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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

GOVERNMENT PLANNING REFORM PROPOSED NEW STANDARD METHOD FOR CALCULATING HOUSING NUMBERS

Outcomes for Basingstoke & Deane (new homes per annum)

Proposed standard method (per 1,000)	14
Proposed standard method figure	1,137
Current standard method figure	828
Current Local Plan	850
Average delivery (three-year average)	1,001

The proposed new SM (Standard Method) adopts a two-step approach for each LAA (Local Authority Area).

1. Take 0.8% of the current housing stock of the area;
2. Apply an uplift, based on a three-year average of the median workplace-based affordability ratio, with an increase of 15% for every unit above four.

At the time of writing, this generates a national total of around 371.5K net additional homes per annum, of which around 80.7K is in London. Outside the capital, compared to the current SM, 90% of LAAs areas will see an increase in their LHN (Local Housing Need) figure, and 69% will see an increase of over 200 homes per annum.

<https://lichfields.uk/blog/2024/july/30/a-new-standard-method-stocking-up>

Proposals for new towns of 10K-25K homes are in addition to these figures.

PROPOSALS FOR EMERGING LOCAL PLANS TO ADOPT NEW NUMBERS

For Plans at Examination these will continue, although where there is a significant gap between the Plan and the new Local Housing Need figure, authorities will be expected to begin a plan immediately in the new system.

For Plans at an advanced stage of preparation (Regulation 19), these will continue to examination unless there is a significant gap between the plan and the new local housing need figure, in which case the proposal is to ask authorities to rework their plans to take account of the higher figure.

Areas at an earlier stage of plan development should prepare plans against the revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework and progress as quickly as possible.

Reference the NPPF Draft for Consultation new Paras 229-232 and letter from Angela Rayner to Local Planning Authorities:

NEW DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)

Consultation to 11.45pm on 24 September 2024

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system

New Para 62 confirms the intended requirement to use the new Standard Method for housing calculation.

HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

New Para 76 of the Draft NPPF proposes a return to the blanket requirement for **a five year housing land supply and with a 5% buffer**.

The new Draft NPPF document has marked for deletion all paragraphs relating to the changes made to the housing land supply policy in December 2023 – including the provision in certain circumstances to show a four rather than five-year housing land supply.

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Consultation on the environmental impact of MOTO's proposal for a Motorway Service Area south of M3 J6

Planning application reference
[17/03487/FUL](https://www.gov.uk/consult/consultation/17/03487/FUL)

Issues include contamination of the groundwater and aquifer at a source of the River Loddon, an environmentally sensitive Chalk stream and valuable and internationally rare ecological habitat – and on the designated Local Nature Reserve.

Please respond to the consultation.

See back page.

A BDBC weekly food waste collection service

Agreed by Cabinet on 31 July, supported by both Greener Basingstoke and Natural Basingstoke.

The new service is due to start in October 2025 in line with the 31 March 2026 deadline required by the Environment Act 2021. The joint Hart contract with Serco is extended for continuity.

Each property will require one 23-litre food waste kerbside container, and one 5-litre kitchen container. Liners aren't needed, but if used, can be separated at food waste facility. BDBC will provide a one-year supply of food waste liners to residents.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately FROM THE ARCHIVES

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Local Parish Council elections are held every four years, administered by BDBC Democratic Services. This year 2024 was an election year for Mapledurwell & Up Nately with all Parish Councillors elected unopposed.

The last contested Parish Council election in Mapledurwell & Up Nately was in the 1980s when David Hooper was elected Parish Councillor. Thanks to David for his permission to publish his Manifesto!

MAPLEDURWELL DESTRUCTIVE FIRE 1881

*as reported in the Hants and Berks Gazette...
continued from July Villager...*

Inspector Rapkins and PC Till of Basing, were on the spot soon after the outbreak and PC Beale arrived at seven pm and remained in charge until noon on Wednesday.

The question usually asked by visitors to such places is 'How did it happen?'

To this there is no answer, save that the 'ashes in the wood house' are again held responsible. But an inspection of the wood house floor by our reporter and a gentleman of the village prove that not so much as a bushel of ashes was there. So the unfortunate widow, who lost her all, is free from the charge of carelessness. Another allegation is that some boys must have been playing with lucifers, and this suggestion almost makes one regret that Lowe's match tax was not levied, as then the ubiquitous 'boy' would not have been blamed.

The most probable theory as to the cause of the devastation was propounded by a gentleman of some experience - and a student withal - that two or three bushels of quick lime had been placed against a wooden partition of the cowshed, which adjoins the wood house; that the humidity of the atmosphere had slackened it, and so sufficient heat was generated to result in a combustion of the partition. This theory seems to be a feasible one, and, as it is scientific, one the attention of the public might be profitably directed to.

No correct estimate could be formed of the damage done, but we believe it is chiefly covered by insurance. It has been roughly estimated that to reinstate the destroyed buildings would quite exhaust £3,000, to say nothing of the loss of tenants' property, which is very considerable.

Mr Ridgers roughly calculates that he has lost between £400 and £500 insured with the Norwich Union company; and Mr. Thorpe about £200; whilst the loss of Munday, Gary and Critcher, in furniture £c, was by no means small. Mr Addison's effects were insured in the Royal Farmers' Company, represented in Basingstoke by Messrs Simmons and Sons.

The fact that 2,000 people are said to have visited the scene demonstrates the scale of the disaster.

*Hants and Berks Gazette, 23 July 1881
- per Mrs Keary*

MAPLEDURWELL AND UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 3 MAY 1984

Polling station at Mapledurwell Village Hall open 8am-9pm

April 1984

From David Hooper
Mittens
Tunworth Road
Mapledurwell

Dear Parishioner

As a candidate in the above election I am writing to introduce myself to those who do not know me and also to seek your support by a vote in the election on Thursday.

I have lived in Mapledurwell for quite a number of years, am married with two children, work in Basingstoke and was co-opted on to the present Parish Council five months ago.

My aims if elected would be:-

- To keep our two villages united as one group (for which we will need good council representations from both villages). Together we have a much louder voice when seeking to improve or defend our lot, than if we were separate.
- To be aware of the privilege of having parts of our villages designated Conservation areas, so that change when it comes does not alter the very rural and therefore historic nature of our surroundings.
- To be readily available to hear from anyone with problems of planning, our local environment, roads, the recreation ground and other amenities and to deal positively with such problems through the influence of the Parish Council.

This is the first Parish election for over 20 years, let us all use our vote so that there is a good turn out at the poll.

Please may I have your vote on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

David Hooper

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Parish council results

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY

Elected: David Farrant (117), David Hooper (120), Ann Lywood (112), Jane Roberson (114), Geoffrey Saunders (119).
Not elected: Terence O'Malley (59).

WOOTTON ST LAWRENCE

Elected: Albert Farmer (138), John Hobbs (109), John Leek (138), Margaret Richardson (99).
Not elected: Brian Cooper (82), Sidney Gibson (46), Ivor Gwillim (17), Stephen Mears (38).

SHERFIELD ON LODDON

Elected: John Barker (362), Jan Batt (303), Frederick Berntsen (394), Albert Clarkson (264), Brian Gaiger (540), Margaret Pearman (381), Dora Sims (255), Percy Sims (414).
Not elected: Sheila Ban-

ham (223), Adrian Burt (240), Mavis Maggs (212).

STRATFIELD SAYE

Elected: Elizabeth Aubrey-Fletcher (75), Pamela Best (71), Roy Best (79), Colin Burch (64), Kenneth Hartley (66), Hugh Price (82), Veronica Upton (87).
Not elected: William Rogers (61), Rodney Small (49).

UPTON GREY

Elected: Sarah Faulkner (171), Gordon Hunt (192), David Janaway (159), Agnes Sims (160), Peter Spencer-Cooper (158).
Not elected: Richard Anscombe (151), Michael Church (126).

MONK SHERBORNE

Elected: Wilfred Gibson (105), John Hankinson (102), Charles Pritchard (98), Edward Roberts (105), Grace Simpson (81), Shirley Wills (78).
Not elected: David Harling (54), Richard Turner (76).

WARD COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME FOR 2024/25

As your elected Ward Councillors, we have a small pot of money ranging from £250 to £2,000 (up to a maximum of £3,000 if we pool our allocation), available to award to locally-based community groups or charities in our Ward of Basing & Upton Grey. These awards are governed by strict criteria clearly detailed in this link www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants.

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck would love to hear from you - if your group or charity is interested in seeking a small grant - by no later than Saturday 28 September - by email to cllr.onnalee.cubitt@basingstoke.gov.uk with how much grant you are seeking together a brief outline of your proposal PRIOR to you submitting a formal application.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 25 September, 7pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Cllr Andy Konieczko have been invited to join the meeting, their schedule yet to be confirmed.

NEWS FROM UP NATELY

A warm welcome to Steve and Lindsey and their children Danny 13, Albert 8 and Bella 6, who have moved into The Old School House.

The Up Nately coffee chat will be at The Laurels on Friday 6th September, 10-12. Call Moyra for more information 01256 763894.

A successful day with a hard-working group of Up Nately villagers cutting back and tidying. Kiln Bridge has also been cleaned and cleared of soil by the parapat

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/01354/FUL (Validated 24 Jun 2024)

The Gamekeepers. Laying hardstanding to provide access to the cesspit for the pump-out lorry and to enable the dray lorry to make deliveries clear of the highway; also to serve as additional parking to The Gamekeepers; plus four no. low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within the landscaped margin. (Reduced scheme to 21/01777/RET)

24/01259/GPDMA (Validated 10 June)

Riverview House, London Road. Application for prior approval to convert of existing building into eight flats

24/01104/ROC (Withdrawn 12 July)

Paw Paddock, St Marys Church Road. Variation of con 10 of 18/02435/FUL to remove the max two persons per hour and 20 persons per day restriction, and apply in its place a restriction of a max of two cars per visit and four dogs per visit.

24/01063/ROC (Validated 09 May)

Riverview House, London Road. Variation of Con 1 of 22/02416/FUL to allow design alterations.

24/00756/FUL (Pending 16 April) Land North of Parrotts, Greywell Road. Four detached dwellings, with garages and associated vehicular access, parking, amenity space and landscaping.

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 August) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of outbuilding; erection of new dwelling with garage.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priors Farmhouse. Variation of Con 2 of 15/04301/FUL for continued use Class E children's nursery to 2032.

UP NATELY POND WORKING PARTY



PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00364/24/TCA (Validated 29 Jul 2024)

The Old School House Greywell Road Up Nately. 1- ash tree fell to ground level 2- ash tree fell to ground level 3- oak fell to ground level 4-5- willows pollard to 1-2 meters 6- sycamore tree fell to ground level 7- dead elm tree fell to ground level 9-12- ash trees fell to ground level

T/00311/24/TCA (Validated 27 June) Crossways Nursing Home, Greywell

Road, Up Nately. Fell cypress tree to ground level.

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/23/3326507 & 3326513 (Dismissed 05 July). Blaegrove Cottage. Single storey rear extension incl works to rear garden and new retaining wall.

24/00027/REF Appeal Lodged (08 Jul 2024) Brockwell Paddock And Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and provision of landscaping.

D-Day 80: St Nicholas' Newnham

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Address by Brigadier (Retired) Alan Richmond OBE

To mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the 6th June 1944, the day that one of the largest, most complex and riskiest military operations ever known was launched...

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So, the landings were successful and a beachhead secured, but several of the immediate strategic objectives were not achieved – such as the capture of Caen, which was not fully occupied by the Allies until mid-July.

Casualties

4,415 allied soldiers were killed on D-Day

- 2,501 Americans
- 1,449 British
- 391 Canadians
- 73 other Allied nationals

Plus 4-9,000 Germans (killed wounded and prisoners, many of whom were not German, but from occupied countries and pressed into German service)

D-Day might have been much less successful, and casualties would have been much greater, had the air forces and French Resistance not been successful in delaying German troops moving up to counter-attack the beachhead.

What part did the Deception Plan play in D-Day?

Deception, fake signals traffic and spies were all coordinated to deceive the German High Command that the main landing would occur in the Pas-de-Calais region.

This was remarkably effective as, even as late as two months after D-Day,

the Germans believed that a large army existed in Kent and would strike across the straights of Dover.

What innovation was used for D-Day?

Innovation played a major part in the success of D-Day.

Assault Craft: The Allies had developed specialist naval craft including landing ships and landing craft for both infantry and tanks.

Armoured Vehicles: Learning the lessons for the large-scale raid on Dieppe, the British and Canadians developed specialist armoured vehicles to overcome the problems that would be faced in the invasion of Normandy. These included:

- Swimming Tanks
- Flamethrower tanks
- Mine-clearing flail tanks
- Bunker-busting tanks
- Carpet laying tanks
- Bridgelayer tanks
- Armoured bulldozers

And the key issue of not having a deep-water port was addressed by the idea of bringing two prefabricated Mulberry Harbours across from England. These consisted of:

- Steel Bombardons as an outer breakwater
- Immense concrete caissons which were sunk to form an inner breakwater
- A reef of sunken old ships to help calm the water
- Self levelling pier heads enabling ships to come alongside, connected to the shore by flexible roadways floating on pontoons

Two such ports were built, Mulberry-A at Omaha beach and Mulberry-B at Arromanches.

A storm on 19/20 June left Mulberry-A too damaged to be used; its components were used to repair Mulberry-B, which then continued to function until November 1944

Together, the Mulberries landed 2M men, a half a million vehicles and 4M tonnes of supplies

Fuel would be provided by PLUTO - Pipeline Under The Ocean

Existing pipelines and pumping stations disguised as bungalows and in one instance an ice cream shop were connected to two flexible pipelines laid under the Channel between the Isle of Wight and Normandy that helped supply the Allied armies with fuel.

What happened after D-Day?

D-Day was just the first day of Operation NEPTUNE – the assault phase of Operation OVERLORD.

Force levels had to be built up and by the end of NEPTUNE on 30 June 1944,

- 850,000 men
- 148,000 vehicles
- 570,000 tons of supplies had been landed.

The beachhead was expanded in brutal fighting across the Normandy bocage and the key was to capture Caen, the gateway to France, which was achieved on 19th July enabling the breakout.

Operation OVERLORD continued until Allied forces crossed the River Seine on 19 August 1944. The battle for Normandy left 22,000 British and Commonwealth dead but it was the springboard for a rapid advance. Paris was fully liberated on 25th August. It was then on to liberate Belgium and the Netherlands and into Germany and final victory on 8th May 1945.

How did D Day impact on our United Parish?

This area would have been transited through by troops heading towards their marshalling areas.

There would have been some from our villages who saw service on D-Day. Most would not have been professional soldiers, sailors or airmen, but had either volunteered or been conscripted and interrupted their lives to play their part in freeing Europe from Nazism.

And some veterans settled here, for example the late Brig Sir Nicholas Somerville CBE, a Church Warden at Greywell and involved in the establishment of the United Parish, was a young Lieutenant in 2nd Battalion, The South Wales Borderers, when he landed in Normandy on D-Day. He died aged 94 in 2018 and was believed to have been the last D-Day veteran in his Regiment.

And, of course, we might not have the peace and freedom we all enjoy and largely take for granted if the D-Day landings had not been successful. So, we do in part owe our way of life to those who took part and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Those fallen also deserve the epitaph 'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'



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From the Parish Registers

Baptism: Taylor-Rae Martin at
St Nicholas' Newnham on July 14th



From the Benefice Ministry Team

During the election campaign I was struck by how many candidates, when asked why they were offering themselves for election, responded along the lines that it was because they wanted to make a difference. So many people from all parties, and none offered themselves for service with this as their lodestone. Jesus challenged his disciples, then and now, to be the difference when he combined two pieces of teaching from the Old Testament and said that the first commandment was to love God with all the heart, with all the mind, with all the soul and with all strength, but that this had to be earthed by obeying the second, namely, to love your neighbour as yourself.

I was told many years ago that Christian love was not about a kind of mawkish sentimentality but about always seeking the other person's greatest good; to be prepared to help them out by putting yourself out. I guess that, by and large, we can either be stepping stones into the future for others or we can be stumbling blocks.

As a child I spent hours playing the board game 'snakes and ladders'. You tossed a dice and then moved a counter along the corresponding number of squares which made up a twisting path and the first player to the end won. To make things more interesting if you landed on a square on which was the foot of a ladder you shot up the ladder and moved on several squares but if, horror of horrors, you landed on the head of a snake you plunged down several squares which was particularly galling when you were nearly home and found yourself sliding down almost back to square one!

We have the capacity to be snakes or ladders, stepping stones or stumbling blocks, to lift people up or to put them down; to be the difference

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THE SUNFLOWER CAFÉ

is a community outreach project – provided and funded by the Mother's Union and The Vine Church in Odiham – for people living with dementia in surrounding villages and towns.

Elaine Lewington and Jane Seymour are the joint co-ordinators of The Sunflower Café which meets every Wednesday from 2 to 4pm at The Old School, London Rd, Odiham RG29 1AJ.

For more information, contact Jane at coordinatorsunflowercafe@yahoo.com



POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT

POLICE & CRIME PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2024-2028

– to 19 August

Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Donna Jones is consulting on the priorities for her next Police and Crime Plan.

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90719383/PCP-Public2024>

The PCC writes: 'By hearing from you, I can develop policies and initiatives that resonate with the unique needs of where you live.

'Each pledge in my new Plan will be designed based on direct feedback from you.

'Your views will form the bedrock of my new Police and Crime Plan which is why I want to hear from as many people as possible.'

Consultation results will be published in the autumn.

Kevin Curtis

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KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

This month's Kidzone is going to be short and sweet, because I've been incredibly busy! You see, at the beginning of July, we moved house! We're really excited about our new house. It's a cosy little cottage, with a log burner in the living room and two and a half bedrooms (long story...) The problem is, where we used living in a large four-bedroom house, where even the hallway was bigger than any of the rooms in the new house. We are downsizing, as they say!

So, before we could even begin moving into the new house, we had to de-clutter! You wouldn't believe how much 'stuff' you collect in 26 years of being married – and we thought we were quite good at not keeping things we didn't need... but if we were going to fit everything into our new home, we had to get rid of some of the things in our old home. So, we went through the house making decisions about what we would keep and what we would send to the charity shop. We had to prioritise what was really important to us, and the rest just had to go.

*From the Benefice Ministry Team...
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positively or negatively, and that makes a difference not only to others but also to ourselves. On the board the ladder goes up whilst the head of the snake points down. Adding something to someone else's life adds something to our lives; diminishing someone diminishes us.

Fortunately you don't have to be elected to parliament to make a difference, we can all help things to be different by making a difference. Jesus challenges his disciples to be God's difference, to bring a touch of heaven to earth and political or not, religious or not, that's not a bad challenge to take up – to make a difference – be the difference.

Alan Hoar, Licensed Lay Minister



Sometimes this process was really hard and we had to send things which had once been important to us to the charity shop. But we also realised just how many things we had in the house, which we just didn't really need...

This reminded me of a story from The Bible that we have just been learning about in Children's Church, where Jesus was coming to the end of his time on Earth, and sent his disciples out to carry on his job. Now, this was a really exciting thing for them, and they were sent out near and far. You can just imagine them calling out over their shoulder:

'Let me just pop home and pack a couple of things I will really need on this long journey!'

But the thing that stands out in this story most for me, is that Jesus tells them,

'Stop! Don't pack anything! Just take your walking stick – that's all you will need!'

Can you imagine that? Go on this journey. Who knows how long, who knows where to, who knows what might happen... and don't pack anything. Just trust God to provide everything you need.

Life is a bit like a journey, isn't it?

We never quite know where we will end up, how long this part of the journey will be, what life changes may happen, and yet we sometimes fill our lives with so many things which just aren't essential, or that maybe were once important to us, but aren't any more. In fact, we fill our lives so full of 'stuff' – clubs, tv, computer games – that we can't fit in the things which are really important, like friends and family, our health, even God...

You might not be in a position where you have to find new homes for your things just yet, but while you are thinking of me moving home and carefully finding the right place for things in our house only if they are really essential or super important, I want you to think about what you fill your lives with that aren't essential or super important, and think about whether it might be time to have a bit of a declutter too...

God Bless and see you next time!

Helen C



CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST INTO SEPTEMBER

Sunday 04 Aug	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship
Sunday 11 Aug	9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 Aug	9am St Mary's Greywell CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Evensong
Sunday 25 Aug	10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion 11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Morning Worship
Sunday 01 Sept	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Patronal CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship

MOTO's proposal for a Motorway Service Area south of M3 J6

A planning application was submitted by MOTO some seven years ago and 420 public responses have been logged on the BDBC website to the cycle of consultations on new documents over that time.

[17/03487/FUL](#) (Validated Nov 2017) Land Adjacent to M3J6

Construction of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

A new and important consultation is now open for comment

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION please respond

After years of ongoing pressure it has finally been decided that the MSA proposal be subject to a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Planning must take into account statutory designations, and the designation of Black Dam Ponds & Crabtree Plantation as a Local Nature Reserve added some weight to the argument that environmental risk be fully examined.

This consultation therefore focuses on risk and potential damage to the natural environment resulting from a MSA in this location.

A response need only be brief but please raise any concerns you have; the closing date for consultation (on going to press) is 07 August.

Points to consider:

- 1. The MSA is proposed for an environmentally sensitive site**
- 2. This is a site with shallow groundwater conditions 'a principal aquifer' which feeds the Loddon, an ecologically rare and valuable chalk stream**
- 3. 'Mitigation' proposals cannot prevent contamination of the aquifer**
- 4. The SuDS (Sustainable Drainage System) proposals are inappropriate as they include infiltration to ground water**
- 5. Ongoing risk of oil-polluted discharges entering groundwater and the watercourses with potential for major oil spills from fuel tanks**
- 6. Limited allowance for climate change and extreme weather events**
- 7. Additional foul water and sewage discharge to the Loddon**
- 8. Proximity of Grade I listed Hackwood Park and recently-designated Black Dam and Crabtree Local Nature Reserve (LNR)**
- 9. Significant light pollution and its impact on local bat colonies**
- 10 Visual impact on the surrounding area, including the LNR.**

Please submit a response to the consultation via the BDBC website, by email to planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk, or by post to the case officer, Nicola Williams, Basingstoke & Deane Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH, citing the case reference [17/03487/FUL](#)

Documents produced on behalf of Moto of course seek to show that environmental impacts can be overcome, and risk mitigated. Winslade Parish has commissioned a Hydrogeologist to consider Moto's evidence. A detailed letter from Winslade (including the points above) is reproduced on the Parish Council website.

Changes in waste collection, disposal, & recycling services

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Noting that the Borough Council is responsible for waste collection and the County Council for waste disposal.

Food waste is currently incinerated to generate electricity, which is considered as a 'disposal' route. Food waste collected separately and sent to an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility is considered 'recycling'.

The AD facility produces a liquid fertiliser known as Digestate, and a biogas or electricity depending on the type of processing facility.

Green bin recycling

DEFRA's Simpler Recycling legislation (Previously the Consistency Agenda) intends the same core set of materials to be collected across the country.

In response to this legislation, Hampshire County Council is working on changes to its MRF (Material recovery facilities) infrastructure to enable plastic pots, tubs and trays, and food and beverage cartons, to be collected and sorted, thus enabling more recycling and particularly more plastics to go in the Green bin.

BDBC's bin collection services will be realigned to these changes with gray bin collections reduced to fortnightly by September 2026.

(Noting that developments with communal bin storage have a separate collection system.)

Statutory provision driving and enabling these changes

The Environment Act 2021 sets out several legally binding performance targets that local authorities will be required to meet. These targets include a 65% recycling rate by 2035, and an average household waste target of 272kg per household per year, by 2042. (DEFRA's 25-Year Environment Plan.)

The Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 introduced an interim target of 402kg per household by 31 January 2028. (The household waste level for BDBC averaged 567kg per household in 2022/23. Changes in bin collections look to progress towards this target in line with other legislative changes.)

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) requires manufacturers to pay for the packaging materials they use. The more difficult an item is to recycle, the more that manufacturer must pay. The EPR scheme is already changing manufacturers' behaviour to make packaging easier to recycle.

A Deposit Return Scheme will be introduced in October 2027. Any single-use drinks container will include a deposit fee when the item is purchased. This deposit can then be claimed back if the item is returned.

More Planning News...

BDBC has been unsuccessful in seeking to overturn an Inspector's decision to allow an Appeal for up to 270 homes on an unallocated site; Appeal Ref APP/H1705/W/23/3326191 Land at Watermill Bridge – 22 hectares of agricultural land near Newbury. The Judge agreed with the Inspector in taking into account key Policies, notably the Spatial Strategy, being out-of-date when concluding that 'the proposal was in accordance with the development plan as a whole'.

NOTICE OF RESURFACING WORKS

A30 London Road at the Hogget crossroads.

Old School Road from Newnham Road to the A30.

Work is scheduled to start Friday 16 August overnight with road closure from 20:00 to 06:00 hrs.

Noting that work schedules are prone to change, road signs will be in place and should inform of any changes.