

## **SODC A Conservative District Councillor's View** **(Or What The Council Is Doing)**

**February 2019.**

### **Chinnor Ward Specific.**

We now have the results of the Planning Appeals for applications within the Ward, each with very different aspects and, outcomes. We are, like most others, disappointed but not altogether surprised that the Inspector supported the appeal lodged by Persimmon for Chinnor. On the other side of the coin appeals for several sites at Aston Rowant, Chinnor, Sydenham have been refused by the Planning Inspector.

Having read the Reports on all aspects of the appeals, and they do need to be read together, it is very clear that Inspectors paid a great deal of attention to the public representations and did take these into account. It is also very clear, particularly in the Chinnor's Cala Homes Case, that the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan, although not perfect and now under review, played a significant part in his decisions to allow Persimmon's Appeal and refuse Cala's. We have no doubt that it also played a major role in the withdrawal of the Doveleat Appeal.

This underlines the importance of the Neighbourhood Plans and the need for regular review. There will be another referendum later this year in Sydenham and Towersey and hopefully Aston Rowant as well as Chinnor and when this comes about, do please support them.

### **Local Plan 2034 update**

Drop-in events have been going very well with just over 570 people attending the nine events we've already held. Please do let us have your views on a plan that is going to be one of the most important documents produced for South Oxfordshire in our lifetimes.

Comments on the draft Local Plan can be submitted until 5pm on Monday 18 February via our website.

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=111&o=9492&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southoxon.gov.uk%2Fnewlocalplan&a=0>

### **S106 Allocation**

We are pleased to report that Thames Valley Police have recently drawn down just over £6,000 allocated to pay for additional equipment, ANPR camera among the items, to enhance policing in our area.

### **Planning**

**I expect to issue a separate Planning Newsletter over the next few days, so I am only including a few, more recent items.**

#### **Brownfield registers**

We've published details of all brownfield development sites in our districts that have full or outline planning permission. The register also includes sites that may be considered as appropriate for residential development.

You can view the brownfield land registers on our webpage at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/brownfield-land-register>

### **Joint Statutory Spatial Plan**

The stakeholder launch of the Oxfordshire Plan took place on Tuesday 18 December at Milton Hill Hotel. This event provided an opportunity for stakeholders to identify the key issues that should be addressed in the county-wide plan to 2050.

In January we held a joint briefing for all councillors to provide an update on progress and to set out the draft consultation document.

This was reviewed at joint Scrutiny Committee on 29 January and Cabinet on 31 January. If approved by all Councils, this will then be subject to public consultation.

### **Response to West Berkshire Local Plan**

West Berkshire has published its Local Plan for Regulation 18 consultation, to view our responses visit <https://securefile.cloud/OTQ5Mg/INFOCUS/sodcresponsetowestberkslocalplanreviewreg18.pdf>

### **Neighbourhood Plan updates**

On 20 December, Council formally made the Chalgrove and Little Milton Neighbourhood Plans.

The examinations have concluded for Cholsey and Pyrton, Examinations are ongoing for the Goring and Cholsey plans.

Pyrton, East Hagbourne and Cholsey Neighbourhood Plans public referendums will be on 14 March.

Sydenham - the pre-submission consultation has now opened and will close for comments on 15 March.

### **Oxfordshire Plan 2050**

The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is the new public name for the JSSP and is being prepared as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. The team behind the plan have produced a summary of the stakeholder workshop they held in December. The summary gives details of how the organisations, charities and groups from across the county explored future trends that will affect the plan and what practical actions could be taken to address these issues.

You can read the summary here.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/i8xocky4e5uiu5d/Oxfordshire%20in%202050%20-%202018%20December%202018%20workshop%20report%20from%20WSP.pdf?dl=0>

## **Local Industrial Strategy**

The Economic Development team has summarised OxLEP's Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) to explain the implications the strategy will have for businesses and residents in our area.

The LIS is an ambitious strategy aimed at securing government and private sector investment that could benefit approximately 20 per cent of businesses in the South and Vale. This means that we will need to continue to support the remaining 80 per cent of businesses that are not in the science and technology sectors and have less than nine per cent growth in one year.

### **£100,000 to tackle air quality issues - Reminder**

We've allocated £100,000 to help tackle air quality issues in our district. We're working on a number of projects including studies to install more electric charging points in our car parks and will be running an 'anti-idling' campaign to encourage drivers to switch off their engines whilst parked or waiting at traffic lights.

Funds have also been made available to support town and parish councils to address air quality issues including known trouble spots in Wallingford, Henley and Watlington.

If you know of a project that we could help fund, please contact the environment health team.

[env.health@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:env.health@southandvale.gov.uk)

### **Crowmarsh consultation update**

Thanks to everyone who filled in the survey about our new building. The survey is now closed and we received 266 responses. We will send the feedback to Ridge, our contractors, to help inform the design for the new building.

We have also contacted Crowmarsh site's immediate neighbours and local parishes and communities to take part in a survey on the design of our new offices. These two consultations were open until 10 February and we will send the results over to Ridge.

We'll keep you up to date on the project, but if you have any questions, please contact Ben Coleman, our project lead at [ben.coleman@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:ben.coleman@southandvale.gov.uk)

### **Goring joins the Safe Places scheme**

The Care Hub, run by Q1 Care, has become the first venue in Goring to sign up to the Safe Places scheme. Registered Safe Places offer support to vulnerable people feeling scared or at risk by providing assistance and by calling a family member, carer or emergency services.

There are now 56 Safe Places in our district, which are easily identified by a logo displayed on shop-front windows. To see all the locations of the scheme, visit the Safe Places website.

<https://www.safeplaces.org.uk/>

## **Reminder - New online services from Thames Valley Police**

If you need to get in touch with Thames Valley Police to find out about, or assist with, ongoing cases, or to contact an officer or department directly, you can now do so online by using their new contact form. If you want to speak to someone by phone then please call 101.

To report a crime or missing person you should use this report form at:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=67&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thamesvalley.police.uk%2Fcontact%2Fcontact-us%2F&a=0>

## **Waste and Recycling - Reminder**

### **Cooking oil recycling**

We've just introduced a new cooking oil recycling service for residents as part of our food waste collections.

After cooking and once it has cooled, any leftover oil can be poured into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre in size. The bottle and its contents can then be placed into the kerbside food waste caddy, along with other food waste, and put out for the weekly collection. For those who don't want to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with other food waste.

One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

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