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To: **Members of the Planning Committee**

Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); S. Brindley; J. Cheng; R. Dolinski; M. Forrer;
D. Fradley; B. Franklin; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks;
M. Willson

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning Committee will be held at The Oakwood Centre at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 23 May 2017, at which your attendance is requested.

Deborah Mander
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to financial matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and they are asked to withdraw for item 3 on the agenda.

3. **BUS ROUTES**

To receive a presentation by Rebecca Brooks, Wokingham Borough Council, regarding bus routes.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members on agenda items.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 2017**

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25 April 2017 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record. ***(These minutes were provided in the Full Council agenda of 9 May 2017.)***

6. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. **(Appendix 6)** Page 4
7. **PLANNING DECISIONS**
To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. **(Appendix 7)** Page 8
8. **NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION SCHEME**
To note application 171183
Location: 3 South Lake Parade, Kingfisher Drive, Woodley, RG5 3NA.
Proposal: Application for prior approval for the proposed change of use of building from Office use (Class B1) to 1 No. single C3 residential dwelling house.
9. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**
TPO 3/1951: 24 Bideford Close, Woodley, RG5 SE.
To note consent for the felling of a beech and the selective pruning of a sycamore.

TPO 3/1951: 58 Campbell Road, Woodley, RG5 3NB.
To note consent for the felling and replacement of an oak.

TPO 3/1951: 41 Manners Road, Woodley, RG5 3EA.
To note consent for the felling of a red oak and replacement with a more suitable species.

TPO 3/1951: 47 Roslyn Road, Woodley, RG5 3HT.
To note consent for the felling of a cherry tree.

TPO 3/1953: 46 Fairwater Drive, Woodley, RG5 3JB.
To note consent for the felling and replacement of a silver birch.

TPO 170/1980: 4, 5 and 6 Peel Close, Woodley, RG5 4SR.
To note consent for the selective pruning of 5 lime trees.
10. **HIGHWAYS**
Road Works/ Street Works Major Projects Co-ordination meeting
To note the minutes of the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Project Co-ordination meeting held on 25 April 2017. **(Appendix 10)** Page 9
11. **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**
To receive an update from the Town Clerk on the effect the community speed watch scheme in Finchampstead has had on driving behaviour, as requested at the meeting held on 28 March 2017 (Planning Committee, 28 March 2017, minute number 226). This information was not available at the last meeting (Planning Committee, 25 April 2017).

To consider how to proceed with this matter.
12. **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS**
To note the report produced by Wokingham Borough Council following the public consultation on its proposal that school crossing patrols located on pedestrian crossings should cease in July 2017, at the end of the academic year. **(Appendix 12)** Page 12

13. **READING BOROUGH COUNCIL: CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

To note information received from Reading Borough Council regarding the consultation on the Reading Borough Draft Local Plan. **(Appendix 13)**

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14. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**

To note receipt of the following:

- *Wokingham Borough Council News Release – Carnival Phase 2 Proposals Unveiled*

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 21/04/2017 and 18/05/2017

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
New Application				
171007	24/04/2017	Daniel Ray	Mr Neil Jones	Highwood Primary School Fairwater Drive Woodley RG5 3JE
Proposal : A full application for a single storey extension for the creation of six classrooms to the north side of the existing car park and a new Speech and Language building adjacent to the existing hall to allow for a 2 form entry school. Additional staff parking bays and cycle canopy provision. New pedestrian route from Woodlands Avenue and a new Reception classroom garden to the north of existing Nursery/Reception block.				
Observations :				
171026	08/05/2017	Dariusz Kusyk	Mr Jerzy Zaremba	205 Hurricane Way Hurricane Way Woodley RG5 4UH
Proposal : Householder application for part-retrospective erection of a two storey rear extension; first floor side extension; part conversion of existing double garage; conversion of loft space to additional habitable accommodation with insertion of roof lights and flat roof rear dormers plus changes to fenestration.				
Observations :				
171061	26/04/2017	Stefan Fludger	Greene King plc	Bull and Chequers Woodley Green Woodley RG5 4QP
Proposal : Application for advertisement consent for the proposed replacement of existing external signage scheme to include 1 illuminated fascia sign, 1 non-illuminated hanging sign plus 7 No. other signs as shown on the plans.				
Observations :				
171062	26/04/2017	Stefan Fludger	Greene King Plc	Bull and Chequers Woodley Green Woodley RG5 4QP
Proposal : Listed building consent for the proposed replacement of existing external signage scheme to include 1 illuminated fascia sign, 1 non-illuminated hanging sign plus 7 No. other signs as shown on the plans.				
Observations :				
171067	26/04/2017	Stefan Fludger	Mr Daniel Willmott	6 Selcourt Close Selcourt Close Woodley RG5 3AS
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey front extension, single storey side extension to provide entrance porch following demolition of existing lean-to plus conversion of existing loft space to habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				

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171085	05/05/2017	Christine Phillips	Mrs Meng Wang	192A Kingfisher Drive Kigfisher Drive Woodley RG5 3LQ
Proposal : Application to vary conditions 8 and 9 of planning consent F/2008/0498 to allow conversion of existing garage to be used as habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				
171096	24/04/2017	Omar Sharif	Mr R Jones	33 Campbell Road Campbell Road Woodley RG5 3NB
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of two single storey side extensions to dwelling, and conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				
171108	26/04/2017	Ade Balogun	Mr & Mrs Dan Fisher	26 Cartmel Drive Cartmel Drive Woodley RG5 3NG
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
Observations :				
171119	25/04/2017	Christine Phillips	Mr and Mrs Beasley	146 Butts Hill Road Butts Hill Road Woodley RG5 4NY
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side and rear extension to dwelling, following demolition and removal of existing garage.				
Observations :				
171138	25/04/2017	Omar Sharif	Mr P Martin	213 Loddon Bridge Road Loddon Bridge Road Woodley RG5 4BP
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side and part single storey extensions to dwelling and raising of the existing roof to create additional habitable accommodation, demolition and removal of existing garage.				
Observations :				
171139	25/04/2017	Nuno Fernandes	Mr Gadd & Miss McAtavie	8 Rivermead Road Rivermead Road Woodley RG5 4DH
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, part first floor rear/side extension and single storey extensions to existing porch.				
Observations :				

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171148	28/04/2017	Chris Kempster	Mr & Mrs Smith	28 Lavenham Drive Lavenham Drive Woodley RG5 4PP
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling and part conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				
171155	02/05/2017	Senjuti Manna	Mr S Ryles	14 Kittiwake Close Kittiwake Close Woodley RG5 4UF
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension and part conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation to dwelling.				
Observations :				
171208	04/05/2017	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Burnitt	33 Lunds Farm Road Lunds Farm Road Woodley RG5 4PZ
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
Observations :				
171214	04/05/2017	Janeske Delport	Mr & Mrs Hulbert	12 Scott Close Scott Close Woodley RG5 4UP
Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling				
Observations :				
171244	15/05/2017	Omar Sharif	Mr Perupkar Panesar	25 Selsdon Avenue Selsdon Avenue Woodley RG5 4PQ
Proposal : Householder application for the proposed part two storey / part single storey side extension, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension to dwelling plus rear dormer extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation.				
Observations :				
171285	15/05/2017	Janeske Delport	Ms Gill Gardner	49 Highgate Road Highgate Road Woodley RG5 3ND
Proposal : Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing single storey rear extension.				
Observations :				

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171313	18/05/2017	Christine Phillips	Mr & Mrs Mahmoud Shirwan	2 Retford Close Retford Close Woodley RG5 4TP

Proposal : Householder application for proposed erection of 3No. replacement windows to front elevation (2No. ground floor bys and 1No. first floor bedroom).

Observations :

Applications Received :- 18

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

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GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

E 163229	Approved	74 Western Avenue
170103	Approved	8 Armstrong Way
E 170263	Approved	8 Sandford Drive
E 170537	Approved	56 Haddon Drive
170545	Approved	25 Tennyson Road
E 170594	Approved	54 Haddon Drive
E 170682	Approved	19 Beechwood Avenue
E 170751	Approved	108 Loddon Bridge Road
E 170752	Approved	4 Brandon Avenue
E 170759	Approved	18 Cornfield Road
E 170877	Approved	21 Walmer Road
E 170881	Approved	5 Duffield Road
E 170953	Approved	3 Maple Grove
E 170967	Approved	1 Buckden Close
E 171054	Approved	4 Portrush Close

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS

C 170803	Refused	20 Tippings Lane Local COMMENT No objections.
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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Major Projects Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Held on the 25 April in the Council Chamber

Attendees:

L A Lovatt-Elliott	Courtney Buses	Ed Day (Chair)	WBC
A Shewring	Kier	Dave Green	WBC
Neil Scott	Reading Buses	Jane Hunnisett	WBC
Tim Holman	SGN	Josie Wragg	WBC
Dave Smith	SGN	Jason Bale	WBC
K Kirch	SSE	Cllr Shepherd-Dubey	WBC
Glenn Beard	SSE	Cllr Malcom Richards	WBC
Geoff Smith	SSE	David McIntosh	Arborfield Parish Council
Alan Kaighin	SEW	Steve Bromley	Finchampstead Parish Council
Liam Coyle	SEW	Katy Hughes	Shinfield Parish Council
Mark Wheatley	Thames Water	Tony Farnese	Sonning Parish Council
Mohamed Amin	Virgin Media	Trevor Fisher	Sonning Parish Council
Leigh Burgess	Volker Highways	Mike Dunstan	Wokingham Town Council
Nesan Suppiah	WSP/WBC	Mary Walker	Woodley Town Council
Dexter Pereira	WSP/WBC		

As per sign in sheet

Streetworks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED to ensure that any closures on A329 Reading Road do not conflict with closures of level crossing which is still ongoing • ED to update upcoming events in the stakeholders engagement meetings
SGN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS to liaise with ED regarding the forward planning of Byron Road Earley project • ED to update SGN project for King Street Lane Winnersh • DS to liaise with internal developer contract team with regards to works on King Street Lane
SSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB to arrange for Gipsy Lane, Mill Lane and Ilfracombe Way permits to be updated to reflect current plans once contractor is appointed • SSE/SGN to liaise to ensure no traffic management conflict between schemes on Pitts Lane
BT Openreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED to confirm Thames Street Sonning works with BT
Virgin Media
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions
South East Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions
Thames Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions
Wokingham Highways Alliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NS to give updates on repairs to Sonning Bridge at next meeting

Date of next meeting – 25 May 2017, Council Chamber, Shute End

Road/Street Works Major Projects Update - Woodley - May 2017

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description	Traffic Management
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	HANWOOD CLOSE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	HIGHGATE ROAD	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	LONDON ROAD	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	SHEPHERDS HILL	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	WALLACE CLOSE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SSE	CLIVEDALE ROAD	03/07/2017	19/07/2017	Installation of ducts for new SSE 33kv cable route	Road Closure
SSE	DARTINGTON AVENUE	03/04/2017	27/04/2017	Installation of ducts for new SSE 33kv cable route	Traffic Control (Multiway signals)
SSE	NIGHTINGALE ROAD	03/04/2017	22/05/2017	Installation of ducts for new SSE 33kv cable route	Traffic Control (Multiway signals)
SSE	COPPICE ROAD	03/07/2017	17/08/2017	Installation of ducts for new SSE 33kv cable route	Road Closure
Thames Water	AUSTIN ROAD	01/06/2017	06/07/2017	Water Main renewal	Traffic Control (give/take)
WHA - Reactive	KINGFISHER DRIVE	12/06/2017	12/06/2017	Reactive - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Days
WHA - Highway Design	LONDON ROAD	26/06/2017	06/07/2017	Structural Maintenance - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Nights
SSE	WOODLANDS AVENUE	03/07/2017	03/10/2017	Installation of new SSE High Voltage Circuits.	Traffic Control (give/take)
Thames Water	DUFFIELD ROAD	26/07/2017	18/10/2017	Forward Planning - Water Main renewal	TBC
WHA - Highway Design	BEECHWOOD AVENUE	03/08/2017	10/08/2017	Structural Maintenance - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Off Peak Days

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description	Traffic Management
WHA - Highway Design	HOWTH DRIVE	03/08/2017	10/08/2017	Structural Maintenance - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Days
WHA - Highway Design	CHEQUERS WAY	14/08/2017	14/08/2017	Structural Maintenance - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Days
WHA - Highway Design	GRAYS CRESCENT	15/08/2017	17/08/2017	Structural Maintenance - Resurfacing	Road Closure - Days
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	KINGFISHER DRIVE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	PLYMOUTH AVENUE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
SGN	RICKMAN CLOSE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement	TBC
T-Mobile	SANDFORD LANE	12/05/2017	12/05/2017	Removal of Telecoms Mast	Road Closure

Title: Wokingham Borough Council: School Crossing Patrol Service – Consultation Report- April 2017

Report to Malcolm Richards, Executive Member for Highways and Transport

Prepared by Alex Deans, Matthew Gould & Dave Allen, Environment

Purpose

The report provides a summary of comments received from the 102 individual responses received to the public consultation and the two petitions (605 signatures) also received on the subject. All comments have been considered and a summary of the key issues raised along with WBC's response is contained at Appendix A. The majority of the comments related to perceived safety issues at specific locations.

Background

School Crossing Patrollers are currently employed by the Council, primarily to help children cross the road safely on their way to and from school. The service is discretionary and currently employs 15 patrollers. Of the 15 patrollers currently employed, five operate on a pelican crossing and three on a zebra crossing. The remaining seven patrollers operate at locations where there are no formal controlled crossing facilities.

Wokingham Borough Council continually reviews the value of its non-statutory services, and in this context has been considering the effectiveness of pedestrian crossings as a proven, efficient and safe way of crossing a road. Eight of the school crossing patrollers are currently operating where there is already a safer crossing facility in place.

It was therefore proposed that the school crossing patrol service at these eight locations should cease at the end of this academic year (July 2017).

The eight locations that were part of this proposal were:

- Emmbrook Infant & Junior School, Emmbrook Road, Wokingham
- Highwood Primary School, Fairwater Drive, Woodley
- The Coombes Primary School, School Road, Arborfield
- Earley St Peters Primary Church of England School, Church Road, Earley
- Whiteknights Primary School, Elm Road, Earley
- Beechwood Primary, Headley Road, Woodley
- Hawthorns Primary School, Northway, Woosehill
- Sonning Church of England School Primary School, Pound Lane, Sonning

The remaining seven sites (not listed above) with school crossing patrollers but no formal crossings are exempt from these proposed changes.

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Consultation

A public consultation was held to seek comments on this proposal from March 1 to April 19 2017. The table below provides details of the number of responses received by the Council in response to this consultation.

Location	Number of responses received
Sonning CofE Primary School	34 comments
Emmbrook Schools	27 comments
Earley St Peters School	16 comments
The Coombes School	8 comments
Whiteknights Primary School	2 comments
Beechwood Primary School	2 comments
General comments (including those that refer to more than one school)	13 comments
Highwood School	No individual comments (was referred to by one general comment)
Hawthorn Primary School	No comments
EPetition: We the undersigned petition Wokingham Borough Council to abandon its proposal to cease school crossing patrol service at eight locations at the end of this academic year (July 2017)	161 electronic signatures 248 paper signatures
Paper Petition: Earley St Peters C of E Primary School: Keep our Road Crossing Patrollers and Keep our Children Safe	196 signatures

Appendix A below provides a summary of the key issues raised by consultees along with responses from WBC.

The consultation has generated a number of responses from concerned individuals and it is clear that the School Crossing Patrol Service is a well-respected and valued service amongst those responding.

A significant proportion of the comments received relate to general road safety issues i.e. poor driving, speeding vehicles, inconsiderate parking. Issues such as these are not unique to locations near school crossing patrol sites and ultimately it is drivers' responsibility to drive safely and legally. As the only agency currently with the power to enforce these issues, any concerns should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101. When Wokingham Borough Council takes on Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from the police later in 2017, it will be able to target problem areas more effectively.

Another common theme is the general safety for children on their journey to school. It is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure their child is safe on the highway. Parents and carers play a vital part in teaching children general road safety and also how to cross the road safely. The council through its Road Safety Education team also provide road safety training and activities to schools and this service will continue.

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Both zebra crossings and pelican (light-controlled) crossings are safer places for pedestrians to cross the road, where they are given priority and, as such, pedestrians do not require additional assistance when using them. In many cases, the provision of an SCP pre-dated the crossing and was kept in place when the formal crossing was installed.

All but one of the Pelican crossings is a Puffin crossing (Pedestrian User Friendly Intelligent Crossing). Puffin crossings look very similar to Pelicans and are an updated version of a Pelican crossing. One of the main differences is that the red and green man signals are just above the WAIT box and not on the other side of the road. Puffin crossings have special sensors built in which can detect a pedestrian waiting and makes sure that traffic remains stopped until all the pedestrians have crossed.

When SCPs work on light-controlled crossings, they must step off the kerb and take their position in the road while the red light is showing for traffic, so they do not confuse drivers. SCPs must use the lights to stop traffic, essentially replicating the function of the traffic lights thus duplicating the purpose of the pedestrian crossing.

Conclusion

Consideration of all the responses to the consultation show that they have not raised any issues that should prevent WBC continuing with its proposed removal of the SCP at eight locations that are already served by formal pedestrian crossings facilities from the end of the academic year, in July 2017.

The consultation has however highlighted some site specific issues (not related to SCP) that should be investigated before the start of the new school year in September 2017. These are:

- that all pedestrian crossings at the affected sites be inspected to ensure all lining, signage and other site aspects are all in good condition
- that consideration be given to the conversion of one Pelican crossing to a Puffin
- that all light controlled crossings are inspected to ensure Remote Monitoring System (RMS) is operational and that the signal equipment is in good order

In addition it is recommended that all schools affected are reminded that they have access to the Council's Road Safety and MyJourney teams who can facilitate further road safety training for pupils if requested.

Further details of our Road Safety activities can be found on the council's website at <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/road-safety/> or by contacting the team via email road.safety@wokingham.gov.uk.

Details relating to MyJourney Wokingham can be found at the following link <http://www.myjourneywokingham.com/discover-wokingham/schools/> The web page also provides a link to a contact page should you require any additional information on or wish to access any the initiatives.

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Appendix A: Summary of consultation responses and WBC response

Responses relating to Sonning C of E Primary School	
Comments were received from 34 respondents and letters were received from the SCP at the school and Sonning Parish Council	
Key Themes	WBC response
Poor driving – speeding on Pound Lane	<p>Speed limit enforcement is a matter for Thames Valley Police and any concerns should be reported to them on the non-emergency number 101.</p> <p>The Council will ensure all lining, signage and other site aspects are present and in good condition before the start of the new school year (Sept 2017)</p>
Poor parking – dangerous parking around school and there is a lack of safe parking opportunities	<p>Poor parking is a problem at many schools however it is the responsibility of drivers to ensure they do not park inconsiderately.</p> <p>When WBC takes over Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from the police later this year it will be able to target problem areas more effectively, and the council has already agreed with the Parish Council to a future review of parking here in the light of CPE.</p>
Poor driving – drivers failing to stop at pedestrian crossing	It is drivers' responsibility to drive safely and legally and any concerns should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101.
Pound Land is a very busy road with volume of traffic that means SCP is required	Pedestrian Crossings provide safe crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads. The crossing point is also co-located with a road hump to help reduce vehicle speeds.
Higher proportion of parents have to drive as they live in surrounding villages	The volume of traffic does not prevent a Pedestrian Crossing from being a safer crossing facility.
Pedestrian crossing is near a dangerous bend which blocks motorists' view	All SCP locations are reviewed on a regular basis. The last assessment carried out on the site (July 2016) did not raise any issues or concerns with the site or specifically the bend. It should be noted that the approach from the bend falls within a 20mph zone and visibility sightlines are adequate. Additionally, there is warning signage and school flashers on both approaches.
The SCP is a popular figure who teaches children road safety	It is acknowledged that SCP's are popular however, the discretionary service they have been employed to provide is to ensure people can cross safely and this duplicates the function of the Pedestrian Crossing. WBC can facilitate additional road safety training if schools request it.
There have been attempted abductions in neighbouring	School Crossing Patrollers are employed by the Council to help children cross the road safely on their way to

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counties and SCP increases security	and from school. SCP's role is to ensure people can cross roads safely not to ensure safety in other areas.
The savings are not large and could be made in other ways	The level of savings is not relevant to the decision being made. The issue is that SCP and Pedestrian Crossings perform the same function and, therefore, not both necessary.
The pedestrian crossing is a zebra crossing not a traffic-light controlled crossing, which would be safer	Zebra Crossings are considered safe crossing facility. However where appropriate zebra crossing could be converted at a later date to a pelican crossing should funding be available and the site location permit the provision of such a facility
Sonning Parish Council has offered a financial contribution to keep the SCP but would not want to employ one directly	Options for alternative funding are not part of this consultation. The borough council's position remains that the SCP are not necessary due to the presence of the Pedestrian Crossing

Responses relating to Earley St Peters CofE Primary School	
Comments were received from 16 respondents; plus 196 petition signatures	
Key Themes	WBC response
Church Road is particularly busy / dangerous road with heavy congestion in the rush hours	Pedestrian Crossings provide safe crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads
Frequent incidence of poor driving and cycling – failure to stop at red light and dangerous parking	It is drivers' and cyclists' responsibility to drive safely. The Council will ensure all lining, signage and other site aspects are present and in good condition before the start of the new school year (Sept 2017) Poor parking is a problem at many schools however it is the responsibility of driver to ensure they do not park inconsiderately. When WBC takes over Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from the police later this year it will be able to target problem areas more effectively
Pavements too narrow for the volume of pupils	It is parents' and carers' responsibility to ensure the safety of their children on journeys to and from school. SCP's role is to ensure people can cross roads safely not to ensure safety in other areas.
Earley St Peter's is a large school and therefore there are more pupils attempting to cross road than other schools and SCP help 'crowd control'	It is parents' and carers responsibility to ensure the safety of their children on journeys to and from school. SCP's role is to ensure people can cross roads safely not to ensure safety in other areas.
There is no audible signal that it is safe to cross at the pedestrian crossing	The audible signal is to assist users that are visually impaired and is not used as a primary indication that is it safe to cross as not all crossing will have this enabled. This is often disabled when crossings are located near houses. As an additional aid to users that are visually

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	impaired there is a rotating cone located at the base of the button box which users are taught to use
The phasing of the lights at the pedestrian crossing does not allow enough people to cross during busy period and without a SCP this could encourage people to cross dangerously	The length of time people have to cross the road should not be affected by the presence of the SCP because SCP have to operate with the traffic light phasing. The crossing at this location is a Puffin crossing. Puffin crossings have sensors to detect if there are pedestrians waiting at the side of the road to cross. This allows the Puffin crossing to cancel the crossing demand, as it won't be needed if the pedestrians are no longer there. Another sensor is used to extend the crossing time if necessary, by checking/monitoring for pedestrians still in the crossing area.

Responses relating to The Coombes Primary School	
Comments were received from eight respondents and a letter from Arborfield and Newland Parish Council	
Key Themes	WBC Response
Frequent incidence of poor driving – failure to stop at red light and dangerous parking at school drop-off	It is drivers' and cyclists' responsibility to use the highway in a safe manner and follow the laws of the road. The Council will ensure all lining, signage and other site aspects are present and in good condition before the start of the new school year (Sept 2017) Poor parking is a problem at many schools however it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they do not park inconsiderately. When WBC takes over Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from the police later this year it will be able to target problem areas more effectively
Frequent incidence of children running from parents and need for SCP to help 'crowd control'	It is parents' and carers responsibility to ensure the safety of their children on journeys to and from school. SCP's role is to ensure people can cross roads safely not to ensure safety in other areas.
School has only one entrance that is close to the main road and is over-crowded at drop-off and pick-up times	SCP's role is to ensure people can cross roads safely not to ensure safety in other areas. Schools are responsible for their own access and can seek to make changes if necessary.
The volume of traffic outside school is increasing and will increase due to the Arborfield Garrison Strategic Development Location	Pedestrian Crossings provide safer crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads
Parents have been encouraged to park at the Royal British Legion and walk to school and a	Parents walking their children from the British Legion and the walking bus can use the Pedestrian Crossing. There is no reason for parents to stop walking their

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walking bus has been established. This route takes them across the pedestrian crossing. Fear has been expressed that removal of SCP would lead to more parents driving to school	children to school as a result of these changes. It is parents' and carers responsibility to ensure the safety of their children on journeys to and from school.
Lorries and other traffic use School Lane rather than Langley Common Road (due to its designation as a B road) and this leads them passed the school despite Langley Common Road being more suitable for large volumes of traffic	Pedestrian Crossings provide safer crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads.

Responses relating to Emmbrook Schools	
Comments were received from 27 respondents and two letters were received from the SCP at the school	
Key themes	WBC response
The SCP is a reassuring and popular figure for parents and children	It is acknowledged that SCP are popular however, the service they have been employed to provide is to ensure children can cross safely and this duplicates the function of the Pedestrian Crossing
North Wokingham Strategic Development Location will lead to increase in traffic on local roads	Pedestrian Crossing provide safer crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads
Poor driving. Speeding is a problem outside school – appeal for increased traffic calming and measure to prevent parents parking illegally outside school	<p>It is drivers' responsibility to drive safety and legally and any concerns should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101.</p> <p>Poor parking is a problem at many schools however it is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle to ensure they do not park inconsiderately.</p> <p>When WBC takes over Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) from the police later this year it will be able to target problem areas more effectively.</p> <p>There is a series of traffic calming in place around Emmbrook School and an enforceable 20mph speed limit. Issues regarding noncompliance should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101.</p>
The site has three schools and two pre-schools in close proximity and therefore	There is a series of traffic calming in place around Emmbrook School and an enforceable 20mph speed

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additional safety issues than other areas	limit. These measures are considered appropriate for the area.
Audible alert on crossing has been turned off and should be reactivated. In addition, the phasing of crossing would need to be changed if there is not SCP	The audible signal is to assist users that are visually impaired and is not used as a primary indication that it is safe to cross as not all crossings will have this enabled. This is often disabled when crossings are located near houses. As an additional aid to users that are visually impaired there is a rotating cone located at the base of the button box which users are taught to use
Pavements around school are narrow and SCP helps reduce the danger this causes. In addition children climb on the yellow safety barriers – adding to danger	It is parents' or carer's responsibility to ensure the safety of their children. School Crossing Patrollers are employed by the Council to help children cross the road safely on their way to and from school.
Safe walking routes to school need to be developed	Safe walking routes are in place for the school and WBC can facilitate further road safety training in school if the school requests it.
School has SEN children, including a hearing impaired unit, the children from which will not hear cars or sirens well.	Pedestrian Crossings provide safer crossing points for users with additional needs, including those that are sight and hearing impaired. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure their children are helped to walk to school when necessary.

Responses relating to Beechwood School	
Comments were received from two respondents (including the school headteacher)	
Poor driving – cars failing to stop at pedestrian crossing	It is drivers' responsibility to drive safely and legally and any concerns should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number 101.
Poor driving – cars speeding outside school (request for traffic calming)	It is drivers' responsibility to drive safety. Additional speed reducing measures could be considered at individual sites, however enforcement is the responsibility of Thames Valley Police and any measure could only be introduced in collaboration with them. Any concerns should be reported to them on the non-emergency number 101.
Request for traffic light operated crossing to replace zebra crossing	Zebra Crossings are considered safe crossing facilities. However where appropriate zebra crossing could be converted at a later date to a pelican crossing should funding be available and the site location permits the provision of such a facility
Request for more road safety education	WBC does offer road safety training and will provide further training at the school should the school request it.

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Responses relating to Whiteknights School	
Comments were received from two respondents	
Volume of traffic makes road dangerous	Pedestrian Crossing provide safe crossing points and are appropriate for busy roads
SCP ensures children do not stand too close to edge of road	It is parents' and carers responsibility to ensure the safety of their children on journeys to and from school. SCP's role is to assist people in crossing the road and not to ensure their safety in other areas.
SCP is a popular and valued figure	It is acknowledged that SCP are popular however, the service they have been employed to provide is to ensure children can cross safely and this duplicates the function of the Pedestrian Crossing

General responses (and those relating to more than one school)	
Comments were received from 13 respondents	
Poor driving – in particular drivers failing to stop, speeding and being distracted by phones etc	It is drivers' responsibility to drive safety. Additional speed reducing measures could be considered at individual sites if problems persist however enforcement is the responsibility of Thames Valley Police and any measure could only be introduced in collaboration with them. Any concerns should be reported to them on the non-emergency number 101.
Drivers and pedestrians do not understand Pedestrian Crossings and as a result act dangerously	Pedestrian Crossings are covered in the Highway Code and it is the responsibility of all drivers to understand them. WBC's My Journey and Road Safety teams can support schools to increase parents and children's understanding of them.
Without SCP, who will report issues such as Pedestrian Crossing lights that fail, drivers who do not stop and road surface problems	All these issues can be reported by parents or school staff directly to the police (in the case of dangerous driving) or to WBC. Most traffic light facilities within the borough have a remote monitoring system (RMS) which will report any faults automatically. All locations will be checked to ensure that the RMS are working.

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How should Reading develop in the next 20 years?

Reading Borough Local Plan - Consultation on the Draft Local Plan

The first draft of the new Local Plan for Reading is entering a six-week public consultation. The Local Plan outlines how Reading will develop up to 2036. The Local Plan, once adopted, will be the main document that informs how planning applications are determined and covers a wide variety of strategic matters, policies and specific sites for development. The following options have been proposed:

- **Housing need** - 658 homes to be provided in the Borough each year, around 50% in Central Reading, 20% in South Reading and 30% in remaining areas of the Borough;
- **Employment need** - protection of existing employment space and provision of new warehousing and industrial space primarily at Island Rd;
- **Sustainability** - expectation that new development will have high levels of environmental performance;
- **Heritage** - substantially expanded heritage policies outlining a positive strategy for conservation and enhancement of Reading's heritage;
- **Open Spaces** - key open spaces remain subject to strong policy protection, including a new designation for Local Green Space;
- **Major transport projects** - including Mass Rapid Transit, Green Park Station, Reading West Station, Cow Lane Bridges and National Cycle Network Route 422; and
- **Identified sites for development** - as shown on the Draft Proposals Map.



What is the process for adopting the plan?

Local plans take some time to prepare, with a number of stages to go through. A final plan is not expected to be in place before the end of 2018.

We intend to publish an edited draft plan, taking your responses to this consultation into account, in autumn of 2017 and will ask again for your views. Once we are happy with the draft, it will be submitted to the government and a public examination of the plan will take place. If the plan passes examination, it can be adopted as our official policy.

How to find more information

The full Draft Local Plan is on the Council's website at:

<http://www.reading.gov.uk/newlocalplan>. Copies can also be viewed at the Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU (between 9 am and 5 pm on weekdays) and in all Council libraries (during normal opening hours).

The Council's planning policy team can be contacted at 0118 9373337 or planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk

Various background documents are also on the Council's website, including a Sustainability Appraisal (which considers what the environmental, social and economic effects would be) and an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (which considers what infrastructure will be needed to deliver growth).

How to get involved

Written responses: Please provide written responses to the consultation by 5 pm on 14th June 2017. Responses should be sent to:

planningpolicy@reading.gov.uk

Planning Policy Team, Reading Borough Council
Civic Offices, Bridge Street
Reading
RG1 2LU

Drop-in events: Come and speak to a member of the team in an informal setting. There is no need to let us know if you wish to attend beforehand.

Civic Offices, Bridge Street, RG1 2LU (main reception)

Monday 15th May from 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Tuesday 23rd May from 1:00 to 6:00 pm



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