wokingham is in the early stages of development and once adopted will supersede the current LTP3, which was adopted in 2011. LTP4 will bring the current objectives up to date, removing some which have been achieved and bringing the plan in line with legislative changes and trends/emerging issues nationally (such as the climate emergency) as well as the borough's own plans and aspirations. In addition, LTP3 includes consideration of census data from 2001, whereas the new LTP4 will be based on the 2011 census with more recent projections and estimates for the population, demographic and travel information than LTP3.

The LTP4 development work is being completed in parallel with the Local Plan process to ensure a joined-up approach and to provide residents and businesses assurance that Transport is being considered alongside future plans for the borough and that neither plan makes the other less achievable. The LTP4 period, which will be in line with the Local Plan update, will run to 2036.

Engagement

A process of engagement is required as part of the development of LTP4 which will commence with meeting with representatives from Parish Councils and Town Councils at the July 1st forum, with the potential to follow up with individual council representatives for further discussions if required.

The LTP4 team will give a short presentation at the July 1st forum which will provide context, summarise high level vision and objectives / key facts from the existing draft Transport Vision 2036 document, draft outline dates for the LTP4 process and invite feedback from councils on their local issues and priorities. This would be a fact finding / information gathering exercise only at this very early stage of the LTP4 development process. The Town and Parish Councils would also be asked for their

views on which other stakeholders should be part of the next stage of the LTP4 engagement exercise.

The engagement exercise would cover two aspects:

- i) feedback on the Vision and objectives to be covered in LTP4; and
- ii) giving the local councils a chance to have their say by providing their local perspective on transport related concerns/issues experienced by residents in their own areas and any ideas regarding potential solutions.

Feedback

Feedback from the Town and Parish Council engagement meetings would then feed into the development of the LTP4 document. Key outputs from this stage would be the production of a list of issues and potential schemes (from major schemes to minor improvements) and an updated Vision and set of objectives that would guide the further development of LTP4. It is intended that the updated Vision and objectives would be consulted upon more widely alongside the Draft Local Plan consultation planned for Autumn 2019, in order to determine levels of support prior to finalisation of LTP4.

A draft programme for the development of LTP4 is given below. It should be noted that this is in draft at present and in order to align with the Local Plan Update (LPU), dates are subject to change.

	2019/20												2020/21											
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec				
<p>LTP4 Stage 1A - The Strategy - Vision and Objective Confirmation</p> <p>Inception Meeting</p> <p>Evidence Base, setting context, strategic framework</p> <p>Review Demographics, Previous Documentation and Reporting</p> <p>Initial Stakeholder Engagement:</p> <p>Event 1 - Town and Parish Council forum - Presentation</p> <p>Event 1 - Town and Parish Council forum - Reporting</p> <p>Summary Note - Confirmed updated Objectives & Vision</p> <p>Executive member for Highways and Transport Endorsement</p> <p>Discuss and agree Stage 2 scope</p> <p>Consultation (in line with draft Local Plan consultation (dates TBC))</p>																								
<p>LTP4 Stage 1B - Framework Document - Guiding Principles / Policies</p> <p>Framework / High-level Draft Document Development</p> <p>Online Consultation, Reporting, & Feedback</p> <p>Review Draft Document to take into account feedback</p> <p>Consultation (in line with LPU consultation Dates TBC and subject to confirmation of accelerated timetable)</p>																								
<p>LTP4 Stage 2 Work - Implementation Plan</p> <p>Drafting Implementation Plan</p> <p>Online Consultation</p> <p>Online Consultation Summary Report</p> <p>Final LTP4 Document Production, Executive Member Sign-off and Issue</p> <p>LTP4 Stage 3 Work - Supporting Documents</p> <p>Drafting of detailed strategies to accompany various policy areas</p>																								

Borough Parish Liaison Forum, 1 July 2019, minute number 9

9. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4

The Forum considered a report, set out at Agenda pages 9 to 11, which gave details of the process for developing a new Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

Robert Curtis (Transport Planning Team Manager), Paul Hammond (Divisional Manager – Transport Planning, WSP) and Martin Heath (Traffic Management, Parking and Road Safety Manager) attended the meeting to present the report, give a short presentation and answer questions.

The report stated that LTP4 would set out the Vision for transport in the Borough along with a number of objectives and targets to be achieved during the plan period. LTP4 was being developed in parallel with the new Local Plan process to ensure a joined-up approach. LTP4 and the Local Plan would run until 2036.

Town and Parish Councils were key stakeholders involved in the consultation process for LTP4. The engagement exercise would:

- enable Town and Parish Councils to provide feedback on the Vision and objectives set out in LTP4;
- enable Town and Parish Councils to provide a local perspective on transport related issues/concerns experienced by their residents together with possible solutions.

It was proposed that the updated Vision and objectives be consulted upon more widely alongside the Draft Local Plan in the autumn of 2019.

In order to structure the feedback from Town and Parish Councils, a questionnaire would be circulated to each one, with the option of an individual meeting to discuss local issues and priorities.

Following a short presentation, members of the forum raised the following points:

Was there sufficient budget to deliver the new transport Vision and how would success be measured? It was confirmed that LTP3 was light on SMART targets. This would be addressed in LTP4. In relation to funding, significant funds were delivered through partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership, Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 payments. There were also ongoing WBC funds which could be used to address smaller local priorities identified in LTP4.

In relation to congestion emanating from South Oxfordshire, was there any progress on delivering the Third Thames Crossing? It was confirmed that WBC would continue discussions with Reading and South Oxfordshire Councils. However, at present there was no indication that the significant Capital investment required was seen as a priority.

Would LTP4 focus on a joined up approach to delivering integrated transport solutions for the Borough? It was confirmed that this was the approach to be taken with, for example, the development of a joined up walking and cycling network across the Borough. An example was given in relation to improved cycle access to Twyford Station.

In relation to the growing number of Electric Vehicles (EV) on the road, would the planning rules be amended to deliver more electric charging points within new housing developments? It was confirmed that this would be a key theme of LTP4 in the light of the discussions on Climate Emergency.

In relation to transport improvements it would be necessary to improve the standard of pavements in order to encourage residents to walk more often. There were also concerns about air quality across the Borough, specifically in relation to Wokingham town centre and Twyford. One suggestion for tackling air pollution was the introduction of a “Green Wall” of grass and other plants which acted as an air pollution filter. Such an initiative could be trialled in a location such as Twyford.

In relation to public transport, parts of the Borough did not have a direct bus connection, for example Arborfield to Wokingham. Requests had been made for the introduction of shuttle buses at peak times of the day. Was there any progress on this suggestion? It was confirmed that this initiative would be considered as part of the LTP4 discussions. Under the current regulations subsidising local bus routes was expensive. This issue would be considered as part of the wider debate on the modal shift required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Was there data available on the most frequent journey routes across the Borough? It was confirmed that mobile phone data could help to identify the most popular journey routes. However, the cost of purchasing this data was significant. There was also potential for accessing data via Google Waze, a GPS navigation software app, but again there were significant cost implications. The WBC My Journey initiative was also generating data on popular routes and modes of transport.

What was the timeframe for completing the LTP4 questionnaire? It was confirmed that responses would be accepted until the end of September 2019. Further consultation on LTP4 would be carried out during the autumn of 2019.

What was the process for monitoring local traffic hotspots? It was confirmed that there were 58 permanent traffic counters across the Borough. The Borough Council also had mobile equipment which was used as part of specific projects. Finchampstead Parish Council had purchased their own equipment (at a cost of £2.5k) which had been in use for a number of years.

RESOLVED That:

- 1) Robert Curtis, Paul Hammond and Martin Heath be thanked for attending the Forum to brief Members on LTP4;
- 2) the LTP4 questionnaire and presentation be circulated electronically to the Town and Parish Councils;
- 3) Town and Parish Councils submit electronic responses to WBC at Transportplanning@Wokingham.gov.uk;
- 4) the Forum receive further updates on the development of LTP4 in due course.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan:
Additional Regulation 18 (Site Specific) Consultation on the Potential Allocation of
the Bray Quarry Extension Site**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities) are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals and Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver the vision.

The 'Draft Plan' consultation in Summer / Autumn 2018 set out the proposed approach for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. This followed the 'Issues and Options' consultation in Summer 2017. As a result of the responses received and consideration of local circumstances, the draft policies and proposed allocations are being reviewed and will be amended accordingly to inform the preparation of the Proposed Submission Plan.

Following the 'Draft Plan' consultation, it was decided to hold a further 'call for sites' exercise inviting site nominations from industry, agents and landowners. Bray Quarry Extension was the only site proposed. An initial assessment of the site has been undertaken and it has been concluded that it may potentially be suitable to be allocated for sand and gravel extraction, although no decisions have been made at this stage.

You are invited to submit comments on whether the Bray Quarry Extension site should be allocated for sand and gravel extraction in the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. There is no need to repeat previous comments made on the plan.

There is one consultation document supporting the site-specific consultation and it can be found by visiting www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours at all libraries within the Royal Borough. More details of these libraries can be found at https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory/7/find_a_library

A consultation response form is available to complete online or can be downloaded from www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Please send completed hard copies of the response form to Hampshire Services c/o Strategic Planning, Hampshire County Council, First Floor, EII Court West, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD. Alternatively, scan and email your response to berks.consult@hants.gov.uk.

The responses received from this focussed site-specific Regulation 18 consultation will inform the Proposed Submission Plan (Regulation 19) which is being prepared by Hampshire Services on behalf of Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

Additionally, there will be a public exhibition held relating to the proposed site allocation of Bray Quarry Extension. This will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal. This will be held on **Thursday 1 August 2019 from 3pm to 7pm at Bray Village Hall, High Street, Bray, SL6 2AR.**

The Regulation 18 Consultation on the Bray Quarry Extension site only will run from **Tuesday 9 July to 5pm on Monday 19 August 2019.** There is no need to repeat previous comments made on the plan.

Yours faithfully,
*Hampshire Services



*Hampshire Services, part of Hampshire County Council, is working in collaboration with the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to assist them in the preparation of the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. Data sharing statements are outlined on the consultation Response Form.

Address: Hampshire Services c/o Strategic Planning,
Hampshire County Council,
First Floor, EII Court West,
The Castle,
Winchester,
SO23 8UD

Cycling Facilities in Woodley 2008-2019

In 2008 Woodley Town Council sponsored the Woodley Community Partnership, which asked me to produce a report on better cycling facilities for the town. The report was well received by the Town Council, and I offer the following review of the intervening years.

The new housing estate on the former University Campus on Woodlands Avenue is the perfect place to raise happy healthy families that have no need of a car. There are a good Co-op Store, large areas of woodland to the south and green open space on the north side. Bus stops connected by a pedestrian crossing offer regular short rides into Reading town centre.

In much of Western Europe, the pavement along the south side of the road would be a safe and very busy route for cyclists and joggers. However they now face a significant risk of serious injury, because they have to give way four times to vehicles turning in and out of the new estate.



Woodlands Avenue

A few hundred metres east on the same pavement, the very wide entrance to the Reading University Sportspark is usually closed and the entrance is a popular drivers' layby, thus creating a hazard for parents and children walking to Highwood School. It is unlikely that an unaccompanied blind person would be able to navigate successfully between the two areas of stippled pavement (see Woodlands Avenue bottom left). As Peter Howe has noted, Wokingham Borough Council says it "has to provide for all road users"!

In 2008 the south west pavement of Fairwater Drive was a good place for lonely people to enjoy fresh air and socialise, with little fear of irresponsible young cyclists. The carriageway was a perfect route for a fast commuter cyclist: wide, not busy, good visibility and few parked cars. As it is a bus route, early morning cyclists could rely on the WBC salt spreaders. The last thing that cyclists needed was an icy pavement with seven sets of 'Give Way' markings (see Fairwater Drive below).



Fairwater Drive

I agree with WBC that parents with young children prefer to teach them to cycle on a pavement. That need was met perfectly by the old carriageway of Colemansmoor Road RG5 4DD at its north east end. Between 7.20am and 9.00am on Thursday 4th April, I counted 850 vehicles under 3 tonnes, three motor cycles, 11 cyclists on the carriageway or the north west pavement and three



Colemansmoor Road

bicycles on the new cycleway. I think some drivers and cyclists would be interested to know how many potholes could have been filled with the bitumen and stone that was used to create it (see Colemansmoor Road above).

Peter Glass