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To: **Members of the Planning Committee**
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 17 July 2018, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of interest from Members on agenda items.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2018**
To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 June 2018 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record. *(These minutes were provided in the Full Council agenda of 26 June 2018.)*
4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. *(Appendix 4)* Page 4
5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**
 - a) To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. *(Appendix 5)* Page 6

b) **Application No: 180710**

Location: 57 Colemans Moor Lane

Proposal: Household 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)

To note that Committee members were consulted between meetings on revised plans for this application as a response was required by 6 July 2018. It was agreed that the Committee's observations, recommending refusal of the application, remained unchanged and a response to this effect was subsequently sent to Wokingham Borough Council.

6. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**

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.

7. **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 20 June 2018. (**Appendix 7**)

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8. **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH UPDATE**

The Speedwatch equipment has been purchased and Councillors Barker and Mills are working on user guides for the speed detection unit and the data logger.

The setting up of the Woodley Speedwatch scheme has 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. Residents have contacted the Council to provide suggestions of roads where speeding is alleged to occur and a number of residents have already volunteered to help with the scheme.

The next step will be to arrange training for the use of the equipment and to run trials of its deployment.

9. **NOTICE BOARD OUTSIDE BULMERSHE LEISURE CENTRE**

Following a request made at the last meeting to investigate the possibility of moving the notice board at Bulmershe Leisure Centre (Planning Committee, 19 June 2018, minute number 32), the notice board has been moved to the outside of the hoarding erected around the site and is once again available for community use.

10. **WOODLEY AND EARLEY CIRCULAR BUS ROUTE**

Notification has been received from Wokingham Borough Council that from 3 September 2018, the current bus service 12 will be replaced by a new service, to be known as 19a/c. The contract for the new service has been awarded to Reading Buses. The new 19a/c service will provide buses hourly to Reading in each direction and morning peak journeys will be reintroduced. Buses will travel the same route all day and will provide a service between Woodley, Earley and Reading in the afternoons. The route map and timetable for the new service are attached at **Appendix 10**.

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Correspondence has been received from Wokingham Borough Council thanking Members of Woodley and Earley Town Councils for the work they undertook to determine what the local community required from a bus service for this area.

11. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – FOOTWAYS, KERBSIDES AND ROAD SIGNS**

Following a Scrutiny request submitted by Finchampstead Parish Council, Wokingham Borough Council is inviting each town and parish council to submit evidence of poor repair and maintenance of footways, kerbsides and road signs. Local issues will be investigated and reported to the Borough Council's Community and Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

Members are asked to consider whether there are any issues in Woodley to be reported.

12. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – GRASS CUTTING**

Wokingham Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is undertaking a review of the Borough Council's grass cutting service, following a large number of resident complaints received in May and June. As part of the evidence gathering process the Borough Council has asked towns and parishes for information on any grass cutting issues raised locally, the way in which the Borough Council responded to feedback and complaints, and any suggestions for improving the service.

Members are asked to consider a response to this request. Responses are required by 31 July 2018.

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

To note the report of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum held on 13 June 2018. ***(Appendix 13)***

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14. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

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*

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.

New Applications Received Between 15/06/2018 and 12/07/2018

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
New Application				
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.				
Observations :				
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 scrapyards use.				
Observations :				
181420	18/06/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Charles Payne	54 Hazel Drive Hazel Drive Woodley RG5 3SA
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of single storey side/rear extension to dwelling following the conversion of the existing garage to create habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				
181515	02/07/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Sanjay Patel	36 Tippings Lane Tippings Lane Woodley RG5 4RY
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
Observations :				
181570	20/06/2018	Mandeep Chaggar	Mr & Mrs Davison	5 Vulcan Close Vulcan Close Woodley RG5 4XB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling.				
Observations :				
181784	06/07/2018	Simon Taylor	Ms Emma Nicholas	Magnolia Court Headley Road East Woodley RG5 4SD
Proposal : Full planning application for the proposed changes to fenestration.				
Observations :				

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<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
181887	06/07/2018	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs John Verhoog	88 Rochester Avenue Rochester Avenue Woodley RG5 4NB
				Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to dwelling.
				Observations :

Applications Received :- 7

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

Thu 12 July 2018

' C ' Contrary to Borough

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' E ' Endorsed by Borough

GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 180868	Approved	35 Rose Close
E 180870	Approved	34 Rowan Drive
E 180940	Approved	Loddon Vale House
E 180950	Approved	76 Redwood Avenue
E 180985	Approved	7 Church Road
E 180989	Approved	16 Welford Road
E 181108	Approved	22 Dowding Close
E 181126	Approved	71 Vauxhall Drive
E 181140	Approved	1 Austin Road
E 181204	Approved	4 Wroxham Road
E 181208	Approved	19 Vauxhall Drive
E 181249	Approved	17 Hawker Way
E 181359	Approved	27 Reading Road
E 181385	Approved	1 Windermere Close
E 181416	Approved	13 Malone Road

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

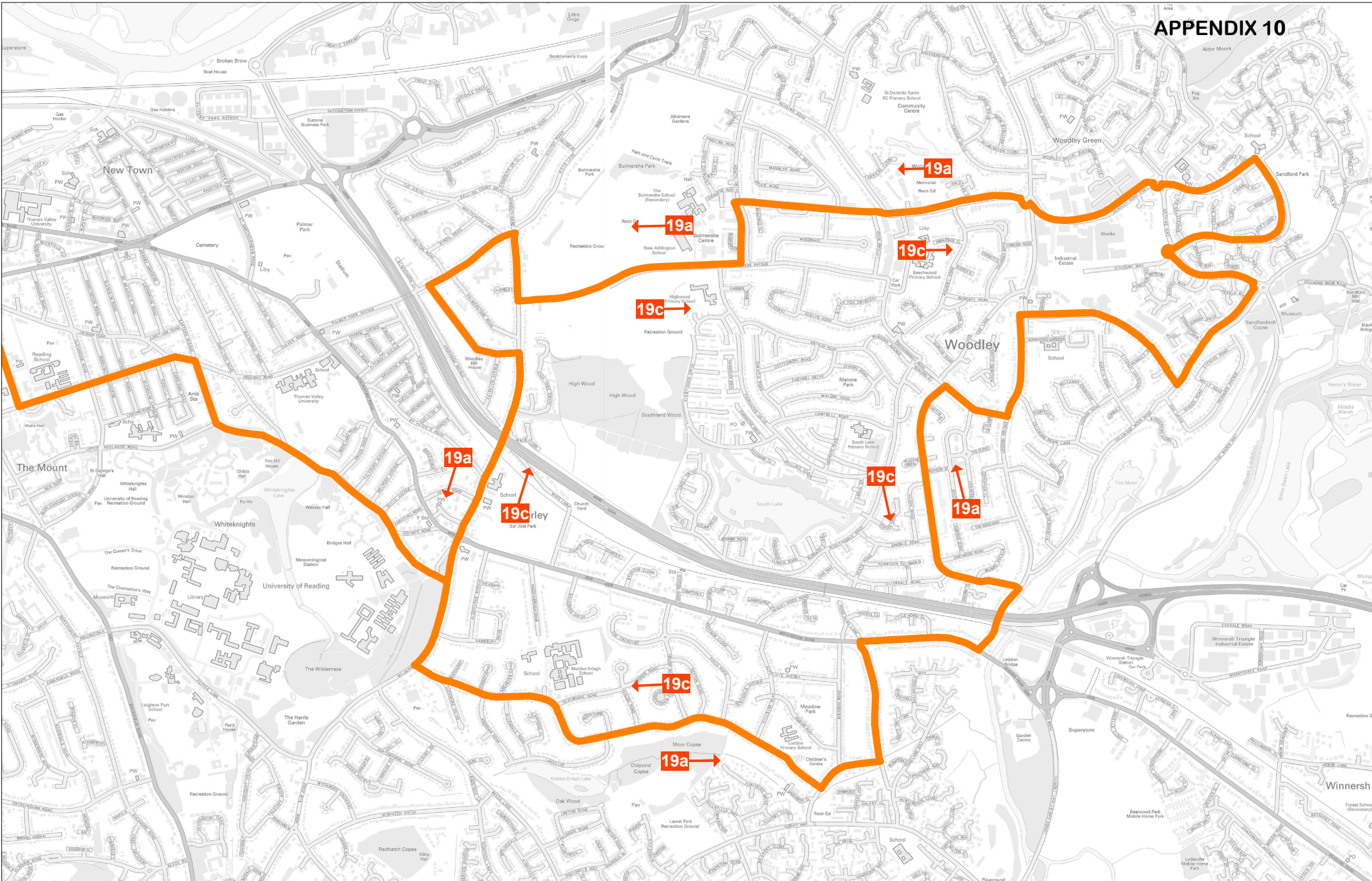
E 181053	Refused	Woodley Tennis Club
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OTHER PLANNING DETAILS

181018	Withdrawn	167 Colemans Moor Road
181123	Withdrawn	26 Victor Way

Road/Street Works Major Projects Update - Woodley - June 2018

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description	Location
SGN	CAMPBELL ROAD	18/06/2018	10/09/2018	Gas Main Replacement	Jct Highgate Road - c/w f/w verge
SGN	HIGHGATE ROAD	09/07/2018	01/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	WALLACE CLOSE	09/07/2018	01/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	30/07/2018	01/09/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	Full scope to follow when known or the 3 month application is submitted
WBC - Structures	LODDON BRIDGE ROAD	03/08/2018	09/08/2018	Bridge maintance	Between junction 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	Sewer cover replacement on behalf of Thames Water	Junction with Woodlands Ave
WBC - Traffic Management	DUFFIELD ROAD	03/09/2018	13/09/2018	Crossing upgrades	From Duffield spur road to Uppingham Drive junction
WBC - Traffic Management	HURRICANE WAY	03/09/2018	18/09/2018	Crossing upgrades	From Woodley Community Centre to just before Lysander Close Jnc (Please see plotted map for accurate location)



Routes 19a (anti-clockwise) & 19c (clockwise)



Reading • Loddon Bridge • Reading Station via Royal Berkshire Hospital and Earley Gate

19a

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)


Service Number:	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	0610	0732	0822	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	-	1735	1841
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	0625	0740	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1545	1650	1750	1900
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0632	0747	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1552	1657	1757	1907
Earley Gate, University of Reading	0640	0759	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1604	1709	1809	1919
Gipsy Lane	0646	0805	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1610	1715	1815	1925
Gipsy Lane, Mill Lane	0647	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1611	1716	1816	1926
Loddon Bridge, The George	0655a	0810	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1613	1718	1818	1928
Headley Park	0707	0824	0917	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1625	1730	1830	1939
Woodley Centre, Chequers [C]	0710	0826	0920	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1628	1733	1833	1942
Bulmershe Sports Centre	0712	0828	0922	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1630	1735	1835	1944
Culver Lane	-	-	0927	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	-	-	-	-
Earley Gate, University of Reading	0720	0840	0934	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	1536	1641	1746	1844	1952
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0726	0848	0940	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1647	1752	1850	1958
University of Reading, London Road	0728	0852	0943	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1649	1754	1851	1959
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	0732	0904	0949	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1659	1804	1856	2005
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	0735	0910	0953	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1703	1808	1900	2008

Notes:

a - Arrives at 0649

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19a

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19a

Saturday

Service Number:	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a	19a
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	-	0732	0832	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	1832	1932	
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇄	0620	0740	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1740	1840	1940	
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0626	0747	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1647	1747	1847	1947	
Earley Gate, University of Reading	0636	0758	0858	0958	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458	1558	1658	1758	1858	1955	
Gipsy Lane	0646	0805	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1905	2000	
Gipsy Lane, Mill Lane	-	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906	2001	
Loddon Bridge, The George	-	0808	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1710	1810	1910	2003	
Headley Park / Adwest	-	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1723	1823	1923	-	
Woodley Centre, Chequers [C]	-	0823	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1623	1725	1825	1925	-	
Bulmershe Sports Centre	-	0828	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1628	1730	1830	1930	-	
Culver Lane	-	0829	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1629	-	-	-	-	
Earley Gate, University of Reading	-	0837	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1637	1737	1837	1937	-	
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	-	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843	1943	-	
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	-	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1752	1852	1952F	-	
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇄	-	0856	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1656	1756	1856	1956	-	


Notes:

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19c

Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays)

Service Number:	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c	19c
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	-	-	0843	0949	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1659	1804	1856
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	0610	0715	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1610	1710	1815	1910
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0617	0722	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1617	1717	1822	1917
Earley Gate, University of Reading	0625	0730	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1628	1728	1833	1928
Eastcourt Avenue	-	-	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1632	-	-	-
Bulmershe Sports Centre	0632	0737	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1637	1733	1838	1933
Woodley Centre, Chequers [A]	0635	0740	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1531	1641	1736	1841	1936
Headley Park	0638	0743	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1643	1739	1844	1939
Loddon Bridge, The George	0651	0756	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1656	1755	1900	1950
Mill Lane - Gipsy Lane	0654	0759	0949	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1549	1659	1758	1903	-
Earley Gate, University of Reading	0701	0806	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1706	1805	1910	-
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0707	0812	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1712	1811	1916	-
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	0713	0822	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1721	1820	1922	-
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	0716	0827	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1726	1825	1926	-

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19c

Saturday

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Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	-	-	-	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1752	1852
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	-	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	-	0707	0807	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1707	1807	1907
Earley Gate	-	0718	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918
Eastcourt Avenue	-	-	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	-	-	-
Bulmershe Sports Centre	-	0725	0827	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1725	1825	1925
Headley Park	-	0732	0833	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1633	1732	1832	1932
Loddon Bridge, The George	-	0746	0846	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1646	1746	1846	1942
Mill Lane - Gipsy Lane	-	0749	0849	0949	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1549	1649	1749	1849	1945
Earley Gate	0657	0757	0857	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1657	1757	1857	1952
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Main Entr.	0703	0803	0903	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1703	1803	1903	1957
Reading, St Mary's Butts [CR]	0712	0812	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1712	1812	1912	2005F
Reading, Station Road [SA] ⇌	0716	0816	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916	2008

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Wednesday, 13th June, 2018, 7.30 – 9.30 pm - The Maxwell Room, The Oakwood Centre, Woodley

MINUTES

- 1. Present:** Mary Bather (in the chair), Mike Evans (vice-chair), Sion William (ACER – minute taker), Jenny Lissaman (ACER), Councillor Swaddle (ETC), Councillor Armstrong (ETC), Councillor Barker (WTC), Councillor Dolinski (WTC & WBC), Sgt Mark Smith (Thames Valley Police), Mary Holmes (WTCMI), Tony Lomax (Woodley & Earley Lions), Ian Hills (Woodley & Whitegates Labour Party), Revd Philip Hobday (early St Peter's Church), Cedric Lander (WTC)
Residents – N S Gill, P Lunt, S Jenkman, E Edwards, M Millard, C Lawley,
Apologies: Councillor Baker (WTC, WBC), Councillor Matthews (ETC), Jacques Lherbier (Woodley TCMI), Zofia Frazinski, David Provins (Friends of Woodford Park), Michelle Stone (ACER), Shelagh Flower (WASP)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (AGM) – 12.04.18 / matters arising

2.1 Cycle survey in Woodley Precinct: Chair reported on the survey of people cycling in Woodley Precinct over the previous 2 weeks (draft report attached) and thanked Jenny Lissaman, Mike and Carol Evans and Shelagh Flower for their help in counting cyclists. At peak times there can be as many as 26 cyclists per hour cycling through the precinct. The recorders observed no accidents but they did observe cyclists travelling at speed and cycling very near to pedestrians. The main points can be summarised as:

- Cyclists include adults, teenagers, primary school aged children and some pre-school children.
- The peak times of the day are 8.30 – 9.30 am and 2.30 – 4.30 pm on school days; 10.30 am – 2.30 pm on school holidays. But there is also a smaller peak at lunchtimes on school days and later in the day (4.30pm onwards) on fine days.
- The numbers are affected by the weather – there are significantly fewer cyclists when it is cold / wet.
- Many adults were seen wheeling their cycles through the precinct so the fact that it is a no cycling zone is obviously fairly widely known. The number of adults wheeling exceeded the number cycling.
- The round no-cycling signs on the lamp posts at all 3 main entrances are very clear. The written messages on the road surface are less clear as they have become worn.
- There were also a significant number of children (and adults) using scooters to ride through the precinct. These were not recorded.

Cyclists in the precinct can be divided into 4 main groups:

- Adults on their own – usually cycling fairly quickly directly from A to B (i.e. straight through the precinct or into the precinct and stopping at a shop). These adults do not usually use the cycle racks.
- Adolescents (usually boys aged between 10 and 16) more than often in small groups cycling at speed round and round the precinct and weaving in between pedestrians, trees, seats etc. They tend to get very close to groups of people and then swerve away. They sometimes congregate on the stage area. They have been seen to leave a lot of litter, doing 'wheelies' and even cycling into Iceland. According to traders it is the same youngsters day after day.
- Primary aged children sometimes accompanied by adults on their way to or from school. Some of these children gather in the precinct before school in the morning and cycle round and round.
- Pre-school age children accompanied by parents.

There was a detailed discussion on the findings. Cllr Dolinski suggested that as it was impossible to enforce the no-cycling rules it would be better to remove them altogether and make the precinct a shared space (as in Reading). However, a number of residents believed strongly that the 'no-cycling' rule should be maintained and attempts made to deal with offenders. It was generally agreed that the most effective way of dealing with inconsiderate cycling was through education.

Sgt Smith explained that dangerous cycling was only an offence when taking place on the road. Cyclists in the precinct could be considered guilty of careless cycling. He believed that the best route to take was education followed by enforcement if necessary.

ACTIONS:

- Sgt Smith to investigate the legality of the 'no-cycling' signs.
- PSCO's to spend an hour (when adult cyclists are most likely to be cycling through) speaking to and warning cyclists.
- The problem of adolescent cyclists who are also acting in an antisocial way to be addressed through the current police work on ASB.
- Police to work with the schools (particularly Beechwood) to educate the primary school children (and their parents) about safe / considerate cycling. As far as the toddlers were concerned it probably only needed a quiet word by the PCSOs to the parents.

2.2 Results of 'Have your say' – The forum handed out 'have your say' papers at the AGM (April 12th) and Burglary and Fraud conference (May 12th) asking residents to indicate which 3 areas were of most concern to them.

Results were:

Fraud etc	16
Burglary	15
ASB	14
Speeding	12
Theft	10
Litter	8
Parking	6
Dog fouling	5
Drugs	2

There was some discussion around the fact that the number of burglaries in the area were in reality small – what there is tends to be from sheds - but that burglary was something residents were particularly concerned about and always had been. It was agreed that while it is necessary to educate the public in general safety it is important not to build a culture of fear which is often fed by social media and the local press. The forum plans to hold another 'have your say' later in the year. It will be interesting to see if the order has changed.

ACTION: Chair and Vice-chair to organise another 'Have your Say'.

2.3 Other actions from the minutes and matters not on the agenda

2.3.1. Scam advice from Burglary and Fraud conference has been summarised and sent to Woodley Herald and ACER Newsletter

2.3.2 Update on Butt's Hill bridge works from Cllr Dolinski - Network Rail have got carte blanche, but they've done nothing so far although pressure has been put on them by Matt Rhodda.

2.3.3 Constitution has been amended – **Chair to circulate (ACTION)**

2.3.4 Speed monitoring in Coppice Road / Hurricane Way. Councillor Swaddle explained that this was mis-minuted and was not an action for her to follow up. Cllr Dolinski said that no residents in these roads had mentioned speeding to him recently.

2.3.6 Thames Valley Alert was being promoting through ACER website and local newsletters. It had been too late to include anything in the Carnival Programme.

3 Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team on recent reported criminal activity in the local area

Sgt Smith reported that there were no particular issues in the area that were not covered in the priorities update below. A resident had raised the issue of drugs use in the Memorial Garden in Woodford Park – particularly at the end of the school day when relatives wishing to visit the garden had been intimidated by youths who were believed

to be involved in drug use. Sgt Smith was not aware of any recent instances in this area but would contact the resident concerned to discuss in more detail. There are problems with drug supply and use in the borough. Sgt Smith explained that TVP's strategy was to target the dealers and thus 'hit them where it hurt'.

4 Local policing priorities update (from Sgt Mark Smith):

4.1 Antisocial behaviour (ASB): ASB figures reported for the 12 months (Year on Year) were: Woodley down 2%, Earley down 8%, Twyford down 12%. However, there is an emerging problem regarding youths on bikes and ASB. Some are from Woodley but there are also some from Earley and New Town / Cemetery Junction. What is particularly concerning is that there are older individuals (18 – 19) mixing with 12 – 13 year olds. It should be noted that this is only a minority group, not all youths in the area are involved in ASB. There was an incident outside The Chequers PH in the town centre involving 20 – 30 people. The report that weapons were involved was false. There had been a rumour that there would be a rematch at the carnival so police visited the parents of known youngsters and most parents came 'on board'. As a result of this nothing happened on the Saturday at the carnival. The police continue to use intelligence, carry out research and visit parents. Knives do not appear to be an issue in Woodley.

4.2 Speeding: Woodley Speed Watch update from Cllr Barker - Woodley has purchased its own roadside speed monitoring equipment which includes a vehicle movement data logger and a radar speed detector with integral video camera for evidence. The former is an anonymous black box device which can be mounted high up on existing roadside poles. This device does not give any feedback to the driver but monitors vehicle movement and speed in both directions. The aim is to monitor vehicle movement in a selected road for a period of a week and then use the downloaded data to determine whether or not there is sufficient evidence of time of day speeding to go to the second stage. The second stage involves deploying a Speedwatch team with a radar detection device which triggers a video camera (showing make + colour of vehicle and registration) if a vehicle is speeding. The registered owner of the speeding vehicle will receive a notification of the speeding details in a letter from TVP. If a vehicle is detected speeding multiple times, TVP will take action against the owner of the vehicle.

Community Speed Watch Update from Sgt Smith – Volunteers are now being trained for the TVP community speed watch for Wokingham. Training should be completed by the end of June. N Earley is included in the area covered by this group. The process will be that any speed complaints from the public will be taken to the Forum for the Forum to prioritise where the Speed Watch equipment is deployed. If it then found that there is not a speeding issue there will be no further action. If there is found to be a slight speeding issue then the Speed Watch will be deployed for further checks and letters will then be sent to the offending drivers. The Speed Watch equipment does not record this on camera. Details are noted at the time by volunteers and then passed to another volunteer who does the vehicle details checks and sends out the relevant letters. If a major speeding issue is identified the NHPT will be notified who will then go out and do some enforcement. Whatever the outcomes they should then be discussed at the next Forum. This is only just getting off the ground and so there are likely to be some changes to the procedures depending upon numbers of volunteers, locations put forward and the extent of the problems identified.

It was agreed that the Forum should provide details of Woodley roads where there are concerns regarding speeding to the Woodley Speed Watch Team and to TVP for Earley. Colemansmoor Road, Coppice Road, Howarth Drive, Loddon Bridge Road and Woodlands Avenue were all mentioned. Of particular concern at the meeting was the speeding along Colemansmoor Road near Oak Drive which meant that it was almost impossible for parents and children to cross to school in the morning. This was noted and the meeting recommended that this be one of the priority roads for the Woodley Speed Watch group.

ACTION: ACER to provide details of roads of concern in N Earley.

4.3 Computer fraud / telephone scamming / Promotion of Thames Valley Alert

Sgt Smith reported that the burglary and fraud events at the Crescent Centre and Oakwood Centre had been well received. Julie Susel and her team had worked hard to make them a success. It was suggested that there should be another one in Woodley in the autumn.

ACTION: Chair to liaise with Julie regarding the organisation of another event.

C Lawley reminded the Forum that the local police are unable to help anyone who has experienced fraud unless there is an actual crime being committed at the time. Fraud has to be reported to Action Fraud. Promotion of Thames Valley Alert is ongoing.

Priorities to remain ASB, Speeding and Promotion of the Thames Valley Alert.

5 Communications

There was some discussion on the need to improve communication so that details of Forum events and Forum messages regarding public safety could reach as many residents as possible in Woodley and N Earley. At present the Forum was using Thames Valley Alert, the ACER newsletter (which covers the Whitegates area of Earley) and the Woodley Herald (which goes to all Woodley residents every few months). There has been less success with the local paper (Wokingham Times). Earley Town Council have agreed to put Forum notices up under the glass on their notice boards in N Earley. Woodley Town Council have new notice boards.

ACTION: Chair to ask WTC clerk if WTC would put Forum notices on their new boards.

The use of on-line forums was discussed. It was agreed that they should be used to get information out to the public but that careful thought should be given to their use for answering questions from residents as this could be very time consuming. The Forum plans to apply for funding to produce and distribute leaflets regarding public safety (particularly aimed at more vulnerable residents) and also to investigate the possibility of setting up a website.

ACTIONS:

- Chair and vice-chair to apply for funding to ETC, WTC and PPF.
- Chair to contact MERA to find out details of the university personnel who helped with their website.

6 AOB

6.1 More help needed – The cycle survey had highlighted the fact that if the Forum were to do more than hold meetings with representatives of local organisations (including TVP) and residents more volunteers were needed to head up specific projects. It was agreed that requests for volunteers should be included in any communications sent out.

6.2 Bells on 13/14 Buses – Cllr Dolinski reported that bells for use of passengers sitting at the back of the upstairs were now being installed on the 13/14 buses.

6.3 Young People. It was agreed that young people should be represented at the Forum Meetings.

ACTION: Cllr Dolinski to ask the Woodley Community Youth Partnership if they would like to send a representative to the next meeting.

7 Date and venue of next meeting – Wednesday, 19th September at the Oakwood Centre.