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To: **Members of the Planning Committee**  
Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; M. Forrer; D. Fradley;  
B. Franklin; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning Committee will be held at The Oakwood Centre at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 4 December 2018, at which your attendance is requested.**

Deborah Mander  
Town Clerk

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## **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 6 NOVEMBER 2018** Page 5  
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 November 2018 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record.
4. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**  
To note that Councillor Dolinski has resigned from the Conservative Group and from the Planning Committee.  
  
To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.
5. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. **(Appendix 5)** Page 13
6. **PLANNING DECISIONS**  
To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. **(Appendix 6)** Page 16

7. **PLANNING APPEALS**

To note the following appeal decision:

Application: 172057  
Location: 152 Colemans Moor Road, Woodley, RG5 4BX  
Details: Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of one dwelling and an annex.  
Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

8. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

To receive an update from the Chairman on matters relating to Community Speedwatch.

9. **BUTTS HILL ROAD BRIDGE**

To note correspondence received from Network Rail regarding the recent request for a further extension of the road closure at Butts Hill.

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10. **APPLICATION TO RENEW STREET TRADING CONSENT**

The following application to renew Street Trading Consent was notified to Committee members ahead of the meeting, and comments requested, as a response was required by the West Berkshire and Wokingham Environmental Health & Licensing Service by 26 November 2018.

Application No: ST26  
Applicant: Mr Jan Ratip – Mo's Kebabs  
Trading Site: Woodlands Avenue, Woodley (opposite university site)  
Trading Times: Sunday to Thursday: 0700 to 0100 hours  
Friday and Saturday: 0700 to 0300 hours  
(One hour shutdown at 3pm to prepare for evening food)

A response was subsequently sent to the West Berkshire and Wokingham Environmental Health & Licensing Service stating that the Town Council had no comment to make on the application.

11. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:  
STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONSULTATION**

Wokingham Borough Council is updating its Statement of Community Involvement, following changes to national planning policy and guidance since the current statement was adopted in 2014. Members are asked to consider the Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2018, which can be viewed at [www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations)

Comments on the draft document are required by 21 December 2018.

12. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:  
HOMES FOR THE FUTURE CONSULTATION**

Members are asked to consider the Homes for the Future consultation, which forms part of the Wokingham Borough Council Local Plan Update. The Homes for the Future document can be viewed at [www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations)

Responses to the consultation are required by 15 February 2019.

A number of events are being held across the borough to give residents the opportunity to find out more about the consultation and ask questions. One of these events is being held in the Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley on Tuesday 12 February 2019, 7pm – 9pm.

13. **CENTRAL AND EASTERN BERKSHIRE – JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN: FURTHER CALL FOR SITES**

To note correspondence received from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. **(Appendix 13)**

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14. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Community Council for Berkshire E-Bulletin – November 2018*
- *Me2 Club Newsletter – November 2018*

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

16. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

17. **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 18 on the agenda.**

18. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

To note any enforcement issues.

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Oakwood Centre  
on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7:45 pm**

**Present:** *Councillors: T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; M. Forrer;  
D. Fradley; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks*

**Officer present:** *L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

**Also present:** *Councillors: K. Baker; J. Trick  
3 members of public*

111. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Dolinski and B. Franklin.

112. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D. Bragg – Prejudicial interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 182801: 10 Farriers Close, as he is a near neighbour of this property.

Councillor Bragg left the room when planning application 182801 was considered and took no part in the discussion or decision on the application.

113. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 October 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

114. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

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

115. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

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

116. **PLANNING APPEALS**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note the following appeal decision:

Application:	180659
Location:	12 Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3HJ.
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling and two side dormers.
Decision:	The appeal was allowed and planning permission granted.

Notification of the following appeal had been received after the agenda was issued:

**RESOLVED:**

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

Application: 182265  
Location: 67 Malone Road, Woodley, RG5 3NL.  
Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of single storey front/side/rear extension to dwelling incorporating roof light, following the demolition of existing garage and conservatory, and two storey front extension.

117. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note Report No. PC 3/18.

118. **HIGHWAYS**

Members noted that the work to upgrade the lighting in the Bader Way had been rescheduled for the following year so that the overnight road closure would not coincide with the closure of Loddon Bridge Road for bridge maintenance.

Members also noted that Sandford Lane would be closed between 9:30am and 4:00pm from 12 – 16 November 2018 for bridge maintenance.

119. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

The Chairman informed Members that a policy document on how the Speedwatch scheme would operate had been written and documents on the technical aspects of the equipment were being developed. The data logger had been used to gather data on traffic speeds in Tippings Lane and was currently deployed in Colemans Moor Road. An initial meeting of Speedwatch volunteers had been arranged and would take place in the Oakwood Centre on 28 November at 7:00pm.

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

Members noted the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum meeting held on 19 September 2018.

121. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note receipt of the following:
  - *Community Council for Berkshire e-bulletin – October 2018*
  - *WTCMI Newsletter – October 2018*

122. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

123. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

There were no suggestions for items to be publicised.

124. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for the following agenda item.

125. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

The Chairman informed Members that no enforcement notifications had been received since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:53 pm

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## Woodley Town Council

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Date :- 07/11/2018

## Observations on the following Planning Applications

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Approved on the following applications;</b>			
<b>182388</b>	26/10/2018	Mr J Parker	St James Church Kingfisher Drive Woodley RG5 3LH
<b>Proposal :</b> Full planning application for the refurbishment of existing car park including resurfacing, replacing kerbs and erecting a 1m high picket fence.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182510</b>	09/10/2018	Mr & Mrs Argrave	18 Rothwell Gardens Rothwell Gardens Woodley RG5 4TJ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension and window to en-suite to create habitable accommodation.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182575</b>	16/10/2018	Mr K. Fisher	54 Bodmin Road Bodmin Road Woodley RG5 3RZ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed insertion of a new window at first floor level into an existing front dormer elevation.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182694</b>	05/10/2018	Mr & Mrs Lehain	36 Fawcett Crescent Fawcett Crescent Woodley RG5 3HU
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation plus erection of single storey rear extension incorporating 6 No. roof lights and one roof lantern, plus a front canopy.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182704</b>	15/10/2018	Mr & Mrs Norman	18 Mannock Way Mannock Way Woodley RG5 4XW
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182801</b>	22/10/2018	Mrs A Clarke	10 Farriers Close Farriers Close Woodley RG5 3DD
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions including attached garage, plus conversion of existing garage to provide habitable accommodation following demolition of existing conservatory.			



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<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182804</b>	26/10/2018	Unknown	Unit C, Headley Park 8 Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4SZ
<b>Proposal :</b> Full planning application for the Change of Use to use of the premises as a builders merchant (Sui Generis) for the display, sale, storage of building, timber and plumbing supplies, plant and tool hire including outside display and storage.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182806</b>	22/10/2018	Mr & Mrs Allen	17 Carrick Gardens Carrick Gardens Woodley RG5 3JD
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey front and side extensions to dwelling.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182819</b>	19/10/2018	Mrs J Twine	6 Duncan Road Duncan Road Woodley RG5 4HR
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing garage.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182862</b>	24/10/2018	Mr & Mrs Xu	2 Mulberry Close Mulberry Close Woodley RG5 3LR
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension after demolition of existing rear conservatory, and conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182876</b>	29/10/2018	Mrs S Summerfield	2 Temple Mews Temple Mews Woodley RG5 4HE
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for a single storey rear extension to dwelling.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			
<b>182877</b>	26/10/2018	Mr Sait Ucar	18 Stonehaven Drive Stonehaven Drive Woodley RG5 4DE
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed ground floor rear extension to create habitable accommodation.			
<b>Observations :</b> No objections.			

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>182878</b>	29/10/2018	Mr Abdul Minhas	4 Kittiwake Close Kittiwake Close Woodley RG5 4UF

**Proposal :** Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front extension to form porch, plus conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation.

**Observations :** No objections.

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**Refused on the following applications;****182157**

23/10/2018

Mr Singh

11 Kingfisher Drive  
Kingfisher Drive  
Woodley  
RG5 3LG

**Proposal :** Householder application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension, rear dormer extension, new patio at side elevation, following the demolition of existing detached garage, plus internal alterations.

**Observations :** One resident was present at the meeting to voice concerns about this application.

The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:

- No layout plan has been submitted for the proposed second floor development in the roof space.
- The proposed front and rear elevations are incorrectly labelled. In reality, the rear elevation faces onto Kingfisher Drive and the front elevation faces away from the road. (The existing elevations are correctly labelled.)
- The proposed dormer extension faces Kingfisher Drive and is out of character with the street scene, as there are no other dormers in Kingfisher Drive.

The Committee also had the following concerns:

- Insufficient parking provision for a dwelling with six or more bedrooms. There are a total of six bedrooms shown on the ground and first floor layouts and presumably there will be additional bedrooms in the proposed dormer extension.
- The proposed flat roof dormer extends to the ridge level of the existing roof.
- Any dormer extension to this dwelling should face away from Kingfisher Drive - i.e. it should be built to the western elevation.

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Concerns on the following applications;</b>			
<b>182335</b>	10/10/2018	Singh	105 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4DA
<p><b>Proposal :</b> Full planning application for the proposed erection of 4 No. 2 bed flats and 2 No. 1 bed flats with 6 No. parking spaces and associated external works following demolition of existing bungalow.</p> <p><b>Observations :</b> The Committee had the following concerns about the proposed parking provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed 6 No. parking spaces are insufficient for 4 No. 2 bed apartments and 2 No. 1 bed apartments.</li> <li>- There is no provision for visitor parking.</li> <li>- Adequate on site parking should be provided as users of the adjacent Bridges Resource Centre already park in the road.</li> </ul>			
<b>182529</b>	10/10/2018	Mr B Harding	17 Master Close Master Close Woodley RG5 4UB
<p><b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension.</p> <p><b>Observations :</b> The Committee had concerns about the parking provision for the proposed 2 bedroom dwelling.</p>			
<b>182803</b>	22/10/2018	Mr C Christian	64 Headley Road Headley Road Woodley RG5 4JE
<p><b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing loft space to provide habitable accommodation plus erection of side dormer extensions.</p> <p><b>Observations :</b> The Committee had the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed dormers are very large.</li> <li>- The dormers are out of character with the street scene on Headly Road.</li> </ul>			

## New Applications Received Between 01/11/2018 and 29/11/2018

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>New Application</b>			
<b>182507</b>	16/11/2018	Mrs Gove	27 Farriers Close Farriers Close Woodley RG5 3DD
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a front porch to dwelling.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182582</b>	09/11/2018	Mr Richard Bolton	11 Nimrod Close Nimrod Close Woodley RG5 4UW
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension including three roof lights, plus the conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation to dwelling following the demolition of existing rear conservatory.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182864</b>	08/11/2018	Mr Dharmesh Modi	8 Wroxham Road Wroxham Road Woodley RG5 3AT
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a first floor side, part single, part two storey rear extensions to dwelling, incorporating roof lantern, conversion of existing loft space and part conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182940</b>	21/11/2018	Mrs Murray	28 Pitford Road Pitford Road Woodley RG5 4QF
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side/rear extension, two storey side extension. plus installation of 2 No. rooflights and erection of a fence at side/front elevation.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182954</b>	02/11/2018	Mr & Mrs Price	12 Highcliffe Close Highcliffe Close Woodley RG5 4RE
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing garden room, plus installation of a rooflight at side elevation.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182974</b>	09/11/2018	London & Cambridge Properties	Loddon Vale House Loddon Vale Centre Woodley RG5 4UX
<b>Proposal :</b> Full application for the proposed erection of a two storey extension to the east wing of existing building to provide 4 No. residential flats.			

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182980</b>	26/11/2018	Mr & Mrs Barclay Clark	46 Duncan Road Duncan Road Woodley RG5 4HS
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed first floor rear and side extension and internal alterations.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>182995</b>	21/11/2018	Ms N. Treverton	37 Crockhamwell Road Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3LE
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached outbuilding. (Part retrospective)			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183007</b>	13/11/2018	Mr Wirasinha	55 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4DG
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling with dual pitch roof, including the removal of existing chimney, an external store and shed.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183008</b>	26/11/2018	Hicks Developments Ltd	30 Pitts Lane Pitts Lane Earley RG6 1BT
<b>Proposal :</b> ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION Full application for the proposed erection of 1 No. 4 bed dwelling and garage, 2 No. 3 bed dwellings and ancillary landscaping, using existing access road to Pitts Lane.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183048</b>	13/11/2018	Mr & Mrs Ramkisson	4 Frampton Close Frampton Close Woodley RG5 3BS
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed single storey side extension to existing dwelling, alterations to front porch including pitched roof to existing flat roof.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183067</b>	26/11/2018	James Hiscox	11 Austin Road Austin Road Woodley RG5 4EJ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for a proposed single storey front extension to form porch.			
<b>Observations :</b>			

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>183082</b>	21/11/2018	Mr D. Birch	57a Colemans Moor Lane Colemans Moor Lane Woodley RG5 4BT
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a detached garage.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183090</b>	26/11/2018	Mr N Parikos	59 Hawker Way Hawker Way Woodley RG5 4PF
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, first floor side extension to existing dwelling plus internal alterations.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183094</b>	26/11/2018	Mr M Davies	192 Colemans Moor Road Colemans Moor Road Woodley RG5 4DP
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey front and rear extension to dwelling.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183125</b>	26/11/2018	Mr T Miller	39 Selsdon Avenue Selsdon Avenue Woodley RG5 4PQ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension, following the demolition of existing garage, plus loft conversion to create habitable accommodation including 2 No. new dormers.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183253</b>	28/11/2018	Mr B Keen	36 Loddon Bridge Road Loddon Bridge Road Woodley RG5 4AS
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of part single, part first floor side and rear extensions plus two storey rear extension to dwelling.			
<b>Observations :</b>			
<b>183259</b>	29/11/2018	Mr & Mrs Parker	111 Vauxhall Drive Vauxhall Drive Woodley RG5 4ED
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side extension, following the demolition of existing garage, plus proposed dropped kerb.			
<b>Observations :</b>			

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NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

Thu 29 November 2018

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**GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

E 181600	Approved	8 Armstrong Way
E 182432	Approved	86 Bruce Road
E 182510	Approved	18 Rothwell Gardens
E 182519	Approved	163 Colemans Moor Road
E 182568	Approved	7 Selsdon Avenue
E 182605	Approved	32 Lismore Close
E 182694	Approved	36 Fawcett Crescent
E 182704	Approved	18 Mannock Way
E 182862	Approved	2 Mulberry Close
E 182876	Approved	2 Temple Mews

**REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

E 182409	Refused	81-121 Crockhamwell Road
C 182692	Refused	80 Kingfisher Drive Local COMMENT The Town Council had received one phone call from a resident expressing concerns about this application.  The Committee considered the proposal and had no objections to the application.



Dear clerk

We are writing in response to our recent request for a further extension of the road closure at Butts Hill. Whilst we understand that the ongoing closure continues to cause a great deal of inconvenience and frustration for road users and lineside neighbours, we wanted to take this opportunity to explain the reasons behind the additional delays. Whilst we acknowledge that this is an 'internal' issue for Network Rail to resolve, we felt it would be useful to outline to you the challenge that we are facing. We are now expecting this work to be completed by the end of December 2018, although again this is subject to the access requirements detailed below.

As an illustration, between 3 September and 3 November 2018, we achieved 21 days work in a period of 62 days. In other words, we were not able to work on 42 days of the 62-day period. Our main challenge has been access to the railway. On 29 occasions no possession was available to the work force and on a further 12 occasions the Overhead Line Electrification (OLE) could not be isolated, both of which are essential to provide a safe working environment for our staff. Therefore on 41 out of 42 occasions, the workforce was restricted by access to the worksite. Only on one further occasion was a shift lost due to another factor i.e. a mechanical breakdown of work critical equipment. Unfortunately, lost possessions on the railway cannot be recovered immediately. The next possession which covers that line may only be available with a lead time of 2 weeks and this has had further adverse impacts on the sequencing of the installation.

In addition, when we do have access to the bridge, the time available to get work done is very limited. On average this is only 3 hours of working time per night. The reason for this is that over an hour is required 'lost' at the beginning and end of each possession to undertake the rigorous safety protocols that must be followed when the OLE isolation is completed. This process allows works to begin and likewise at the end of a shift, enables 'hand back' of the operational railway. To maximise the time available on site, the work team are on site early to install the road closure and remove the temporary fencing etc to prepare for the works to commence, but this can only happen once the paperwork is completed to ensure the OLE isolation is in place. There is also a lot of groundwork work prior to installation of the components, so the preparation of the existing steel on the bridge, setting out, treatment of cut outs and holes etc. all takes time.

All project teams are acutely aware of the importance of our engineering works not over running and having further unintended impact on rail passengers, lineside neighbours and road users. Consequently, we have looked at different ways of phasing the works but the challenge remains, with so many components needing to be installed in sequence and dependencies on obtaining possessions on all of the different railway lines that run under the bridge.

Despite the challenges faced, we can report that 11 out of the last 15 possessions (between 20 October and 3 November) have seen approximately 40 hours worked; an encouraging sign of improvement. The programme of works continues to be scrutinised and challenged and the Electrification Programme Director and Senior Sponsor are monitoring the situation very closely to ensure that every effort is being made to deliver the work as timely and as efficiently as we can. The programme shows completion by the end of the year.

If you would like a further briefing please advise and we will be happy to arrange this. We have offered to meet with Wokingham Cllrs and would be happy to meet yourselves if required.

Best wishes

Matthew



**Matthew Thompson**  
Communications Manager – Western  
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## PLANNING POLICY NEWSLETTER



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### Joint Minerals & Waste Plan: Further Call for Sites

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals & Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area up to 2036.

A Draft Joint Minerals & Waste Plan was subject to consultation during the Summer 2018. The Draft Plan and supporting documents can be viewed online:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult>.

Work is now underway to prepare the Proposed Submission Draft version of the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. To support this work, the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities would like to invite further nominations for minerals and waste site proposals. Additional sites are required as the Draft Plan recognises a shortfall in capacity particularly towards the end of the Plan period (2030+).

We would therefore like to invite landowners, agents or potential developers, to put forward minerals and waste sites for consideration.

The sites that we are requiring details for mineral supply include;

- Soft sand or sharp sand and gravel;
- Mineral railheads;
- Aggregate recycling and secondary aggregate processing facilities.

Waste proposals may include the following types of site;

- Waste to energy facilities;

- Composting facilities;
- Recycling facilities;
- Waste transfer sites;
- Inert landfill (associated with quarry restoration).

Please submit the Criteria Checklist (available online at the following link <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-policy/planning-policy-information/minerals-and-waste>), along with a map clearly identifying the boundary by 5.00pm on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. *(Please note that if you are putting forward more than one site, you will need to fill out a separate form for each).*

Please send all completed nominations to Hampshire Services via email: [iceb@hants.gov.uk](mailto:iceb@hants.gov.uk) or using the postal address;

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

Information on how the site will be assessed and when the outcome of the assessment will be made available is set out in the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Yours sincerely,

Hampshire Services working jointly with Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council