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To: Members of the Planning Committee

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Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); D. Bragg; J. Cheng; R. Dolinski; 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 14 August 2018, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander Town Clerk

AGENDA

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 17 Page 5 JULY 2018

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 July 2018 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)*

5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. *(Appendix 5)* Page 15

6. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

To note application 182079

Location: 26 Victor Way, Woodley, RG5 4UZ.

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 4.05m, for which the maximum height would be 3.7m and the height of the eaves 2.3m.

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7. OFFICE CONVERSION PRIOR NOTIFICATION

To note application 182131

Location: 49 Ravensbourne Drive, Woodley, RG5 4LJ.

Proposal: Prior approval application for the change of use from retail

shop to residential dwelling including changes in fenestration

to the front and rear elevation.

8. PLANNING APPEALS

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

Application: 180416

Location: 36 Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, RG5 4AS

Proposal: Householder application for proposed erection of part single,

part first floor side and rear extensions plus two storey rear

extension to dwelling.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

a) Tree Preservation Order 1624/2018

To note that Wokingham Borough Council has confirmed Tree Preservation Order 1624/2018 without modification. This Tree Preservation Order relates to 2 English oak trees on land at The Bulmershe School, Woodlands Avenue, and was made in the interests of amenity.

b) Tree Preservation Order 1635/2018

To note that Wokingham Borough Council has confirmed Tree Preservation Order 1635/2018 without modification. This Tree Preservation Order relates to 5 broad leaf trees on land at Woodley Park Estate, Reading Road, and was made in the interests of amenity and to help ensure the appropriate management of these trees.

c) Tree Preservation Order 1650/2018

To note that Wokingham Borough Council has made Tree Preservation Order 1650/2018 – relating to an oak tree located on land at Church of St John Bosco, Western Avenue, Woodley. This order was made in response to an application from a member of the public to protect a mature oak, as other mature trees had been removed from the site. The order took effect, on a provisional basis, from 19 July 2018 and will continue in force for 6 months or until the order is confirmed by Wokingham Borough Council.

10. **HIGHWAYS**

To note the list of Woodley projects discussed at the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Project Co-ordination meeting held on 25 July 2018. *(Appendix 10)*

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11. **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE**

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

12. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN CONSULTATION

Wokingham Borough Council is consulting on a Draft Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, which will guide minerals and waste decision making in the borough up to 2036. The plan will guide future locations for sand and gravel extraction

as well as waste management, such as recycling plants, biomass production and waste treatment facilities.

Wokingham Borough Council is working in partnership with Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to produce the Minerals and Waste Plan.

The purpose of this consultation is to engage the community in discussion regarding the long-term management of minerals and waste decision making. It is also an opportunity to gather more local evidence to determine the plan policies and site allocations.

The draft Plan and accompanying documents can be viewed at: www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Members are asked to consider a response to the consultation. Responses are required by 12 October 2018.

13. re3 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

To note the press release regarding the recently published re3 Annual Environmental Report. *(Appendix 13)*

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14. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- WTCMI Newsletter July 2018
- Community Council for Berkshire E-Bulletin July 2018
- Wokingham Borough Council Major Developments Newsletter Draft Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation Events

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 17 July 2018 at 7:45 pm

Present: Councillors: R. Dolinski (Chairman); J. Cheng; M. Forrer; D. Fradley;

J. MacNaught; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks

Officer present: L. Matthews, Committee Officer

Also present: Councillor K. Baker

8 members of public

35. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Barker, D. Bragg, B. Franklin and D. Mills.

36. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. Dolinski – Prejudicial interest: Agenda item 4, planning application 180988: Pitts Works, Colemans Moor Road, as he chaired the Wokingham Borough Council Housing Implementation Group meeting that considered the amount of affordable housing to be provided by this development.

Councillor Dolinski left the room when planning application 180988 was considered and took no part in the discussion or decision on this application. Councillor Cheng chaired the meeting while this application was considered.

37. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED:

◆ That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 June 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

38. CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **RESOLVED**:

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

b) Application No: 180710

Location: 57 Colemans Moor Lane, Woodley

Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side/rear extension plus conversion of loft space to create habitable accommodation including the erection of two flat roof side dormer extensions and rooflights. (Part retrospective)

This application had been considered at the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 April 2018 and the Committee had recommended that the application be refused. Revised plans had been received on 22 June and Members had been consulted on these prior to this meeting as a response was required by 6 July. A response was subsequently sent to the planning authority stating that the Committee's observations were unchanged and recommending that the application be refused.

39. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED:

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

40. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

RESOLVED:

To note application 181707.

Location: 39 Hudson Road, Woodley, RG5 4EN.

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 3.269m, for which the maximum height would be 3.607m and the height of

the eaves 2.525m.

41. **HIGHWAYS**

Road Works / Street Works Major Projects Co-ordination meeting

Members noted the list of Woodley projects discussed at the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Project Co-ordination meeting held on 20 June 2018.

42. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

Members noted the update provided in the agenda on matters relating to the Community Speedwatch scheme. The scheme had been publicised in the press and the Woodley Herald, on social media, by leaflets distributed at the Carnival and through the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum. Members were pleased to note that a number of residents had already volunteered to help with the scheme and residents had also contacted the Council to provide suggestions of roads where speeding was alleged to occur.

43. NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE BULMERSHE LEISURE CENTRE

Following a request made at the last meeting (Planning Committee, 19 June 2018, minute number 32), Members were pleased to note that the notice board at Bulmershe Leisure Centre had been moved to the outside of the hoarding around the site and was once again available for community use. Members asked for thanks to be given to the officers who had helped to resolve this problem.

44. WOODLEY AND EARLEY CIRCULAR BUS ROUTE

Members noted the information provided in the agenda regarding the replacement of bus service 12 by a new service, to be known as 19a/c, from 3 September 2018. Wokingham Borough Council had written to thank Members of Woodley and Earley Town Councils for the work they had undertaken to determine what the local community required from the bus service.

45. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – FOOTWAYS, KERBSIDES AND ROAD SIGNS

Following a request from Wokingham Borough Council, Members considered occurrences of poor repair of footways, kerbsides and road signs to be reported to the Borough Council's Community and Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To report the following matters to Wokingham Borough Council:
 - Road signs hidden by overgrown hedges along Bader Way.
 - Foliage from trees masking the LED lights at the bus stop in Colemans Moor Road.
 - Tree roots raising and damaging the pavement in Larch Drive.
 - Complaints received from residents that many road signs throughout Woodley are dirty.

46. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – GRASS CUTTING

Following a request from Wokingham Borough Council, Members considered issues that had been raised regarding the grass cutting service and any suggestions for improving the service, so these could be reported to the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To report the following matters to Wokingham Borough Council:
 - The Town Council had received a large number of complaints about the grass cutting schedule.
 - Many people had reported that they were worried about the possibility of fires occurring as the long grass was now very dry.
 - Infrequent grass cutting along the Bader Way has left this gateway into Woodley looking very scruffy.
 - Many complaints had been received from residents about the unsightly appearance
 of the overgrown central reservation on the A4 on the approach to Woodley and there
 were concerns that this could be a fire hazard.
 - Members noted that if grass was allowed to become too long it was more likely to block drains when it was finally cut.

47. WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

Members noted the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum meeting held on 13 June 2018.

48. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:

- To note receipt of the following:
 - Thames Valley Environmental Records Office Newsletter June 2018
 - Community Council for Berkshire E-Bulletin June 2018
 - Me2 Club Newsletter July 2018

49. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following item was requested for inclusion in the next agenda:

Community Speed Watch update

Members requested that any changes to the grass cutting service be reported in a future agenda, following Wokingham Borough Council's review of the service.

50. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To publicise the following:
 - Woodley Speedwatch
 - The new bus service 19a/c

51. **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.

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The Chairman informed the meeting of four ongoing enforcement matters and seven enforcement investigation closure notifications.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm

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		Observations on the following Planning Applications				
Application No	Date Recd	Case Officer	Applicant Name	<u>Location</u>		
		Approved of	on the following applications;			
180798	10/07/2018	Senjuti Manna	Flaherty	First Floor, Cockayne House 126 - 128 Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JH		
	Proposal :	Full planning application for the proposed construction of bin and cycle stores and changes to parking arrangements.				
C	Observations :	No objections.				
181420	18/06/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Charles Payne	54 Hazel Drive Hazel Drive Woodley RG5 3SA		
	Proposal :		n for proposed erection of single	e storey side/rear extension to dwelling e habitable accommodation.		
C	Observations :	No objections.				
181515	02/07/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Sanjay Patel	36 Tippings Lane Tippings Lane Woodley RG5 4RY		
	Proposal :	Householder application extension to dwelling.	n for proposed erection of two st	torey side and single storey rear		
C	Observations :	_				
181570	20/06/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Davison	5 Vulcan Close Vulcan Close Woodley RG5 4XB		
	Proposal :	Householder application existing dwelling.	n for the proposed erection of a	single storey rear extension to the		
C	Observations :	-				
181784	06/07/2018	Simon Taylor	Ms Emma Nicholas	Magnolia Court Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4SD		
C	Proposal : Observations :		n for the proposed changes to fe	enestration.		
181887	06/07/2018	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs John Verhoog	88 Rochester Avenue Rochester Avenue Woodley RG5 4NB		
		al: Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to				
	Proposal :	Householder application dwelling.	n for the proposed erection of a	single storey side/rear extension to		

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Date :- 19/07/2018

Observations on the following Planning Applications

Application No Date Recd Case Officer Applicant Name Location

Refused on the following applications;

180988

15/06/2018 Simon Taylor Unknown Pitts Works

Colemans Moor Road

Woodley RG5 4DA

Proposal: Full application for the proposed erection of 20 dwellings together with associated vehicular

access, car parking and landscaping following demolition of the existing dwelling and

outbuildings, once associated with a former scrapyard use.

Observations: Eight residents were present at the meeting to voice their concerns and four letters of concern

had been received.

After listening to the residents' concerns, the Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment of the site.

- Overlooking and loss of privacy to properties in Consul Close and Hudson Road.
- Current problems due to lack of capacity in the local sewerage system will be exacerbated. Residents in Consul Close report that manhole covers are regularly displaced and the sewers overflow and cause flooding when the capacity is exceeded.
- The development will cause additional surface water runoff and will lead to an increased flooding risk in the area. Residents report that there is currently a stream running across the site, which collects water from the site.
- Part of the site is currently an overgrown garden area and development of this will result in harm to the local ecology and loss of habitat for wildlife.
- The extra traffic generated by this development will increase the existing traffic problems on Colemans Moor Road, especially during the morning and evening rush-hours.
- The development could lead to increased parking in Colemans Moor Road if the proposed number of parking spaces proves to be insufficient.

Local residents also had concerns regarding the clearance of the site, which contains industrial waste and hazardous materials, and the possible damage to surrounding buildings, by vibration and by excavation close to buildings located adjacent to the site boundary. The Committee asked that these concerns be addressed if planning permission is granted.

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New Applications Received Between 13/07/2018and 09/08/2018

Application No Date Recd Case Officer **Applicant Name** Location **New Application** 181240 25/07/2018 Abinel Gurung Mr A Mahmood 37 Lismore Close Lismore Close Woodley RG5 3RT Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extensions plus single storey front porch extension. Observations: 181744 Mr Adam Gee 20/07/2018 Stefan Fludger 5 Wilmington Close Wilmington Close Woodley RG5 4LR Proposal: Householder aplication for the proposed erection of part single, part two storey side/rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing garage. Observations: 181745 7 Wilmington Close 20/07/2018 Stefan Fludger Mr Raymond Sharp Wilmington Close Woodley RG5 4LR Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing conservatory. Observations: 181754 18/07/2018 Abinel Gurung Mr Belkhatir 5 Antrim Road Antrim Road Woodley RG5 3NR Proposal: Householder application for the erection of a detached garage. (Retrospective) Observations: 181839 Mr Adam Smith 83 Nightingale Road 18/07/2018 Abinel Gurung Nightingale Road Woodley RG5 3LY Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey side and rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of the existing conservatory. Observations: 181861 Omar Sharif 136-138 and 140-142 20/07/2018 Greggs plc Crockhamwe Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JH

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sale of hot and cold food and drink.

Observations:

Proposal: Full application for the proposed change of use of ground floor from A1 use to mixed use for the

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Application No Date Recd Case Officer **Applicant Name** Location 181881 Mr Paul Cousins 07/08/2018 Nesha Burnham 12 Woodlands Avenue Woodlands Avenue Woodley RG5 3HJ Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling and two side dormers plus internal alterations. Observations: 181890 Christine Phillips Mr Amrik Rehal 63 Fairwater Drive 23/07/2018 Fairwater Drive Woodley RG5 3JG Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to dwelling. Observations: 181918 27/07/2018 Nuno Fernandes Mr Peter Froud 4 Triumph Close Triumph Close Woodley RG5 4AQ Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory and internal alterations plus conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation. Observations: 181940 17/07/2018 Stefan Fludger Mrs Camilla Marriott 1 Eastwood Road Eastwood Road Woodley RG5 3PY Proposal: Householder application for the proposed erection of side porch, single storey rear extension following the partial demolition of the existing outbuilding plus extended front drop kerb and new block paving. Observations: 181975 17/07/2018 Mr & Mrs Drummond 10 Headley Close Abinel Gurung Headley Close Woodley RG5 4SF Proposal: Householder application for the proposed conversion of the existing garage to create habitable accommodation. Observations: 181992 19/07/2018 Nesha Burnham Mrs Lorraine Reynolds 53 Ravensbourne Drive Ravensbourne Drive Woodley RG5 4LJ Proposal: Householder application for the conversion and single storey front extension of existing garage to create habitable accommodation. Observations:

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New Applications Received Between 13/07/2018and 09/08/2018

Application No	Date Recd	Case Officer	Applicant Name	Location
182041	07/08/2018	Senjuti Manna	Me Vincenzo Cannizzaro	77 Campbell Road Campbell Road Woodley
				RG5 3NB
	Proposal :	Householder application height of 2 metres). (F	•	nce above existing brick walls (total
	Observations :		ton oop convo,	
182042				
	24/07/2018	Abinel Gurung	Mr E Holmes	4 Harris Close Harris Close Woodley RG5 4XH
	Proposal :		on for the proposed erection of sing not existing conservatory and two	gle storey rear extension to dwelling storey side extension to dwelling.
	Observations :	· ·	Ç	·
182082				
	06/08/2018	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Coleman	22 Hurricane Way Hurricane Way Woodley RG5 4UX
	Proposal:			vo storey side extension and a single
	Observations :	storey rear extension t	o aweiling.	
182139				
	06/08/2018	Abinel Gurung	Mr N. Parikos	59 Hawker Way Hawker Way Woodley RG5 4PF
	Proposal :		on for the proposed erection of sing ing dwelling plus internal alteration	
	Observations :			
182175	08/08/2018	Nuno Fernandes	Miss Barrett & Mr Hales	31 Wallace Close
				Wallace Close Woodley RG5 3HW
	Proposal : Observations :	Householder application	on for the proposed erection of sing	gle storey side extension to form annex
182184	07/00/0040	Charlett - DI-	University	24 Charden Oleren
	07/08/2018	Charlotte Black	Unknown	31 Stanton Close Earley RG6 7DX
	Proposal :	ADJOINING PARISH (Householder application		gle storey rear extension to dwelling.
	Observations :			
182194	08/08/2018	Rasha Khoja	Mr & Mrs Cowen	119 Haddon Drive Haddon Drive

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New Applications Received Between 13/07/2018and 09/08/2018

Application No Date Recd Case Officer

Applicant Name

Location

RG5 4LZ

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:

Applications Received :- 19

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 181309	Approved	16 Nightingale Road
E 181420	Approved	54 Hazel Drive
E 181449	Approved	44 Caldbeck Drive
E 181523	Approved	41 Fosters Lane
E 181524	Approved	39 Buccaneer Close
E 181543	Approved	45 Hawker Way
E 181546	Approved	14 Colemans Moor Lane
E 181559	Approved	18 Harris Close
E 181664	Approved	31 Telford Crescent
E 181693	Approved	22 Sherbourne Drive

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

C 181326	Refused	3 Copse Mead Local COMMENT Three letters of concern about this application had been received from local residents.		
		After noting the residents' concerns the Committee considered the proposal and had no objections to the application.		
C 181455	Refused	Unit 1		

Local COMMENT No objections.

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APPENDIX 10

Road/Street Works Major Projects Update - Woodley - 25 July 2018

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description	Location
Thames Water	AUSTIN ROAD	23/10/2017	30/07/2018	Water Main Replacement	Carriageway and footway between Fitzroy Crescent entrances
WBC - Structures	LODDON BRIDGE ROAD	03/08/2018	09/08/2018	Bridge maintance	Between jnc Wokingham Road and Coppice Road
WBC - Structures	LONDON ROAD	16/08/2018	17/08/2018	Bridge inspection	Between Waren Road and Shepherds House Pub (Reading bound)
Thames Water	LYTHAM ROAD	17/08/2018	17/08/2018	Planned cover replacement - Works intended to include first time permanent reinstatement within same phase	
Network Rail	BUTTS HILL ROAD	21/04/2018	18/08/2018	Electrification works to existing parapets will include raising the height of the parapets	At Road Over Railbridge - Named:Butts Hill Road
WBC - Integrated	HURRICANE WAY	08/08/2018	24/08/2018	Crossing Upgrades	From Woodley Community Centre to just before Lysander Close Jnc
WBC - Integrated	DUFFIELD ROAD	20/08/2018	31/08/2018	Crossing upgrades	From Duffield spur road to Uppingham Drive jnc
SGN	CAMPBELL ROAD	06/08/2018	03/09/2018	Gas Main Replacement	Jct Highgate Road - c/w f/w verge

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description	Location
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	11/06/2018	17/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month
SGN	KINGFISHER DRIVE	11/06/2018	17/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	PLYMOUTH AVENUE	11/06/2018	17/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	HIGHGATE ROAD	06/08/2018	01/10/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	RICKMAN CLOSE	11/06/2018	22/10/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	WALLACE CLOSE	06/08/2018	22/10/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	20/08/2018	22/10/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted

PRESS RELEASE FROM re3

1 August 2018

re3 annual report highlights upgrade to the Material Recycling Facility and new arrangements to allow more materials being recycled in the UK

24,194 tonnes of Mixed Dry Recyclables processed in the Material Recycling Facility

80% of Mixed Dry Recyclables were sent to the UK re-processors
25,658 tonnes of green waste recycled into compost
6,936 tonnes of glass collected from 532 bottle banks
805,721 residents visited Recycling Centres last year

re3, a waste management partnership for Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham Borough Councils has published today the Annual Environmental Report that highlights new agreements with the re-processors and upgrades to the Material Recycling Facility, allowing for more plastics to be recycled.

Initiatives over the last 12 months have included:

- Significant investment to the Material Recycling Facility allowing for more plastics to be recycled within the UK and quality improvement of sorted mixed paper
- Improvements to the Recycling Centres, including new signage allowing a better experience for residents visiting the sites
- Further collaboration with local charities and companies specialising in the re-use scheme
- Successful launch of re3grow compost

In a Joint Statement

Cllr Mrs Dorothy Hayes MBE, Bracknell Forest Council's Executive Member for Environment and Chairman of the Joint Waste Disposal Board, Cllr Sophia James, Reading Borough Council's Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods &

Communities and Cllr Norman Jorgensen, Wokingham Borough Council's Executive Member for Environment, commented:

"re3 is an excellent example of collaborative partnership between three Councils and a private sector partner, FCC. We are very pleased that we could deliver significant service improvements so our residents can recycle more and recycle with confidence. Last year was very challenging for the waste industry; we all saw the impact of plastic pollution, courtesy of Blue Planet II, but councils and contractors alike had to manage restrictions on the export of materials to China. Despite this uncertainty, re3 managed not only to enhance the kerbside collection allowing us to recycle more plastic, foil and cartons but also have established end markets for all of our processed materials. We are very fortunate that last year 80% of our mixed dry recycling was processed within the UK and that figure will likely to increase next year as all plastic materials are now being processed within the UK.

The market for recyclables has been a global one for many years. However, our aim is to recycle as local as possible, we also send materials abroad to deliver the best outcome for our residents. This report shows great work between all three councils and the Contractor in ensuring that household waste is being effectively recycled regardless of the country. To deliver that, FCC is subject to set regulations and procedures outlined by central government and in addition to this, FCC also carries out a series of supplier audits. This is very important to us and we want our residents to be confident recyclers who are aware about the environmental and financial benefits of recycling and also who know what happens to their recyclables after being collected by the bin crews."

View Annual Environmental Report 2017-2018:

http://www.fccenvironment.co.uk/environmental-performance

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