

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT

Councillors Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett (sub), Billy Drummond (sub), David Harman, Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Steve Masters, Vaughan Miller, Andy Moore (Chair), Graham Storey and Tony Vickers.

IN ATTENDANCE

Toby Miles-Mallowan, Chief Executive Officer.
Lucia Reale, Trainee Corporate Support Officer.

69. APOLOGIES

Councillors Sam Dibas (Substitute Vera Barnett), Jo Day (substitute Billy Drummond) and Nigel Foot.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Clerk declared that Councillors Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond, David Marsh and Tony Vickers who 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.

Cllr Billy Drummond is a member of Greenham Parish 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 Greenham Parish Council business.

71. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Councillor Phil Barnett

SECONDED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

ABSTENTION: Councillors Andy Moore and Tony Vickers

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Monday 29th September 2025, be approved, and signed by the Chairperson.

72. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Presentation from Jon Gage Director of the Greenham Control Tower.

A question was **received** from a member of the public:

I would like to ask if they could consider a bay area close to this row of houses as if vehicles were at least able to pull in on the A4 in for a short period of time this would facilitate the more efficient access to services such as ambulance and fire rescue services, also any

maintenance and building services that are typically needed from time to time. This might ease access constraints and is not an unreasonable request.

Just recently one neighbour expressed to me her concerns as her husband has heart problems and when he has needed an ambulance in the past it has been very difficult for them to gain reasonable access for this type of emergency.

Thank you for your message and for raising your concerns regarding access for emergency and service vehicles along the A4 near this row of houses.

Newbury Town Council fully understands the importance of ensuring that emergency and maintenance vehicles can access all properties safely and quickly — especially where there are known medical or mobility concerns.

However, it's important to note that Newbury Town Council is a Parish (Town) Council and does not have the statutory authority over highways, parking, or road layout decisions. These responsibilities lie with West Berkshire Council, which is the Highway Authority for our area, in consultation where necessary with National Highways (for strategic routes).

The Town Council has formally referred your request and concerns to West Berkshire Council's Highways Team, we have asked them to consider the feasibility of installing a short-stay pull-in bay or lay-by to improve access for emergency and service vehicles, we are awaiting a response from colleagues in the Highways Team.

73. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

A question was **received** from a Cllr Meg Thomas:

Residents and Town Councillors feel the urban bus service is very poor in terms of frequency and the lack of evening and Sunday service. This is not compatible with the (West Berkshire) Council's active transport goals. It is also detrimental to the environment and Town economy. Please could the (Newbury Town) Council write to West Berkshire Council and ask them to re-examine and improve the service, possibly taking advice from the Reading Transport Strategy 2040?

Thank you for raising this important issue regarding the town's bus services.

Yes, the Town Council can and will write to West Berkshire Council to request that they re-examine and improve the urban bus service, particularly in relation to evening and Sunday provision.

Newbury Town Council strongly supports the development of high-quality public transport infrastructure that encourages residents and visitors to choose sustainable travel options over private car use, in line with our active travel and environmental goals.

While we recognise that the Reading Transport Strategy 2040 offers useful examples of integrated transport planning, it is important to note that Reading's urban structure and transport network are quite different from those in Newbury and West Berkshire.

Nonetheless, we believe there are valuable lessons that could inform improvements locally, and we will highlight this in our correspondence with West Berkshire Council.

74. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

75. BUS STOP MARKINGS

The notice of repainting of bus stop clearways was **noted**.

76. WELCOME TO NEWBURY SIGNS

An update about the Newbury Signs Working Group was **received**.

77. REVIEW OF P&H PROJECTS

The status of P&H projects for 2025/2026 was **reviewed**.

68. FORWARD WORK PLAN

Forward Work Plan **received** and **updated**.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:53 HRS

CHAIRPERSON

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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

Monday 27th October 2025

Running Order	Resolution	Application Number	Location and Applicant
1.	No objection	<u>25/01937/FUL</u>	West Berkshire Community Hospital Rookes Way Thatcham RG18 3AS for Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
2.	No objection, comment: requires explanation as to how micro plastics will be prevented from entering the River Kennet.	<u>25/02139/REG3</u>	Faraday Road Football Ground Faraday Road Newbury RG14 2AD for Jon Winstanley
3.	No objection pending Planning officers are content with flood mitigation and traffic management of site.	<u>25/01670/LBC</u> & <u>25/01669/FUL</u>	Hambridge Farm Hambridge Road Newbury RG14 2QG for Hambridge Properties Limited
4.	No objection	<u>25/02177/HOUSE</u>	Floral Bank Greenham Road Newbury RG14 7JL for Laurence Foreman
5.	No Objection	<u>25/02399/PACOU</u>	Cabletime 64 Greenham Road Newbury RG14 7HX for Twentworth Ltd
6.	No Objection	<u>25/02145/PASSHE</u>	91A Newtown Road Newbury RG14 7DD for Mr Priyens Patel
7.	No Objection	<u>25/02163/HOUSE</u>	20 Sidestrand Road Newbury RG14 6HP for Mr Neil Gow
8.	No Objection	<u>25/02180/HOUSE</u>	11 Bartlemy Close Newbury RG14 6LE for Mr & Mrs Coutinho
9.	No Objection	<u>25/02164/HOUSE</u>	24 Sidestrand Road Newbury RG14 6HP for Mr & Mrs Wadge-Berrosapi
10.	No Objection	<u>25/02258/HOUSE</u>	8 Kennedy Close Newbury RG14 6QL for Mr Colin Sheppard

11.	No Objection	25/02161/FUL	41 Cheap Street Newbury RG14 5BX for Goksel
12.	No Objection	25/02320/FUL	First Floor Flat 12West Mills Newbury RG14 5HG for Mr & Mrs Ross Bament
13.	No Objection	25/02156/ADV	Pearl House 12 Bartholomew Street Newbury RG14 5DQ for Mr Tim Spencer
14.	No Objection	25/02383/ADV	12 West Mills Newbury RG14 5HG for Mr & Mrs Bament
15.	No Objection	25/01934/HOUSE	73 Cherry Close Newbury RG14 1LS for DR Jacqueline Kain
16.	No Objection	25/02327/HOUSE	8 Castle Grove Newbury RG14 1PR for Mr & Mrs Taylor