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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning and Community Committee will be held at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 16 June 2020, at which your attendance is requested. This will be a virtual meeting, as authorised by the Coronavirus Act (2020), Section 78.

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 19 MAY 2020** Page 5
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 May 2020 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 14

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

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

Application: 192825
Location: Edgefield, Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH.
Proposal: Full planning application for the change of use of residential swimming pool to a mixed use of residential swimming pool and use for the provision of baby and toddler swimming classes. (Retrospective)
(Woodley Town Council recommended refusal.)

To note that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Wokingham Borough Council to issue an enforcement notice to remedy a breach of planning control:

Location: Edgefield, Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH.
Requirements of the enforcement notice:
1. Cease the use of the residential swimming pool for the provision of swimming classes.
2. Cease the use of the swimming pool for the purposes other than for a use incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such.

7. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

a) **Applications for works to trees**

This type of application does not require consultation.

To note application 201171

Location: TPO 1182/2007: Sandford Croft, Sandford Lane, Woodley.
Proposal: To fell and replace one Corsican Pine.

To note application 201227

Location: TPO 256/1984, Area 2: 4 Phillips Close, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune one Ash and seven Oak trees.
To fell one Oak tree.

To note application 201348

Location: TPO 832/1996, Group 2: 10 Highcliffe Close, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune one Horse Chestnut.

To note application 201360

Location: TPO 3/1951, Woodland 3: 68 Nightingale Road, Woodley.
Proposal: To fell one Scots Pine.

b) To note that Wokingham Borough Council has made Tree Preservation Order 1732/2020 – relating to trees in Loddon Gardens, Woodley. This order was made to ensure that the individual and group of trees, which make a contribution to the landscape character and the amenity resource of this urban area, are retained and protected. Wokingham Borough Council considers it expedient to include the trees due to recent tree felling in the area.

This order took effect, on a provisional basis, from 5 June 2020 and will continue in force for 6 months or until the order is confirmed by Wokingham Borough Council.

- c) To note that Wokingham Borough Council has confirmed the following Tree Preservation Order:
TPO 1708/2020 – relating to trees on the south east boundary of 7 Lanark Close, Woodley.

8. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

To note **Report No. PC 4/20**.

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9. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY WORKING PARTY**

To receive an update on matters relating to the Cycling in Woodley Working Party.

10. **CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS IN WOODLEY**

Following the last meeting, an email was sent to Wokingham Borough Council asking how the potential cycleway improvement projects had been chosen and requesting an update on the provision of items listed under the Transport and Highways heading in the Section 106 Agreement for the Parklands development in Woodlands Avenue. (Planning and Community Committee, 19 May 2020, minute number 12.) A response has not yet been received.

11. **READING BOROUGH COUNCIL: TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

Item deferred from the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 19 May 2020 (minute number 13).

To note that Reading Borough Council is developing the Reading Transport Strategy and is undertaking a statutory consultation. The Reading Transport Strategy will include a new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which covers the Reading wider urban area, extending into Wokingham Borough and West Berkshire. The consultation can be viewed at:

<https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/reading-transport-strategy-2036/>

Members are asked to consider a response to the consultation. Responses are required by 30 August 2020.

12. **LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS**

To note correspondence received from Wokingham Borough Council, attached at **Appendix 12**, requesting suggestions of areas of green open space that are particularly important to local communities in Woodley, to be submitted for consideration for designation as a Local Green Space in the Local Plan.

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Responses are required by 18 June 2020.

13. **APPLICATION FOR A GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE: 1 VISCOUNT WAY, WOODLEY**

To note that notification has been received from Wokingham Borough Council of the following application for a Goods Vehicle Operators Licence:

Operator: Melanie Dudman and Garry Dudman
Operating Centre: 1 Viscount Way, Woodley, RG5 4DZ
Authorisation: 1 vehicle

The Town Council's comments were required prior to this meeting and details of the application were therefore circulated to the Committee and Members' views sought. No objections were raised.

14. **APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE:
CRUMBS, 4 LIBRARY PARADE, WOODLEY**

To note that notification has been received from Wokingham Borough Council of an application under the Licensing Act 2003 for a premises licence to permit the sale of alcohol at Crumbs, 4 Library Parade, Woodley, RG6 1FR.

The Town Council's comments on this application were required prior to this meeting and details of the application were therefore circulated to the Committee and Member's views sought. No objections were raised.

15. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

To note the press release from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the speed limit review across the borough, attached at **Appendix 15a**. Additional information about the speed limit review is provided in **Appendix 15b**.

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16. **ANNUAL GRANTS 2020/21**

To note that a letter of thanks has been received from Revitalise for the grant given by the Town Council. The Revitalise Annual Review 2018/19 has also been received.

17. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Swan Lifeline Newsletter – Spring 2020*
- *Me2 Club Newsletter – May 2020*
- *Woodley Town Centre Newsletter – June 2020*

18. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

19. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

20. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note the enforcement notifications listed in **Appendix 20a** and the enforcement case closures listed in **Appendix 20b**.

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning and Community Committee held remotely
on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 7:45 pm**

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

Officer present: *L. Matthews, Committee Officer; D. Mander, Town Clerk;
K. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk*

Also present: *Councillor T. McCann
1 member of public*

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor K. Baker – Prejudicial interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 200996: Addington School, Woodlands Avenue, as he is a governor of Addington School.

Councillor Baker left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or decision for this application.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
25 FEBRUARY 2020**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning and Community Committee meeting held on 25 February 2020 be approved and be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record when it was possible to do so.

4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

6. **PLANNING APPEALS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the following appeal decision:
Application: 191105
Location: 181 Headley Road East, Woodley, RG5 4JG.

Proposal: Full planning application for the proposed erection of one 2 bedroom detached dwelling with new associated driveway, private garden and bike storage.
Details: Appeal against refusal of planning permission.
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

- ◆ To note the following appeal decision:
Application: 192571
Location: 29 Duncan Road, Woodley, RG5 4HR.
Proposal: Full application for the proposed sub-division to form 2 No. two bedroom dwellings with parking and amenity space.
Details: Appeal against refusal of planning permission.
Decision: The appeal was allowed.

7. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 200454
Location: 14 Hanwood Close, Woodley, RG5 3AB.
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 3.5m, for which the maximum height would be 3.12m and the height of the eaves 2.42m.
- ◆ To note application 200599
Location: 49 Rowan Drive, Woodley, RG5 4LN.
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 4.5m, for which the maximum height would be 3m and the height of the eaves 3m.
- ◆ To note application 200932
Location: 41 Caldbeck Drive, Woodley, RG5 4JX.
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 4.5m, for which the maximum height would be 3m and the height of the eaves 3m.
- ◆ To note application 200936
Location: 15 Walmer Road, Woodley, RG5 4PN.
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 4.8m, for which the maximum height would be 4m and the height of the eaves 2.75m.

8. **ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT NOTIFICATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 200783
Location: Unit 4, East Reading Retail Centre, Shepherds Hill, Woodley, RG6 1FE.
Proposal: Application for advertisement consent for 3 No. external illuminated fascia signs fixed to the high-level cladding.
Advertisement period 30/09/2019 to 30/09/2024

9. **TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTIFICATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 200608
Location: Henley Wood Road, Earley, RG6 7EE.
Proposal: Prior approval application for the erection of a base station consisting of 1 No. 10 metre high 'Alpha 26' street pole, 3 No. shrouded antennas and 3 No. ground-based equipment cabinets plus ancillary development.

- ◆ To note application 200876
Location: Headley Park 8, Headley Road East, Woodley, RG5 4SA.
Proposal: Prior approval submission for proposed installation of non-ground penetrative electronic communications equipment comprising 18 metre high mast, cabin support steelwork, concrete blocks, electricity meter cabinet, antennas, dishes, GPS antenna, close boarded timber fencing and associated ancillary development.

10. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note application 200105
Location: TPO 143/1977, Area 1: 19 Sandford Drive, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune two trees.

- ◆ To note application 200285
Location: TPO 1611/2017, Area 4: The Old Pump House, Beggars Hill Road, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune seven trees and fell one tree.

- ◆ To note application 200561
Location: TPO 4/1961, Area 1: 93 & 94 Antrim Road, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune one oak tree.

- ◆ To note application 200622
Location: TPO 3/1951: 23 Fairwater Drive, Woodley.
Proposal: To fell one multi-stemmed Silver Birch.

- ◆ To note application 200826
Location: TPO 3/1951: 31 Malone Road, Woodley.
Proposal: To fell two conifers.

- ◆ To note application 200854
Location: TPO 1647/2018: Bulmershe Leisure Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley.
Proposal: To selectively prune one oak tree.

- ◆ To note application 201132
Location: TPO 3/1951: 18 Bruce Road, Woodley.
Proposal: To fell and replace one Tree of Heaven.

- ◆ To note that Wokingham Borough Council had created the following Tree Preservation Order:
TPO 1715/2020 – relating to the trees to the east of Wheble Drive, Woodley.
This order took effect, on a provisional basis, on 5 March 2020 and would continue in force for 6 months or until the order was confirmed by Wokingham Borough Council.

- ◆ To note that Wokingham Borough Council had confirmed the following Tree Preservation Order:
TPO 1696/2019 – relating to trees associated with Church Mews, Woodley.

11. **CYCLING IN WOODLEY WORKING PARTY**

Councillor Jewell presented Report No. PC 3/20 of the Cycling in Woodley Working Party meeting held on 4 March 2020

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To receive Report No. PC 3/20.

12. **CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS IN WOODLEY**

Members considered the request from Wokingham Borough Council for the Town Council's views on the use of Section 106 money to improve cycling routes in Woodley. The possible projects suggested by the Borough Council were:

- a) Upgrade the existing footway along the south and east side of Kingfisher Drive to provide a shared use footway/cycleway to improve accessibility towards Earley Station.
- b) Upgrade the existing footway along the south side of Beechwood Avenue to provide a shared use footway/cycleway to improve accessibility between The Bulmershe School and Woodley Shopping Centre.

Members felt that there was already sufficient provision of cycle paths in the Kingfisher Drive area. They agreed that a cycle path along Beechwood Avenue would make cycling safer for children cycling in the vicinity of the local schools, but were concerned that the proposed cycle path would not be connected to any other cycle paths and would therefore not be conducive to road safety. Members of the Cycling in Woodley Working Party stressed the importance of providing a network of connected cycle routes. Members discussed the items that had been listed in the Section 106 Agreement for the Parklands Development in Woodlands Avenue and asked the Committee Officer to find out how much of this work had been carried out and how much of the sum allocated for improvements to footpaths and cycleways had already been spent and what it had been spent on.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To write to Wokingham Borough Council asking how the two potential projects were chosen, how much of the Section 106 agreed sum of £175,000 has already been spent on improvements to footpaths and cycleways and what has it been spent on, and which other items listed under the Highways and Transport heading in the Section 106 Agreement have been undertaken so far.

13. **READING BOROUGH COUNCIL: TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To defer this item to the next meeting of the Planning and Community Committee, to be held on 16 June 2020.
- ◆ That Members of the Cycling in Woodley Working Party would look at this consultation and report back to the Committee.

14. **STOPPING-UP OF HIGHWAY AT 14 SOUTH LAKE CRESCENT**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note that an Order had been made by the Department of Transport under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247, for the stopping-up of the highway at 14 South Lake Crescent, Woodley.

15. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Members noted the press release from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

16. **ARBORFIELD AND BARKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members noted that Wokingham Borough Council had formally adopted the Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan on 22 April 2020.

17. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note information on enforcement issues received from the planning authority, as given in the agenda.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm

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Observations on the following Planning Applications

Application No. & Address	Proposal
200179 21 Anthian Close. Woodley, RG5 4XA	Householder application for the proposed raising of the roof to create habitable accommodation and garage conversion, also first floor side extension above garage and changes to fenestration.
Observations: No objections.	
200824 184 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, RG5 4AA	Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 192193 for the full application for the erection of 2 No. 2 bedroom semi detached dwellings and 1 No. 2 bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing buildings. Condition 2 refers to Approved Details and the variation is to change the elevations, floor plans and block plans including an increase in the roof height of all three dwellings by 500mm.
Observations: Planning permission 192193 included a condition that removed the permitted development rights from the roof spaces of these dwellings (Condition 17), in order to remove the potential for overlooking of neighbouring properties. In seeking to vary Condition 2 with changes to the elevations, floor plans and roof heights, application 200824 shows development of the roof space in plots 1 and 3 and effectively removes Condition 17. The Committee therefore recommended that this application be refused.	
200846 19 Silver Fox Crescent. Woodley, RG5 3JA	Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension with canopy roof and proposed conversion of roof form to existing dwelling.
Observations: No objections.	
200902 8 Wroxham Road, Woodley, RG5 3AT	Householder application for the proposed erection of a first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension with 2 No. rooflights.
Observations: The Committee had no objections to the proposal, but asked that any concerns raised by the neighbours be taken into consideration.	
200924 196 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, RG5 4BS	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension to create porch, plus part single storey, part two storey, side/rear extension.
Observations: No objections, subject to sufficient parking provision being made, and subject to there being no objections from the neighbours at No. 198.	

<p>200996 Addington School, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3EU</p>	<p>Full planning application for the proposed new vehicular access to Addington School.</p>
<p>Observations: The Committee had the following concerns regarding this application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is located within the Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV), but this is not mentioned in the application documents. The application should consider the impact of the proposal on the SULV. - The application should consider the impact of the proposal on cyclists and pedestrians. - Traffic waiting to turn right into the site will cause queues on the westbound carriageway of Woodlands Avenue. <p>The Committee recommended that consideration be given to staggering the start times at the local schools in order to reduce the traffic density at peak times.</p>	
<p>201001 Land to North of Norris Green, Waingels Road, Charvil, RG5 4RU</p>	<p>ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION Full planning application for the proposed installation of an air ventilation column.</p>
<p>Observations: No comment.</p>	
<p>201012 3 Quentin Road, Woodley, RG5 3NF</p>	<p>Application to vary conditions 5 and 6 of planning consent 200291 for the Householder application for the proposed garage conversion to create habitable accommodation with changes to fenestration. Condition 5 refers to access surfacing and condition 6 refers to widening of access, and the variation is to remove conditions 5 and 6.</p>
<p>Observations: The Committee had no objection to the removal of Condition 5, but recommended that Condition 6 be retained, in order to prevent damage to the kerb and pavement.</p>	
<p>201015 21 Farriers Close, Woodley, RG5 3DD</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension with 2 No. rooflights, following the demolition of the existing conservatory, plus conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation.</p>
<p>Observations: No objections.</p>	
<p>201029 30 Colemans Moor Lane, Woodley, RG5 4BT</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 2 No. rooflights.</p>
<p>Observations: No objections.</p>	

<p>201038 4 Addington Gardens, Woodley, RG5 3EW</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed loft conversion including the installation of 3 No. rooflights and rear facing dormer.</p>
<p>Observations: No objections.</p>	
<p>201079 41 Butts Hill Road, Woodley, RG5 4NJ</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension including 5 No. rooflights following demolition of existing conservatory, part conversion of garage, raising of side roof and 1 No. rear facing dormer to create habitable accommodation.</p>
<p>Observations: No objections.</p>	
<p>201090 7 Brunel Drive, Woodley, RG5 4PW</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension.</p>
<p>Observations: No objections.</p>	
<p>201125 4 Seaford Gardens, Woodley, RG5 3LN</p>	<p>Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single storey part two storey side extension including 4 No. rooflights following demolition of existing conservatory.</p>
<p>Observations: The Committee had no objections to the proposal, but asked that any concerns raised by the neighbours be taken into consideration.</p>	

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No. & Address	Proposal
200482 96 Kingfisher Drive, Woodley, RG5 3LG	Householder application for the proposed part single storey part two storey front, single storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling.
201055 14 Church Road, Woodley, RG5 4QH	Full application for the proposed sub-division of the plot and the erection of one 2 bedroom dwelling with associated amenity space.
201150 9 Malvern Close, Woodley, RG5 4HL	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension and single storey rear and side extension.
201173 119 Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BL	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension including 2 No. rooflights, erection of canopy roof to create front porch, erection of pitched roof to existing flat roof dormers to front of dwelling and changes to fenestration.
201200 20 Wingate Road, Woodley, RG5 4JU	Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single storey part two storey front/side/rear extension, including garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, plus new hardstanding.
201202 18 Coppice Road, Woodley, RG5 3QX	Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front, side and rear extension with 2 No. rooflights following demolition of existing garage.
201216 66 Mannock Way, Woodley, RG5 4XW	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension, part raising of the roof and part garage conversion.
201285 14 Wallace Close, Woodley, RG5 3HW	Householder application for proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration.
201304 9 Lunds Farm Road, Woodley, RG5 4PY	Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, plus the insertion of 4 No. rooflights, following demolition of existing garage and conservatory.

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PLANNING DECISIONS

E: Town Council recommendation endorsed by Borough

C: Decision contrary to Town Council recommendation

Application No. & Address	Proposal	Decision
200170 37 Lismore Close, Woodley, RG5 3RT	Householder application for the erection of a single storey front extension to form porch and part single part two storey side/rear extension with 1 No. rooflight.	Approved (WTC unable to comment)
200179 21 Anthian Close. Woodley, RG5 4XA	Householder application for the proposed raising of the roof to create habitable accommodation and garage conversion, also first floor side extension above garage and changes to fenestration.	Approved E
200433 27A Willowside, Woodley, RG5 4HJ	Householder application for the erection of a timber outbuilding to create a garden room. (Retrospective)	Approved (WTC unable to comment)
200564 20 Pitts Lane, Earley, RG6 1BT	ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION Full planning application for the proposed first floor extension to the Gospel Hall. Access to the first floor via external stairs also changes to car parking and landscaping.	Approved (WTC unable to comment)
200797 1 Penrose Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3PA	Householder application for the proposed single storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling.	Approved (WTC unable to comment)
200824 184 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, RG5 4AA	Application to vary condition 2 of planning consent 192193 for the full application for the erection of 2 No. 2 bedroom semi-detached dwellings and 1 No. 2 bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing buildings. Condition 2 refers to Approved Details and the variation is to change the elevations, floor plans and block plans including an increase in the roof height of all three dwellings by 500mm.	Approved C
200846 19 Silver Fox Crescent, Woodley, RG5 3JA	Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension with canopy roof and proposed conversion of roof form to existing dwelling.	Approved E
200889 17 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, RG5 3LF	Householder application for the proposed erection of front porch extension, construction of rear conservatory and first floor single storey front, side and rear extension including pitched roof, 1 No. dormer window to create habitable accommodation following internal alterations and changes to fenestration including the widening of the dropped kerb.	Approved (WTC unable to comment)

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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

BUDGETARY CONTROL 2020/21

Report No. PC 4/20

EXPENDITURE	Budget 2020/21	Actual Exp as at 31/05/19	Actual Exp as at 31/05/20	Actual Exp as % of Budget	
Annual grants	13882	9382	9882	67.6	£5500 grant allocated to ARC paid & total grant to Revitalise paid in full.
SLA Readibus	19211	9381	9605	50.0	Readibus grant paid in two parts - May and October.
Total	33093	18763	19487	58.9	
INCOME	Budget 2019/20	as at 31/05/19	as at 31/05/20	as % of Budget	
Total	0	0	0	0	
Net	33093	18763	19487	58.9	

Date: 21 May 2020
 My ref: LGS
 Your ref: -
 File ref: Town and Parish Council Invitation Letter



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Dear Clerk,

SUBJECT: Local Green Space Designations

I am writing to ask for your assistance in identifying areas of green open space which are particularly important to your communities.

As you may be aware, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides an opportunity for communities to identify green areas of particular importance to them and, for their importance to be recognised through being designated as Local Green Space through either a local plan or neighbourhood plan.

A number of areas have been promoted to the council in the past. These were duly considered, with eight areas proposed to be allocated as Local Green Space in the Draft Local Plan (published for consultation in February 2020).

I am now writing to all town and parish councils to invite you to identify and suggest other areas of green open space that you believe are particularly important to your communities.

The NPPF makes it clear that designation as Local Green Space will not be appropriate in all cases. Designation should only be used where the green space is:

- a) in reasonable close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

Parish and Town Councils will have a wealth of knowledge regarding their communities and I would therefore be grateful if you would give this matter your consideration and let us know details of any areas that you feel are demonstrably special to your communities. It would be helpful if you could clearly identify the areas you wish to be considered on a map and clearly set out information explaining the importance of each area to your communities.

Further information on Local Green Space and how the council has assessed past promotions is available in the Local Green Spaces Topic Paper published alongside the Draft Local Plan (please see link below).

I would encourage you to undertake a shadow assessment using the criteria outlined in Section 3 of the Topic Paper for any areas you wish to put forward.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/draft-local-plan-consultation/?assetdet91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=508785&categoryesct191f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=10723>

I would be grateful if you could please provide your suggested areas (or advise us that you have not identified any areas) by Thursday 18th June 2020.

Should you require any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Growth and Delivery Team by email to LPU@wokingham.gov.uk.

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APPENDIX 15a

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SPEED LIMIT REVIEW ACROSS THE BOROUGH

Roads across Wokingham Borough will have speed limits reviewed this year, as the council works to ensure our streets are as safe as possible. This will focus on the major transport routes across the area, with residents and town and parish councils being able to nominate roads where they think changes are needed.

Residents' concern over traffic speeds has been significant in recent months due to the COVID-19 situation, due to low traffic volumes and restricted movement as well as more pedestrians and cyclists being on our roads.

Lockdown saw very quiet roads nationally and some authorities reported instances of extremely excessive speeding. In Wokingham Borough, thousands of pounds has been spent fixing roads, signage and other street furniture, which has been damaged in recent months due to speeding – as well as injuries to drivers.

The announcement of this review aligns with the National Police Chiefs' Council 'Slow Down, Save Lives' campaign, running from 18 May to 7 June, which highlights the devastating impact speeding can have, not only increasing the risk of a collision but the severity of the impact at higher speeds. Figures show that on average 17 people are killed and 126 are seriously injured every month in the UK, where speeding is believed to have been a significant factor.

“We are reviewing our speed limits to ensure that they are appropriate for the level of development, both completed and planned, as well as the number of vehicles and pedestrians using them,” said Cllr Pauline Jorgensen, executive member for highways and transport. “We want to hear from local groups, residents and business who would like to see changes to speed limits on roads near them to ensure they are safe.

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“Traffic speeds and speed limits on Wokingham roads often divide opinion. Our team will review requests, alongside our data and with our partners at Thames Valley Police to decide whether these are appropriate.”

Each time we receive a request, officers undertake a formal review of the legal limit, current speeds and collision history before deciding whether a new speed limit is appropriate. Any changes must be based on a robust and evidence-led approach. Officers evaluate all the available data alongside supporting information, environmental impacts and road characteristics, as well as consulting with Thames Valley Police, which enforces speed limits.

The council identifies roads where changes to the posted limit may be required through data collection and analysis, both directly and in partnership with parish councils operating Community Speedwatch. These are schemes which allow volunteers to monitor the speed of passing vehicles using a hand-held speed detection device

In this review, the council welcomes comments from residents and businesses about their speeding concerns, suggested locations for speed limit changes and requests for information about the speeds measured on their roads. Through the traffic regulation order process, where the formal change of speed limit will be consulted on, anyone can make comment upon or object to any proposed changes, before we implement changes to speed limits.

Residents should send their comments and requests by email to TM.Consultations@wokingham.gov.uk, clearly identifying ‘SPEED REVIEW’ and the roads affected in the title. Results will be published in the autumn.

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Speed Limit Review - Frequently Asked Questions

Prepared by Wokingham Borough Council

How can I find out about the Review?

The review was advertised via a press release, although social media has also picked it up. We won't be taking any comments raised there into the review as a formal request. Only those that respond to the tm.consultations@wokingham.gov.uk email address with a specific location will be investigated. Each resident request will receive a response about the investigation on their road and a summary report of all roads investigated and borough-wide results will be prepared and made available on the website in the autumn.

Which roads are being considered and why?

The Speed Limit Review is targeted at A & B class roads. It's a recommendation of Government that speed limits are regularly reviewed by highway authorities and a general rule of thumb for this is every 4/5 years. The last review in Wokingham was undertaken in 2011, so it's a bit overdue.

What is involved in the Review?

The Council will be gathering data on traffic speeds from a wide variety of sources to inform decision making about speed limits and road safety in general. However, the data gathering phase for a speed limit review was always on our 2020/21 work programme

Are you going to consult with residents?

Public consultation doesn't normally form part of the review process set out by Government. The decision to open this opportunity for residents to comment was taken because of the level of concern about speeds that we were receiving, especially during COVID. Roughly a fifth of all complaints are about speed or speed related driving and a review of just the A&B roads often leads to complaints that we are not addressing local roads.

When does the consultation close?

We haven't set a closing date, deliberately because residents views will gradually develop as COVID eases and traders open for business, with more people walking and cycling and being exposed to traffic conditions than they have been. However, we will start individual street assessments towards the start of July. Once assessments have been done, we will share the data with police and discuss the viability of any changes and secure support for these with a commitment to enforce.

What will you do with all the data?

Our aim is to get the correct limits for the roads we have, better compliance with existing or changed limits and therefore a commitment to enforce from TVP.

We hope to be able to continue the provision of street specific speed information to residents beyond the review period, as an information service. We have been developing a speed management tool that will enable us to respond directly to resident queries about speeding, rather than defer them until surveys could be undertaken.

Who is responsible for enforcing speed limits?

The Council has no legal powers to enforce speed limits. Thames Valley Police enforce speed limits according to the resources they have available. In the follow up to COVID, the National Police Chiefs Council responded to public concern over speeds on quieter roads during lock down and decided to push increased speed enforcement and speed awareness and asked local police forces to support this through their PR. The Council, as a partner authority to TVP in the Safer Roads Partnership, is supporting the initiative.

If justified, will you reduce the speed limit?

Government guidance suggests that some speed limits may need to be increased as part of a review. However, if supported by the data, we will liaise with Thames Valley Police to agree any revised speed limit. Once agreed, we will commence statutory processes for changing limits agreed and publish these for public objections to be heard. Sometimes, TVP will not accept a lower speed limit without speed management or traffic calming measures being provided and we may also have to consider schemes like this to support our case. If we do, we will also have to wait until we have resources to implement these, which may also be subject to consultation processes.

How long will it take to implement a new speed limit?

The results will go through the normal Individual Executive Member Decision process. This is not an amendment Traffic Regulation Order, it doesn't have anything to do with the regular parking amendments we introduce. Implementation will likely be after the TRO and IEMD processes have concluded, I am hopeful this will be towards the end of this financial year. We may have to determine this subject to satisfactory resources being available for the relevant signing works.

What else is the Council doing to support walking & cycling after lockdown?

Alongside the work we do to promote sustainable travel and encourage walking and cycling for all journeys where it's feasible, the work that we are doing to support walking and cycling in transition from lockdown is separate from this speed limit review. We will be introducing experimental measures to support walking & cycling as lockdown eases, especially in urban areas. However, the work that we are doing to support walking and

cycling in transition from lockdown is separate from this speed limit review. The review is about the suitability of existing limits and levels of non-compliance, with changes being recommended where better compliance can be achieved.

Managing speed is good for safety, but what about the environment?

The effects on air quality, congestion etc are often determined by the way people drive in relation to speed limits, which are not based on 85%ile speeds, but mean speeds. The mitigation of air pollution on the network is a separate activity and part of the Council's Climate Emergency action plan, especially the congestion reduction strategy. Air pollution has more to do with the management of traffic volume, vehicle classification and highway layout than speed limits, but if the limit is appropriate for the road conditions and closer compliance can be achieved, this generally results in better environmental performance.

ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATIONS - 16 June 2020

16 Mitchell Way

Breach of Condition relating to driveway and shed extension

20 Campbell Road

Unauthorised garage and extension following refusal of planning application 171040

8 Armstrong Way

Driveway not in accordance with approved plans

46 Woodlands Avenue

Development not in accordance with planning permission

ENFORCEMENT CLOSURES - 16 June 2020

27a Willowside

Structure erected at side of property for use as a beauty salon - No planning permission
Application submitted

8 Wroxham Road

Building work not in accordance with approved plans 182501
Application submitted

Loddon Park (Formerly Land At Sandford Farm), Perimeter Road

Construction work beginning outside permissible hours
No breach

14 Austin Road

Storage of caravans in front garden
No breach

63 Austin Road

Storage of caravans in front garden
No breach

29 Duncan Road

Extension built without connecting door - not as per approved plans
No breach

Pitts Works, Colemans Moor Road

Construction Management Plan not being adhered to in relation to traffic route & H&S
No breach

40 Wheble Drive

Trees cut down without planning permission
No breach

The Old Pump House, Beggars Hill Road

Major landscaping to the rear of the property
No breach