

6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**To:** Councillors Phil Barnett, Jo Day, Sam Dibas, Nigel Foot, David Harman, Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Vaughan Miller, Andy Moore, Graham Storey, and Tony Vickers

**Substitutes:** All remaining Members of the Council

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7:30pm.**

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5AA. The meeting is open to the press and public and will be streamed via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82531008436?pwd=JJVef6rHoyXURdKlatYhQkva2bQjHJ.1#success>  
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**Toby Miles-Mallowan**  
Chief Executive Officer

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**AGENDA.**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**  
**To receive** any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 3. Minutes (Appendix 1)**  
**To approve** the minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- 4. Questions and Petitions from Members of the Public**  
Questions, in writing, must be with the Chief Executive Officer by 2pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 5. Members' Questions and Petitions**  
Questions, in writing, must be with the Committee Clerk by 2pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.


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- 6. Schedule of Planning Applications (Appendix 2)**  
To **comment** on the planning applications listed at the attached schedule.
- 7. Update on URC (United Reform Church)**  
To **receive** an update on the URC.
- 8. Nominations for inclusion on the Local Listing of Heritage Assets in West Berkshire. (Appendix 3)**  
To **comment** on the listing of Heritage Assets in West Berkshire.
- 9. Call for Sites**  
To **review** and **agree** sites for the Local Plan.
- 10. Update from Western Area Planning**  
To **receive** updates from Western Area Planning
- 11. Forward Work Programme for Planning & Highways Committee (Appendix 4)**  
To **note** and **to agree** any other items that Members resolve to add to the Forward Work Programme.

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett (sub), Billy Drummond (sub), David Harman, Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Vaughan Mille, Steve Masters (sub), Andy Moore (Chair) and Graham Storey, Nigel Foot

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Toby Miles-Mallowan, CEO  
Lucia Reale, Trainee Corporate Support Officer

**123. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Sam Dibas, Councillor Jo Day, Councillor Nigel Foot and Councillor Tony Vickers.

**124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee Clerk declared that Councillors, Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond and David Marsh are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

Councillor Vaughan Miller declared an interest in the Faraday Road 3G football pitch, Planning Application Reference 25/02139/REG3, as he had involvement with the football community, but he confirmed that he reserved the right to speak on the matter.

Councillor Billy Drummond declared an interest as a Trustee of Greenham Trust with the Care Home, Planning Application Reference 25/02609/RESMAJ.

**125. MINUTES**

**PROPOSED:** Cllr Storey

**SECONDED:** Cllr Hunneman

**ABSTENTION:** Cllr Vaughan Miller, Cllr Billy Drummond and Cllr Vera Barnett

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, be **approved**, and signed by the Chairperson.

**126. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none **received**.

**127. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were none **received**.

**128. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved** that the observations recorded at Appendix 1 to these minutes be submitted to the planning authority.

**129. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference were **agreed**.

**130. UPDATE FROM WESTERN AREA PLANNING**

An update was **received**.

**131. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS**

Forward Work Programme was **received** and **updated**.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:41 HRS**

*CHAIRPERSON*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting Schedule of  
Planning Applications to be considered.**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

<b>Running Order</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Location and Applicant</b>
1.	Support Proposed: Cllr Vaughan Miller Seconded: Cllr Billy Drummond 5 in favour 5 against 1 abstention Chair used casting vote.	<a href="#">25/02139/REG3</a>	Faraday Road Football Ground Faraday Road Newbury RG14 2AD
2.	Support Proposed: Cllr Andy Moore Seconded: Cllr Billy Drummond All in favour	<a href="#">26/00152/FUL</a>	58 Cheap Street Newbury RG14 5DH for Corn Exchange Newbury Trust
3.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00238/ADV</a>	11 - 13 Market Place Newbury RG14 5AA for Mr D Wilson
4.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00237/FUL</a>	11 - 13 Market Place Newbury RG14 5AA for Mr D Wilson
5.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00306/FUL</a>	1 Bartholomew Street, Newbury, RG14 5LL for Mr M Erturk
6.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00290/ADV</a>	63 Northbrook Street Newbury RG14 1AE
7.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00253/FUL</a>	63 Northbrook Street Newbury RG14 1AE
8.	No Objection	<a href="#">25/02609/RESMAJ</a>	Land East Of Newbury College Monks Lane Newbury

9.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00338/HOUSE</a>	11 Paddock Road Newbury RG14 7DL for Mr & Mrs Griggs
10.	Objection: Inappropriate location, which will result in noise, smell, and litter for residents Proposed: Cllr Stephen Masters Seconded: Cllr Vera Barnett 10 in favour 1 Abstention	<a href="#">26/00142/FUL</a>	Mobile Burger Van Speen Hill Close Newbury RG14 1QR for Mr Erturk
11.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00305/HOUSE</a>	17 Donnington Square Newbury RG14 1PJ for Mr & Ms Alex & Victoria Marshall Reynolds
12.	No Objection	<a href="#">26/00314/HOUSE</a>	Boysmeade Oxford Road Newbury RG14 1XB for Mr A Goksel
13.	Objection: In support of Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council's objection. Proposed: Cllr Stephen Masters Seconded: Cllr Vaughan Miller Resolved: 10 in favour, 1 abstention.	<a href="#">25/02302/MDOPO</a>	Land Adjacent To Hilltop Oxford Road Donnington Newbury

**Planning and Highways Committee Meeting Schedule of  
Planning Applications to be considered.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

<b>Running Order</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Location and Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
1.	ADJACENT PARISH GREENHAM	<a href="#">26/00381/FUL</a>	Rocking Horse Nursery Racecourse Road Newbury RG14 7NY	Erection of a single storey extension to the Rocking Horse Nursery, to provide three additional class-rooms, a multi-use room and a new refuse store, along with alteration to the road layout and provision of hardstanding surface to 120 existing grassed car parking spaces, and installation of 9no. air conditioning units to existing building and to proposed extension
2.	CLAY HILL	<a href="#">26/00531/PACOU</a>	Measurement House Newbury Business Park London Road Newbury RG14 2PZ for Mr H Schneck	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of Class E space to form 35 apartments.
3.	CLAY HILL	<a href="#">26/00528/HOUSE</a>	6 Hedgeway Newbury RG14 2PB for Gaurav Suman	Retrospective I have created a porch in front of my main door and work already has been done.
4.	CLAY HILL	<a href="#">26/00259/ADV</a>	127 London Road Newbury RG14 2BX	3 x Fascia Signs - Fabricated 196mm deep aluminium back box with digitally printed flex-face canvas. The printed display is blue with a white grid pattern. The display is internally illuminated by white LEDS - white grid only to illuminate, blue elements do not illuminate. Illumination levels not exceeding 500cd/m for Sandown Group – James Webb
5.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00579/ADV</a>	1 Canal View Road Newbury RG14 5DW for Mr Mark Craft	Installation of 3x non-illuminated fascia signs and refurbishment of internally illuminated totem sign
6.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00424/FUL</a>	Unit 4 36 Queens Road Newbury RG14 7NE for Hillside Estates	Change of use from Class E to Class E(g) (i), (ii) and (iii) and Class B8: insertion of roller shutter door

7.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00520/HOUSE</a>	55 Priory Road Newbury RG14 7QT for Mr & Mrs Graham	Single storey rear extension with rooflights. Part garage conversion. New garage door. Refurbishment and amendments to existing ground floor.
8.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00625/HOUSE</a>	4 Abbots Road Newbury RG14 7QW for Mr & Mrs Matt Norris	Conversion of Garage into a Family Room / Utility Room, with Bedroom above.
9.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00674/FUL</a>	George Lillian Court Bone Lane Newbury RG14 5SH for Mr & Mrs Purton	1.8m high Palisade Fence and bollards to Car Park
10.	EAST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00447/PASOL</a>	West Berks Bowls Association Ltd Pyle Hill Newbury RG14 7SW	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation of a 124kWp roof-mounted solar photovoltaic array comprising 192 solar panels fixed to the south facing existing metal overclad roof of the non-domestic building. The panels will be mounted on a proprietary rail system secured to the roof structure, together with associated inverter equipment, cabling and electrical infrastructure.
11.	SPEENHAMLAND	<a href="#">26/00446/HOUSE</a>	30 Donnington Square Newbury RG14 1PJ for Ms Jane Thorn	Part Retrospective: Replacement of UPVC windows. UPVC conservation approved sash windows with glazing bars for left hand side and rear elevations, timber sash windows with glazing bars for front and right hand side elevations.
12.	SPEENHAMLAND	<a href="#">26/00412/HOUSE</a>	12 Castle Grove Newbury RG14 1PR for Mr & Mrs Reilly	Adaption and extension of existing home to create a multi generational single dwelling
13.	WASHCOMMON	<a href="#">26/00650/HOUSE</a>	41 Wendan Road Newbury RG14 7AJ Mr & Mrs Deeshapland	Rear Extension and alterations
14.	WASHCOMMON	<a href="#">26/00563/HOUSE</a>	5 Bruan Road Newbury RG14 7AU for Mr Umut Calkam	Single rear and side extension, and loft conversion and widening of access.
15.	WEST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00423/HOUSE</a>	34 Clifton Road Newbury RG14 5JT for Mr & Mrs M Hyde	Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory. New flat roof to kitchen and render to facing brickwork
16.	WEST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00516/PACOU</a>	4 Boxshall Court Pound Street Newbury RG14 6BP for Mrs Annelies Rygole	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Conversion of office to residential flat

17.	WEST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00591/HOUSE</a>	138 Craven Road Newbury RG14 5NR for Mr & Mrs D Downie	Demolition of existing rear kitchen, store and chimney, replacement with single storey kitchen dining extension with internal alterations. Addition of two rooflights. Re-instatement of lean-to roof to existing garage/store walls.
18.	WEST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00548/LBC</a>	Marsh Cottage Waldegrave Place Northbrook Street Newbury RG14 1DS for Mr Josh Stratton	Change of use from ancillary retail storage to residential dwelling
19.	WEST FIELDS	<a href="#">26/00632/HOUSE</a>	3 Dolton Mews West Mills Newbury RG14 5HT for Mrs m Taylor	Addition of conservatory, a glazed porch, a window, and alteration of existing windows with internal alterations.

## Nominations for Local List of Heritage Assets – 2025

**Reference:** 25.00006/LOCAL

**Address:** Air Raid Shelter, Little Corner, Briff Lane, Bucklebury  
**Parish:** Bucklebury

**Easting:** 453716 **Northing:** 168830

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**Description:**

Air Raid Shelter , 1940's, architect unknown, brick built, single storey partly buried below an earthen bank fronting the lane, L shaped with arched roof, un-fenestrated. No known written sources, and unknown to the local Archaeology Service until recently. The shelter sits in the grounds of a bungalow which is not included in the Local Listing.

Believed to have been built and in use when the bungalow was used during WW2 by USA forces.

There was a WW2 military storage area on Bucklebury Common close to Briff lane where the shelter and adjoining bungalow sit.

**Detailed Description:**

The bungalow at Little Corner was reputedly used by the US military as a command centre and/or lodgings for a senior officer/officers during WW2 (information not evidenced in sources, but provided from local memory). The air raid shelter is presumed to have been built at this time for use by military officers and staff based there. There was a WW2 camp on Bucklebury Common, so the bungalow would have been well placed for administration of this camp.

The existence of the shelter was not known by the Archaeology Service at West Berkshire Council until notified by the Forum. Survivals of this type are rare, and this one is in fair condition, given its location. Its value lies in its link with the local military connection from WW2, and in the rarity of its survival.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:  
Historic interest 13 -

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**Reference:** 25.00007/LOCAL

**Address:** Water Pump on Jennett's Hill, (Cock Lane), opposite Casey Court, Stanford Dingley

**Parish:** Stanford Dingley

**Easting:** 457879 **Northing:** 171166

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**Description:** Water Pump, 1900, maker Joseph Evans & Sons Ltd, installation by Messrs Callas, Sons & May on behalf of Bradfield RDC. Cast iron, with cast iron trough. Mentioned in "The Water Supply of Berkshire from Underground Sources" HMSO 1902, annotated 1941 and 1972.

The water pump and cast iron trough are set within a roadside alcove – the adjoining fence and hedge are not included in the Listing. The setting has now been landscaped with gravel to make the pump more conspicuous.

**Detailed Description:** The pump was manufactured by Joseph Evans & Sons, and casting and embossing on the pump suggested it dated after 1890. The British Geological Survey has a National Well Record and there is a detailed map with the pump delineated halfway up Jennetts Hill as BGS 418512. It had been published in 1902 by H.M.S.O. "The Water Supply of Berkshire from Underground Sources." The report was opportune because the pump had only been installed 2 years beforehand.

The installation had been carried out by Messrs Callas, Sons and May on behalf of Bradfield District Council in 1900. It was a borehole, tubed with 30 feet of 3-inch tube and 50 feet of 4-inch tube. The altitude of the pump was around 230 feet above sea level and the water 40 feet 6 inches from the surface. The record is annotated in 1941 as 'Local Cottage Supply' and again on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1979 as 'pump still standing but unused'.

A gentleman referred to as Stuart G, who had contacted the village clerk as he was interested in the history of the village, mentioned that his G.G. grandfather had lived on Jennetts Hill in the 19<sup>th</sup> C. and anecdotal family evidence related that the son-in-law of his ancestor had paid for a village pump in Stanford Dingley.

It is likely that the pump was erected in 1900 because of an outbreak of typhoid amongst villagers on Jennetts Hill, and the Rural District Council paid £80 to have a borehole and pump installed.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Historic interest 13

Group interest 24

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**Reference:** 25.00001/LOCAL

**Address:** Luker Court, Ireland Drive, Newbury, Berks, RG14 6EG

**Parish:** Newbury

**Easting:** 446625 **Northing:** 166088

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**Description:** This building was built in 1909 /10 as the new home of Newbury Girls' School (later the County Girls' Grammar School). In 1908 the County Council agreed to the building of the new school and commissioned the architect, Mr A Jessop Hardwick, who had already designed Maidenhead Modern School.

**Detailed Description:** This building was built in 1909 /10 as the new home of Newbury Girls' School (later the County Girls' Grammar School). The school had been founded in 1904 and started its life in the Technical Institute in Northbrook Street with 39 pupils. By 1907 the County Education Committee had recognised that the school had outgrown this accommodation and purchased the site in the Andover Road for £1,200. In 1908 the County Council agreed to the building of the new school and commissioned the architect, Mr A Jessop Hardwick, who had already designed Maidenhead Modern School. There is a clear likeness between the two buildings; the Maidenhead Modern school is now part of Desborough College. Hardwick was based in Kingston-on-Thames and was well known at the time for 'arts and crafts' houses around London, Surrey and one large mansion in Wales, 'Tredean'. A tender from Mr J. B. Seward of Wokingham was accepted and building began in 1909. The school moved into its new home in 1910. Additions were made in the 1950s, '60s and '70s but these were all demolished when St Bartholomew's Comprehensive School, as it had become, moved into its new

buildings in 2010. The present building in the Andover Road is broadly unchanged on the outside despite having been converted into apartments inside.

The Newbury Weekly News carried a detailed description of the building and described it as a *'handsome Georgian structure with lofty and spacious classrooms.'* On the ground floor there was a large vestibule, five classrooms, a gym and cloakrooms. The main feature upstairs was a spacious assembly hall with seating for 200 people, a complete cookery centre with coal and gas cooking ranges, four more classrooms, two soundproof music rooms and an assistant mistresses' common room. At the top of the building was an attic flat for the caretaker. A series of postcards were published of both external and internal views. There are two staircases, one tiled and the other, nearer to the main entrance, is made of wood. All of the corridors were tiled up to a dado level; plastered above.

The building is constructed of red brick in the Georgian style; two storeys, plus a storey in the roof.

There are three sections facing the Andover Road. At either end there is a gable, plastered in white with a fanlight window above the central first floor window. The central section consists of six bays either side of a stone feature which has two bays topped by an arch. The main entrance faces the Andover Road, Buckingham Road junction. It has a central bay with a pillared entrance on the ground floor and a three-window bay above.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Historic interest 13

Group Interest 25

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**Reference:**                    **25.00002/LOCAL**

**Address:**        Parish Room, (Club Room, Village Hall), Bushnells Lane, Stanford Dingley RG7 6LX

**Parish:**                        **Stanford Dingley**

**Easting: 457631                Northing: 171376**

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**Description:** Parish Hall, formerly Reading Room. 1903, architect unknown. Red tiled roof. Vitrified and red brick laid in English bond, with vertical bricks above windows and tiled external window sills. Dentil brick eaves cornices. Single storey, main room with extension at the back for kitchen and facilities. Built as a Reading Room, it has become central to parish and village life through its use as a Boy's Club in the 1930's, and then a parish/village hall. No other properties adjoin the hall.

**Detailed Description:** The hall was built by Dr Watney in 1903 as a club or Reading Room for social, educational and religious purposes, and run by the Rector for an annual fee of £1 paid to Dr Watney (of the Watney's brewery family). It was used for a range of village activities before, during and after WW1. Mill House in Stanford Dingley was the home of photographer Kyrle Leng (1900-1958) and poet and writer Robert Gathorne-Hardy (1902-1973) from c1927 to 1958. They organized a Boys Club to keep the young men of the village from frequenting the two pubs in the village and this club also met at the hall.

In 1931 Dr Watney offered for sale all the properties he owned in the village. The hall was offered for sale at a cost of £90, and Kyrle Leng helped purchase the building for the use of the Boys Club, the

hall was then run by a group of trustees. There were various restrictions on the sale (no gambling, no alcohol, closed during Sunday services) imposed for the next twenty years. The hall was requisitioned by the War Office from 1941-1945 and the Boys Club closed – although the hall was handed back after the war the Boys Club didn't reopen.

The hall was used for WI meetings in the 1950's, and in 1975 it was formally given to the Parish Council. It was refurbished in 1978, and again in 2017 when the facilities were modernized. It is very well used for local parish meetings and a number of local events.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Historic interest 12, 13

Group interest 24, 25

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**Reference:**                   **25.00003/LOCAL**

**Address:**       The Chapel, Thatcham Cemetery, London Road, Thatcham

**Parish:**                       **Thatcham**

**Easting:** 452588       **Northing:** 167572

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**Description:** Mortuary Chapel/Cemetery Chapel. Late C19 (c1886). Architect James H Money, builder Henry Botsford. Red brick with tiled roof, rectangular building with three sided apsidal eastern end. There is a brick and timber entry porch on the southern wall, towards the western end of the building, this is constructed in a neo Tudor style, with a tiled pitched roof. There are two sets of Gothic style windows in pairs separated with a lancet along the southern facing wall, single Gothic style windows in the three walls of the apsidal eastern end, and in the western wall a Gothic style window with three panes separated by lancets, and with two oval panes above. There are three brick buttresses along the north wall and two along the south wall (the porch on the western end fills the remaining space). The interior is plain red brick with two decorative black/grey brick horizontal courses every five courses, and a brick dado rail. There is a red tiled floor, and wooden pews are provided. The roof is pitched and timber beamed, there is no ceiling. Designed by James Money in the 1880's, in use from 1887, and still in use. The chapel stands alone within the cemetery.

**Detailed Description:** The Thatcham cemetery was laid out on land donated from the Dunston House estate. James H Money, a noted local architect, designed the Chapel, which was constructed from local brick and built by Speenhamland builder Henry Botsford in 1887, for a contract of £321 awarded by the Thatcham Burial Board in December 1886. The cemetery opened in September 1887, after the closure of the graveyard at the parish church, but was not consecrated until 1888. The Chapel on the site was built as a mortuary chapel, and now holds the Book of Remembrance and memorial plaques. The chapel is very similar in design to St Luke's Church, Wash Common, also designed by James H Money.

The building has been in use as a chapel on the site since its construction, and is still in use today. A service of Remembrance for those who have been buried in the cemetery is held here every year.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Architectural or Artistic interest 10

Historic interest 13

Group interest 20

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**Reference:**                   **25.0004/LOCAL**

**Address:**       Congregational Chapel, (Morton's Chapel, or John Morton's Chapel), Turner's Green, Bucklebury

**Parish:**                       **Bucklebury**

**Easting: 53943               Northing: 69134**

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**Description:** Congregational Chapel, 1840 (according to date plaque), architect unknown, grey brick front facing wall with lower courses in header bond, and upper courses in English bond, with red brick corner pillars to the front wall, and red brick pillars to the porch and a red brick upper window surround, all in English bond. Above the porch and above the front wall window are gable ended roofs with decorative red brick stepping supporting a roof made of slate tiles. The original building is rectangular in plan form (later additions at the rear are not included), with the entrance at the narrow end, fronting the road. The building has a single rectangular window set high above the porch, and two square sash windows to either side wall. The interior still contains its original pulpit, and pews, all of wood. The Chapel was consecrated for use by the Congregational Church in the 1840's and used by the local minister, Rev John Morton. The small garden at the front reputedly contains the graves of him and his wife – this is supported by a report in the NWN of 16<sup>th</sup> November 1871, stating he was buried in the chapel graveyard. There is a plaque to John Morton within the chapel.

**Detailed Description:** The Congregational Chapel was built for the Rev John Morton (1788-1871) as a place of worship for his Protestant congregation. The Berkshire Religious census records the chapel as dating back to 1814, but this may reflect an earlier building on or near the site which was previously used as a congregational chapel – the existing building definitely has a 1840 date plaque on the frontage.

John Morton was a well regarded local tenant farmer and preacher, who gained standing in Bucklebury by opposing the enclosure of Bucklebury Common, on which many local people depended. He succeeded in his battle with Parliament and the Common remains protected open space today.

The chapel is familiarly known as Morton's Chapel in his memory. His obituary in the Newbury Weekly News 16<sup>th</sup> November 1871 records that he was buried at the chapel, and local memory suggests that his and his wife's graves lie just inside the front gate on the left hand side, although unmarked. There is also a memorial plaque to him in the chapel.

The chapel remained in use as a chapel for some time, and continued to be used until recently for Christmas services. It may still be consecrated as a chapel.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Historic interest 12, 13  
Group interest 25

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**Reference:**                   **25.00005/LOCAL**

**Address:**       Wormestall Grange, Enborne Road, Newbury, Berks, RG14 6EF

**Parish:** **Newbury**

**Easting: 446404 Northing: 166409**

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**Description:** Former Grammar School. Late C19 (1885). Architect J P Power. Slate roof, red brick, in late medieval gothic revival style, extensively refurbished and extended in 1929, and further remodeled and extended in 1938. Newer additions have been architecturally matched to the older style. Window casings in Corsham Down stone, with medieval gothic styling. Important Boys Grammar School building from 1885, and part of a comprehensive school from 1975 until 2010.

Local listing to be limited to this building only, and to external appearance alone – internally much altered by conversion to apartments.

**Detailed Description:** St Bartholomews School has a long but somewhat patchy history since its foundation by the will of Henry Wormestall, who endowed a chantry chapel and school in 1466 - "*teching grammar scole of whiche that toune hath grete need*". It is thought to be the 42<sup>nd</sup> oldest grammar school still in existence.

From 1848 to 1885 the school's home was Litten House on the corner of Argyll Road and Pound Street. However, by 1880 the school's needs had outgrown the accommodation at Litten House. New trustees were elected and drew up a scheme of management with a proper governing body whose first chairman was the Earl of Carnarvon. The school was to be a day and boarding school for boys; a building fund was established and land was acquired in the Enborne Road. Architects were invited to submit plans for the new school and the winning design cost £10,000 to complete. The new buildings were opened on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1885 and provided accommodation for 130 day boys and 20 boarders.

The building is constructed of red brick with stone mullioned windows in the Tudor style. The site was known as the Wormestall site following the merger in 1975 of St Bartholomews Boys Grammar School and Newbury County Girls Grammar School (on the Luker site).

The building ceased to be part of the school in November 2010, following the completion of new school buildings, (the Ad Lucem project), and is now residential accommodation.

Criteria under which asset qualifies for Local Listing:

Historic interest 13, 25

## Newbury Town Council

Forward Work Programme for Planning and Highways Committee: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025**Standing Items on each (ordinary meeting) agenda:**

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations
- 3.1 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
- 3.2 Officer's report on actions from previous meeting
4. Questions/Petitions from members of the Public
5. Questions/Petitions from Members of the Council
6. Schedule of Planning Applications
7. Schedule of Prior Approval Applications (if any)
8. Schedule of Licensing Applications (if any)
9. Schedule of Appeal Notifications (if any)
10. Schedule of Appeal Decisions (if any)
11. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Update (if any)
12. The Western Area Planning Committee – Update

At the first Committee meeting after the annual meeting of the Council	Election of Chair/ Deputy
	Approval of ToRs and memberships of Working Groups
June/September/December/March (Quarterly)	Updates on Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Acts. (Postponed until further notice)
Each November	Review of KPI's for Planning and Highways Committee
	Send Budget and Strategy proposals to RFO
<b>2025/26</b>	
16 June 25	- Rule 6 Update
7 <sup>th</sup> July 25	- Newbury Town Design Statement review -
4 <sup>th</sup> August 25	- Prow Working Group
1 <sup>st</sup> September 25	- Eagle Quarter update - HWG Lay member
29 <sup>th</sup> September	- NDP Update. - NEWT Group Update. - Welcome to Newbury Signs
27 <sup>th</sup> October	- Welcome to Newbury Signs - Review of P&H projects
24 <sup>th</sup> November	- Review of KPI's for Planning and Highways Committee - Send Budget and Strategy proposals to RFO - Review of P & H Committee Working Groups. - Review of Terms of Reference
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	
12 <sup>th</sup> January	
February 2026	- London Road – Presentation form WBC (TBC)
March 2026	- Review of Terms of Reference

April 2026	- URC Update
May 2026	- West Berkshire Highways Team to discuss Monks Lane Closure - Road Works Review Portal demonstration - Thames Water to discuss Monks Lane Closure
June 2026	- Approval of ToR's and membership of Working Groups -