

# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 02 October 2023, 7pm Clubroom

Parish Cllrs Paul Gaskell (Chairman), Pauline Hedges, Phillipa Spanner; Clerk Susan Turner;  
Guests Nick Walker (Nately Scures); BDBC Cllrs Paul Harvey and Andy Konieczko;  
Local curate Debbie Veal. Members of the public 4

## 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies John Ashworth, Chris Alliston.

The Chairman welcomed guests and public to the meeting and thanked all for attending.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the Agenda. Re item 3 – in view of the discussion on Local Plan Update, the Chairman noted that he is a BDBC Ward Councillor.

## 3 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey, and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Cllr Andy Konieczko are visiting Parish and Town councils for discussion regarding the Local Plan Update, beginning with a Powerpoint presentation.

The new administration has an opportunity to make a difference. River corridors specifically mentioned. With regards to the Local Plan, the priority is to restart asap; a tight deadline to reach examination and adoption for summer 2025. Also to redress the lack of 5-year land supply.

When Government launched the NPPF consultation in December 2022, the public message was that changes would be transformation and the Standard Method considered a non-binding starting point. These revisions were to be in place by the Spring of this year.

BDBC commissioned two sets of legal advice which came back with the same opinion that in reality Local Authorities have no control and the Standard Method continues to apply. BDBC has no exceptional circumstance which would stand up in front of a Planning Inspector. This will continue to be the case under the revised NPPF. The fallacy that LPA can set their own housing number continues to be repeated by some, but the QC advice is that this is not so.

BDBC previous and present administration have supported lower housing numbers, but do not have the ability to deliver on this.

Most conversations relate to housing numbers but the LPU about reviewing all Draft Plan Policies. The new Administration has inherited work to date. Areas to expand on:

1. Strengthen policies relating to the climate emergency; raising the standard of build requiring all new housing to be net zero or energy efficient passive. There is precedent for this in Cornwall, Somerset and Central Lincolnshire. Approval will be for attractive and functional new homes; combining good design and ergonomics; to a new product liability standard.

2. Identify sites for renewable energy

3. Water quality another major issue. Noting Whitchurch Conservation Group have been active in communicating their concerns (detailed by geo-hydrologist) regarding the impact on the aquifer of continuing and additional waste water from housing being discharged to groundwater. These concerns are shared and will be taken into account where possible. Action will be to push developers to improve water courses. Develop a *Modus Operandi* with water companies and the Environment Agency to ensure statutory obligations are met.

4. Community facilities – from allotments to schools and churches to be protected and promoted in the Local Plan

5. Housing numbers: The Standard method says 850 dpa (dwellings per annum) during the Plan Period up to 2040. Unable to do anything about the overall number. Have scope to play with the timing of delivery. A stepped trajectory with a lower housing number in the first five years will give some leeway to address infrastructure and water supply issues. A similar approach by Fareham has been approved by Inspector. Advocating 700 dpa for first five years.

Five years will bring us to the next Plan Update point; the figure then will be 950; by then augmented by the borough's plan for Council house building. Also more time to develop a biodiversity strategy for the Loddon and Test; developers will be required to comply with the Environment Act.

The Spatial Strategy we have at present was inherited from the previous administration. Not necessarily agree with all but a useful starting point, makes sense to build on the work done so far. Will listen to the comments of resident and councillors; here to listen.

## Questions and discussion

### Question re numbers of affordable housing

The Local Plan will continue to specify 40% of new builds be affordable – ie 300 homes per year. Which isn't going to make much of a dent in the housing register. But have to demonstrate the Plan is economically viable such that housebuilders can afford to build and make reasonable profit. As such unable to specify above 40%. Have a growing housing need register, c4.5K on waiting list. The borough providing its own Council housing on its own land will help augment this. Officers are looking at how this can best be delivered. To build ourselves, or to partner with existing housing associations? Officer looking at options and legal requirements, eg requirement to register as a housing provider.

In answer to further question, yes the borough's Council housing will contribute to the Standard Method housing figure.

Also looking to major regeneration areas – have a partner on board.

### Question about the viability of passive and net zero for low cost housing

Offset against the cost of upgrading existing housing stock and associated problem insulation. All new homes being carbon neutral, gradually the percentage of the overall housing stock will increase. Intend be in top five per cent of Local Planning Authorities in the country in this respect. Top 10 developers changing their specifications now to meet this requirement which smaller house builders already promoting. To look for a mix of smaller as well as large housing providers.

### Question re Inspector's examination in public

BDBC barrister will be at the examination in public to argue the proposals are sound and have been done elsewhere. Yes the developers will also have barristers arguing their case. It will massively help if all residents support the Local Plan and support the case for build quality.

Major legislation for scrutiny is the Environment Act which places a lot of requirements on building; and the Leveling Up and Regeneration Bill with Lord's amendments presently under debate.

The bottom line? In response to question, Government's red line is housing numbers not build quality or achieving net zero. They will take planning powers away from the borough if not compliant. Then likely end up with a much larger housing number and no say over where they go.

Question regarding Council housing proposals BDBC building its own housing on its own land to its own planning requirements raises concerns regarding independent scrutiny. Answer: The process of council house building is independent of LPA decisions and is subject to national scrutiny. The Housing Association model is impacted by need to purchase land. This cost has to be met with 'affordable' rent at 80% market value which often still unaffordable. People become stuck within shared ownership. Aim is to deliver social rent at 40% market value.

Question – Have you looked to self build In Germany self build delivers 40% of housing stock – though may be kit housing. Answer: Challenge is available land and land prices. Policies within the Local Plan require each developer to make provision for some self / custom build.

Question regarding cross-border planning development Being on the boundary Newnham is most affected by what happens in Hart. Answer, there is a duty to co-operate between Local Planning Authorities. [Though BDBC and Hart are not part of the same Strategic Market Area.] BDBC will support Newnham where possible in relation to planning issues from Hart. [BDBC Conservation Officer has in the past provided strong rebuttal to Owen's Farm development proposals.]

### Question presented to the BDBC councillors prior to the meeting

- What can be done to include the Loddon Valley as part of Hants' landscape scale Nature Recovery Network - as a wetland / biodiversity / carbon capture area? Will the Borough Council make this a priority, allocate land accordingly, negotiate with Kings Fund? [Noting last year the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said that carbon capture is essential.]
- What consideration given to adopted Neighbourhood Plan policies when allocating major sites?
- Strategy on Warehousing? Environmental / landscape concerns; low quality jobs. Alternative proposals for high tech science park of more benefit to the borough.
- BDCBC Cllrs comments on the MSA application?

Responses: BDBC's Biodiversity Officer is now on the Hampshire Nature Recovery Network Steering Group. Pitching for the Loddon to be included but no guarantees.

With regards to Warehousing, Government requires a mix of development. Gov guidance / calculation says BDBC has a shortage of these sites; told need more office space and warehousing despite evidence to contrary. Will need to allocate sites in the Reg 18 Draft Plan.

The present Draft allocates the Oakdown Farm site for warehousing [though this not been published for consultation]. The developer will to come back with an amended proposal which addresses the Appeal Inspector's reasons for dismissal. BDBC will oppose; again will likely to be planning by Appeal. Though Hospital sees advantage of a developer paying for junction improvements.

*BDBC Councillors left the meeting with the thanks of all present*

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**4 PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman introduced Debbie Veal, the new curate for the Parish. The Chairman recently contacted St Nicholas’ church warden with a view to the Parish Council and VCC (Village Church Committee) working more closely. Happily Debbie’s appointment co-incides with this – she will be involved with the day-to-day life of St Nicholas’ and St Swithun’s.

The potential for community events was discussed, including a Christmas Tree on the Green with a festive informal mulled wine gathering, and a Cheese & Wine event in the Clubroom.

Also noted – the recent initiative by former members of the Clubroom Committee for the Clubroom book sale with afternoon tea, coffee.

AGREED The Parish Council is in principle in favour of shared Community projects and events; has some budget to allocate.

**5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 31 July 2023, agreed and signed.

**6 PLANNING** See Planning Update at **APPENDIX I.**

**.1 New applications for discussion**

23/02220/FUL (Validated 22 Sep 2023) Access Road, The Barracks. Resurfacing of gravelled section of the existing access road.

23/02203/TDC (Validated 26 Sep 2023) Land At The Barracks. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of 4 new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

AGREED To respond to the above in consultation with Barracks residents.

23/01904/FUL (Validated 22 Sep 2023) Beehive Farm, Tylney Lane, Rotherwick. Demolition of existing dwelling and associated buildings and erection of a detached dwelling together with associated works. Standard consultation to 16 Oct. ROTHERWICK

Tylney Lane residents attended the meeting – and also sent via email – to communicate their concerns regarding access and construction access down Tylney Lane.

It is understood that an application for a replacement dwelling, and a similar (though smaller) proposal on this site was approved some 30 years ago.

The main planning issues with the most recent application (some six years ago) was the proposal to move the dwelling and curtilage area to central in the field.

AGREED Parish Council to respond to the application with concerns regarding impact on the wider nature of the area, and on the Rotherwick public right of way. It is thought the footpath land proposed for vehicle access belongs to the applicant. Clerk to communicate with Hart case officer and Hart councilors.

AGREED To follow up previous TPO request for two large Oaks on Tylney lane which stand forward of the hedgeline and would be under threat from the planning proposal. (Width of the road about two metres.)

**.2 Decisions on applications of note**

23/00347/PIP (Granted 11 August ref DC 09 August, Validated 14 Feb 2023) Land At The Barracks. Permission in principle for the erection of a minimum of 1 no. and maximum of 4 no. Residential dwellings. Amended plans include access track.

T/00241/23/TPO (Refused 23 August, TPO certificates issued) Kiln Cottage, Scures Hill. Five x English Oaks - Fell.

**.3 Festival Licensing application 23/01138/PREMN Notification of New Premise Licence application – Neverland Event (annual event from Summer 2024) – Old Basing**

AGREED To support the concern of Old Basing Parish Council regarding access, traffic and public nuisance. Old Basing PC will confirm their objection comment following meeting of Tuesday 03 October (tomorrow).

NOTED Statutory Consultees will include Council Licensing, Environmental Health, Public Health, Ambulance Service, Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Hampshire Highways, Hampshire Constabulary (Licensing and Strategic Planning). Parish Councils are not consultees.

However everyone can respond to a Licensing Application: four topics can be considered  
Prevention of crime and disorder – Public safety – Prevention of public nuisance –  
Protection of children from harm.

Email to [licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk). Consultation to midnight on 06 October.

Parish Council response at **APPENDIX II**

**.4 MOTO update J6** Local Parishes are united in opposing this application. Further brief consultation response submitted **APPENDIX III.**

**.5 Local Plan Update**

- i As item 3 above.
- ii EPH (Economic Planning and Housing Committee) discussed the Local Plan Update Spatial Strategy document (the Draft document as put on hold last year) at meeting on Thursday 07 September. The meeting heard a number of speakers.; discussion on individual sites carried over to meeting 28 September.
- iii Parish Council email of 06 Sept sent to EPH Councilors copied to Ward Councillors prior to 07 Sept meeting **APPENDIX IV.**
- iv Further summary from Draft LPU Spatial Strategy document at **APPENDIX V.**

**.6 Government Consultation on Local Plan-making reforms** to 18 October.

FOR INFO ONLY - Notes at **APPENDIX VI.** Proposals for a 30-month target for Local Plan preparation with a requirement for six preparation stages and three mandatory 'gateways', the second two of these to be assessed by an Inspector. Aim is for more engagement with consultees and Inspectorate earlier in the process. Changes proposed to the tests for Soundness; guidance needed re required evidence base; criticisms the Plans will be less 'robust'. Agreed no benefit in Parish Council submitting a comment.

**7 HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

- .1 Water End – Andwell bus shelter** Second round application submitted; supporting documents needed to follow, including Water End survey results.
- .2 Water End – Highways and drainage** Highways officer in communication with Iron Bull. New drainage system will require carriageway closure, likely go under the bus shelter. Note to request soakaway / filters / catchpits be installed before discharge into the Lyde.
- .3 Footpath reports** Stile –on Nately Scures FP5 (leading south from A30 just before the Baredown) – has loose bottom step, to advise FP Warden. **APPENDIX VII**
- .4 Lengthsman tasks** Investigate drainage issues by the Meet (Newnham Road ponds) 23 Oct. To clear Kingsbridge roadsides of vegetation and detritus.

**8 NEWNHAM GREEN**

- .1 Pond** HIWARG volunteer working group at the pond Saturday 23 September. Managing the Crassula is an uphill struggle but positive reports from the HIWARG team re biodiversity. Also they received expression of interest / offer of help from a local resident.
- .2 Tree – Malus sylvestris (native crab apple)** on order plus plaque and tree guard. Scheduled for planting 23 October plus installing bench on the Green.
- .3 Mowing and management**

TO RECORD Ongoing thanks to Manor Farm for all work mowing and strimming the Green this year. The Wildflower area triangle by pond to be cut soon as can schedule; then additional work and plug planting to follow.

**9 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

- .1 Audit 2022/23** Conclusion of audit notice received from BDO LLP 18 September 2022. Notice posted on website 30 September 2023.
- .2 Accounts to date** **APPENDIX VIII**

Payments since last meeting (July)

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|----|--|---------|
| 17 | PGGM – GreenCutting-Triangle                 | £168.00 |
| 18 | Clerk – Salary Aug                           | £360.00 |
| 19 | Old House at Home – Pond working group lunch | £36.35  |

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|-----|---|---------|
| 20  | Penwood Nurseries – Malus Sylvestris x1 + stake | £184.00 |
| 21a | RBLI – QGC plaque and stand                     | £154.99 |
| 21b | RBLI – Donation                                 | £5.01   |
| 22  | PGGM – Plant tree                               | £144.00 |
| 23  | Say it with Wood – Chestnut fencing guard       | £172.04 |
| 24  | Clerk – Salary Sept                             | £360.00 |
| 25  | BDO LLP – External Audit                        | £252.00 |
| 26  | PH for Argos – Printer Ink (Park Newsletter)    | £24.50  |

Income of note since last meeting

Second six month's Precept £6,450.00

Bank reconciliation to date (minus Lengthman funding) = £22,676.29

**10 REPORTS AND UPDATES****.1 Water End** report from Pauline Hedges

- i A printed copy of new Trade Directory presented to the meeting. Compiled on behalf of Water End Park residents and kindly produced, printed and donated by Park resident.
- ii Cost of Living Allowance: information continues to be circulated via the Park Newsletter, and continuing assistance offered to residents re making claims.
- iii Project for raised beds within the Park for residents to cultivate, for summer vegetables and herbs, accessible for those in wheelchairs – flagstones will be laid around. Supported by Park owner; funding applications submitted to commercial companies inviting them to contribute as part of their social corporate responsibilities.

**.2 D-DAY 80** – 6th June 2024 –email from the The Pageant Master (via HALC) 29 August.

*'We are organising D-Day 80 (06 June 2024), throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and at the site of the British Normandy Memorial, overlooking Gold Beach, one of the five Beaches landed on 80 years ago on 6th June next year, in celebration and commemoration, as well as using the event to enable communities and individuals to pay tribute, with the flames from the Beacons representing the 'light of peace'.*

*'We would like to encourage your Town or Parish Council to take part in D-Day 80; we would like to achieve the lighting of at least 80 Beacons per County, within England and Wales at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024.'* <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/>

**.3 NATURE 2030** – Supported by Wildlife Trusts and other agencies. Ref 'Save our Chalk Streams' campaign from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust **APPENDIX IX****.4 Hampshire Forest Partnership** (set up as part of HCC Countryside Services) aims to plant one million trees across Hampshire by 2050. Searching for land to achieve this.

1. Tree networks, along major road routes including A30.
2. Mini Forest projects **APPENDIX X.**

**.5 Parish Council website** Hugo Fox has provided free community websites for a number of years; now to begin charging. Their basic (bronze) package will be £9.99 per month.

AGREED To remain with Hugo Fox for time being at cost of c£120 per annum.

**.6 Clerk email address** @parish.hants.gov.uk to be discontinued in December.**11 NEXT MEETINGS** – Monday from 7pm in the Clubroom  
04 December

*Meeting closed at 10.30pm with thanks to all present*

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**APPENDIX I NEWNHAM PLANNING UPDATE – 01 OCTOBER 2023****New application since last meeting**

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[23/02203/TDC](#) (Validated 26 Sep 2023) Land At The Barracks. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of 4 new homes in accordance with Permission in Principle 23/00347/PIP.

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**Applications pending, recently decided**

[23/02077/ROC](#) (Validated 15 Aug 2023) Land Adjacent To Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Variation of condition 3 (materials) of 21/03830/FUL to amend roof tiles from Sahtas clay tiles to lifestiles ashbury hand made clay tiles.

[23/01983/HSE](#) (Validated 14 Aug 2023) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Erection of a new garage, refurbishment and internal alterations to the existing chapel building, and associated landscaping works.

[23/01683/FUL](#) (for decision by **DC Committee Date 08 November**) Validated 28 Jul 2023) Land South Of Western Railways Track OS Ref 470352 153572, Crown Lane, Newnham. Proposed trackside wifi installation: 6m high street pole and ancillary works.

[T/00241/23/TPO](#) (**Refused** 23 August, TPO certificates issued) Kiln Cottage, Scures Hill. T1-5 English Oaks - Fell.

[23/00835/FUL](#) (**Pending** 31 Mar 2023) Land Adjacent to Mulberry House, Scures Hill. Erection of 1 no. two storey detached house with integral garage and loft rooms. Creation of new access gates off existing shared private road with new driveway, fencing and landscaping. Amended scheme to that approved under 19/00768/FUL.

[23/00347/PIP](#) (**Granted 11 August ref DC 09 August**, Validated 14 Feb 2023) Land At The Barracks. Permission in principle for the erection of a minimum of 1 no. and maximum of 4 no. residential dwellings. Amended plans to include access track.

[22/02097/FUL](#) (**Pending** 09 Sep 2022) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. The construction of detached house and garage and associated access. – Recent documents and consultee comments re biodiversity net gain and trees. NOTED Tree officer requesting refusal due to 'The proposed development will require the removal of existing trees which make a positive contribution to the local landscape.'

[16/03282/RET](#) (**Pending** 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. To be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba. (Most recent comment submitted June 2019.)

**APPENDIX II.I**

# OLD BASING & LYCHPIT PARISH COUNCIL

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The Recreation Ground  
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4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Licensing Team Leader,

**NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION - Ref no: 23/01138/PREMN - Fields adjacent to Riley Lane/Newnham Lane/Wildwood Farm, Old Basing, Basingstoke, RG24 7AT**

I write to you on behalf of Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council who wish to **strongly object** to the Licence Application detailed above.

The Licensing Act 2003 requires that the activities of a licensable premises must, amongst other things, **prevent public nuisance**. Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council is extremely concerned that granting this Licence will fail to protect the amenity of the numerous residents who live within half a mile of the proposed event site, by causing significant public nuisance due to the noise that any gatherings of such a nature will create.

The nuisance will not be limited to the obvious noise made by the music and crowds at the festival itself but will be further exacerbated by day visitors leaving the site after the stated 22:30 closure either on foot or in vehicles (aggravated by the nature of the narrow rural roads making it more difficult to enable traffic to evacuate the area efficiently or safely). Furthermore, such an event takes days to set up beforehand and days to clear away afterwards, putting enormous pressure on local roads and inconveniencing neighbouring residents well beyond the three days for which the licence would apply.

Please note that the Parish Council will not be allowing the event organisers to use Riley Lane for access to or from the site under any circumstances. This is a private road which is used for the parish's cemetery, allotments, recreation ground, clubs, and playground. There is a gate across the road which is locked overnight. Alternative access points to the proposed site are no more appropriate and the traffic created by 15,000 festival visitors simply cannot be sustained by such a network of narrow and unsuitable routes.

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council urges the Licensing Committee to meet and consider the points made above, to support their concern, and to refuse the licence application.

Yours Sincerely,

Sandra Tuck  
Parish Clerk

**APPENDIX II.II**

Licensing Team  
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council  
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06 October 2023

**New Premise Licence Application – Neverland Event** (starting in 2024) - Old Basing  
Ref: 23/01138/PREMN - Fields adjacent to Riley Lane / Newnham Lane / Wildwood Farm, Old  
Basing, Basingstoke, RG24 7AT

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Newnham Parish Council writes as the neighbouring Parish to Old Basing and concurs with Old Basing Parish Council's concerns.
2. Newnham requests that the applicants produce a comprehensive travel plan to demonstrate how festival attendees will safely arrive at and leave the venue, and how this will be signed, monitored and enforced – potentially with a one way system in place. It is very hard to see how up to 15K people will be able to safely access and egress this site, it being immediately adjacent to a residential area and further surrounded by a network of rural and in many cases single track roads in both Old Basing and Newnham Parishes.
3. To consider the four areas under scrutiny and, given the location, particularly with regards to Ensuring public safety – including highway safety - and the Prevention of public nuisance:  
Public Nuisance is a common law offence involving environmental danger, or loss of amenity. S79(1) of the Environmental Act lays down conditions of compliance including physical state of premises including land – artificial light – noise, including vibrations – noise from vehicles, machinery or equipment.
4. To mention the obvious that the festival is proposed for the summer months when fire risk is greatest. It is also the time of year when residents are more likely to wish to be in their gardens and have their windows open. The Parish Council wishes to raise other environmental concerns – if public nuisance can be considered in relation to these – the festival will potentially be held at the height of nesting season; plus to consider the potential stress and so potential danger to livestock and horses.
5. The Parish Council understands that the application is for Regulated Entertainment as over 500 people and contains amplified music, performances etc. It cannot be under the Temporary Event Notice exemption as for over 499 attendees.
6. Given the location of the venue and the number of attendees proposed, the Parish Council requests that a Hearing be held to consider this application; in particular to consider:
  - The potential to not be able provide adequately for public safety and safety on the roads – for festival goers and local residents – for traffic, parked cars, adjacent premises
  - the potential not to be able to prevent public nuisance from the sources as above
  - the potential for subsequent litigation should any of these things occur.

Thanking you for your consideration

With kind regards

Susan Turner

Clerk to Newnham Parish Council

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### APPENDIX III

#### **MOTO APPLICATION – LATEST PC RESPONSE**

(28 August 2023) Case officer Nicola Marchant Land Adjacent

17/03487/FUL (Validated 02 Nov 2017) *Land Adjacent to J6 M3 Construction of a new Motorway Service Area 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.*

Newnham Parish Council strongly opposes this application, largely due to its detrimental environmental impact on the locality and particularly its great potential for harm to the River Loddon. Also in considering that the proposal brings no sustainable benefit to Basingstoke town or surrounding villages. Newnham concurs with and supports the comments made by Old Basing Parish Council. The Parish Council believes the proposal to be contrary to the decisions and actions required by the borough's Climate and Ecological Emergencies and requests it be refused.

### APPENDIX IV

EMAIL TO EPH COUNCILLORS COPIED TO WARD COUNCILLORS

Dear Councillors

Re EPH meeting of Thursday 07 September regarding the spatial strategy

Considering the potential risk of building over the Loddon Valley.

The rarity and ecological value of chalk streams is now an everyday topic – the Loddon is particularly rare in being a north (north easterly) flowing chalk stream. Once away from the surface chalk, almost all the upper Loddon Valley is made up of surface water gley soils with calcareous peat formations along the course of the river.

It is understood that the land is not within BDBC ownership.

However it is within BDBC power to designate it as a housing site and so for ever lose the opportunity to provide a wetland Biodiversity Opportunity Area - and carbon sink for the borough - or to choose not to do so.

Managing the river valley as a wetland and putting back the bends in the river would allow the Loddon to be able by itself to recover in part from the burden of taking so much of the borough's waste, and taking yet more - as well as then providing for the Borough's carbon storage.

Please capitalise on the natural potential of the Loddon Valley by planning to recreate its wetland habitat as part a landscape-scale approach to conserving biodiversity and as part of the Borough's Nature Recovery Network.

With kind regards

Susan Turner, Parish Clerk

On behalf of Newnham, and Mapledurwell & Up Nately, Parish Councils

## APPENDIX V.I

### NOTES - FROM DRAFT LOCAL PLAN UPDATE DOCUMENT, EPH 07 SEPT AGENDA PACK

#### CONSIDERATIONS ON HOUSING NUMBERS AND PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

2.21 While the NPPF remains unchanged, and if the Council wants to move forward with plan making at this time, it is considered that the only realistic option to move forward is to progress [using the Standard Method over the Plan Period as a whole](#).

However, given local issues such as the suitable and timely provision of infrastructure, uncertainty over the future of water supply and the impact of development on water quality it is considered suitable and prudent to apply a [stepped trajectory to housing provision](#).

Such an approach would also, importantly, support the delivery of strategic sites which take time to deliver due to their significant lead in times.

2.22 The stepped approach will effectively lower the housing number for the first five years of the Plan period before a step up over the longer term. With Local Plans legally requiring review every five years this will enable the housing number to be reconsidered in five years' time. A figure of just under [700 homes per year](#) is considered suitable, including a small buffer in line with the NPPF, amounting to an approximate reduction of around 20% from the current standard methodology figure for the first five years.

#### 3 DRAFT SPATIAL STRATEGY

3.1 [Papers were previously published in June 2022](#) outlining details of the previously proposed draft spatial strategy for the Plan. [As the papers were not discussed, some of the key elements of that report, most notably relating to housing allocations and also the approach to rural areas, are re-provided here.](#) In relation to proposed site allocations and policies, whilst work is continuing to refine the site assessment process, **the content of the previous report remains unchanged at this stage to enable a discussion to take place on the previous draft proposals.** The work will be revisited post committee to fully consider comments made and also the evolving evidence base, and the strategy will be updated prior to formal consultation.

#### SHORTLISTED ALLOCATIONS

3.15 The previously proposed housing allocations at and around Basingstoke are outlined below with suggested yields. [The list also includes a new settlement at Popham and the proposed employment site at Oakdown.](#)

##### Strategic Sites

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SS3.4 Southern Manydown          | 7,500 with 2,200 in the plan period |
| SS3.5 Popham Garden Village      | 3,000 with 1,400 in the plan period |
| <b>SS3.6 East of Basingstoke</b> | <b>900</b>                          |
| <b>SS3.7 Lodge Farm</b>          | <b>600</b>                          |
| SS3.8 Sherfield Hill Farm        | 300                                 |
| SS3.9 West of Upper Cufaude Farm | 240                                 |
| SS3.10 Land West of Marnel Park  | 240                                 |
| SS3.11 Weybrook Park Golf Course | 220                                 |

#### SS3.19 - OAKDOWN FARM

[The site, as shown on the Policies Map, is allocated for a well-designed and sustainable development that will: a\) Make provision for the delivery of warehousing and/or industrial floorspace \(use classes B2 or B8\)... 1.](#) The site provides an opportunity to deliver storage and distribution floorspace in a suitable location for this type of development, being located next to Junction 7 on the M3, and with good access to the local and strategic road networks. Previous applications on the site have demonstrated that the site is well-suited to meeting the commercial needs of logistics operators and would be attractive to a range of businesses

#### LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

**2.18 With regards to the River Loddon, the Environment Agency referred to the potential for better technology for treatment in the future, alongside wetlands and other catchment measures that could reduce pollutants. The Environment Act is introducing further phosphorus reductions, and the Chalk Stream Restoration Strategy will offer further protection of chalk streams.**

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| <b>APPENDIX V.II</b> |
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| <b>Milestone and explanation of milestone</b>  | <b>Date/Expected date</b> |
|--|---------------------------|
| <p><b>Potential Issues and Options consultation</b><br/>The Issues and Options consultation represents the first public consultation stage in the update process and is non-statutory.</p>   | Completed                 |
| <p><b>Consultation on draft Plan (Regulation 18)</b><br/>This statutory stage includes a six week consultation on a draft Plan, which will set out the council's preferred strategy for accommodating future growth. Comments made at this stage will help to shape the next stage of the Plan</p>   | Winter 2023/4             |
| <p><b>Publication of Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19)</b><br/>This involves the publication of the Plan in a form which the council believes to be sound and which it intends to submit for examination. This stage includes a further six week consultation period. Comments must specifically relate to the legal compliance and soundness of the plan.</p> | Winter 2024/5             |
| <p><b>Submission (Regulation 22)</b><br/>This is when the plan is submitted by the council to the Secretary of State. The evidence base and the representations made during the Submission Plan consultation are also provided to the Secretary of State. The Examination of the Local Plan starts at this point.</p>  | Spring 2025               |
| <p><b>Examination and Main Modifications</b><br/>The examination involves an independent Planning Inspector testing the plan for legal compliance and soundness. This process includes an</p>  | Summer 2025               |

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| <b>Milestone and explanation of milestone</b>   | <b>Date/Expected date</b> |
|---|---------------------------|
| <p>examination in public where public hearings are held.</p>  |                           |
| <p><b>Adoption</b><br/>The final stage in the process is the formal adoption of the Plan by the council. Once adopted it forms part of the development plan for the area and will guide future development.</p> | Winter 2025/6             |

## APPENDIX VI NOTES ON GOVERNMENT NPPF CONSULTATION

### GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN-MAKING REFORMS

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill consultation open till 18 October

*[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation)*

The Government is consulting on proposals for a 30-month target for Local Plan preparation. The aim is for Local Plans to be prepared more quickly and updated more frequently so more of them are up-to-date.

Under these proposals, the Local Planning Authorities (LPA) would be required to go through six preparation stages and three mandatory 'gateways' to get their Local Plans in place. At each gateway point, 'assessors' would check that the Plan meets legal requirements and is sound, and would flag up any potential issues. The first gateway 'may' involve assessment by a Planning Inspector, the second and third definitely would.

To help meet the proposed 30-month time frame, the test of 'Soundness', which holds up many Plans at public examination, is set to be changed to 'ensure that the evidence prepared by local authorities is proportionate'. And Plan examinations should take no longer than six months.

Re the tests of Soundness the Government is still to undertake work on how the 'alignment' test will replace the Duty to Co-operate, and also consider the test of Deliverability and the test of Meeting Development Needs.

The Local Plan's Evidence Base currently includes extensive (and expensive) evidence material to demonstrate the Plan is sound. It will be important for Government to define what evidence councils are expected to produce.

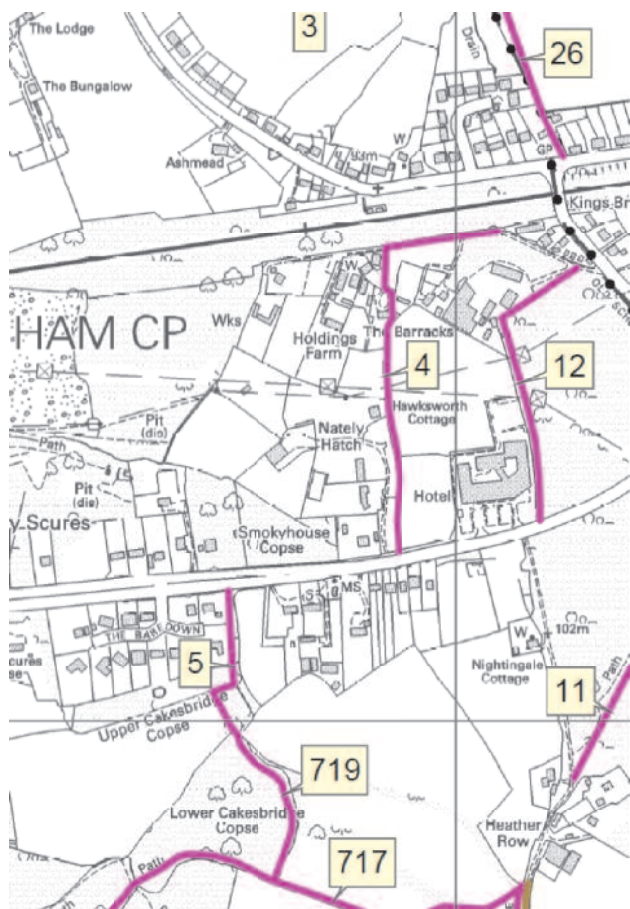
Involving Planning Inspectors at the gateway stages has been welcomed in creating greater collaboration between the LPA and the Inspectorate early on. However Planning Inspectors are in short supply; more input by Inspectors could bring more costs and if different Inspectors are involved at different stages, this could cause problems as their approaches may differ.

'Nationally defined' digital templates would set out 'standardised approaches' to parts of the Plan. However there is concern about how far 'standardisation' should go – councils must be able to customise the documents to cater for the different qualities and challenges of their areas.

The Government objective of simplifying the Plan-making process has been welcomed by planners and developers. But concerns have been raised that the proposals oversimplify such that resulting Plans may not be sufficiently 'robust' or 'ambitious', speed being achieved at the cost of quality.

*[www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1831982/14-key-proposed-changes-local-plan-making-governments-latest-consultation](http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1831982/14-key-proposed-changes-local-plan-making-governments-latest-consultation)*

**APPENDIX VII – NATELY SCORES FP 5**



**APPENDIX VIII – ACCOUNTS TO DATE**

**NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2023/24 -07 Oct**

| Balance brought forward 1st April 2023 |                                    |                   |                |                  |                |              |              |               | £14,638.76        |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Date                                   | Item                               | Precept           | Grass grant    | Other grant      | LM income      | Vat 2022-23  | Vat 2023-24  | Bank Interest | Total Receipts    |
| 24/04/23                               | BDBC Coronation Grant              |                   |                | £ 1,000.00       |                |              |              |               | £1,000.00         |
| 24/04/23                               | Parish Precept 6 months            | £6,450.00         |                |                  |                |              |              |               | £6,450.00         |
| 24/04/23                               | BDBC Grass Cutting Grant           |                   | £351.93        |                  |                |              |              |               | £351.93           |
| 29/06/23                               | HCC contribution to external audit |                   |                |                  | £200.00        |              |              |               | £200.00           |
| 24/09/23                               | Parish Precept 6 months            | £6,450.00         |                |                  |                |              |              |               | £6,450.00         |
| 2023-24                                |                                    |                   |                |                  |                |              |              |               |                   |
|  | Bank Interest                      |                   |                |                  |                |              |              | £87.15        | £87.15            |
| <b>Total</b>                           |                                    | <b>£12,900.00</b> | <b>£351.93</b> | <b>£1,000.00</b> | <b>£200.00</b> | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£0.00</b> | <b>£87.15</b> | <b>£14,539.08</b> |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  |                |              |              |               | £14,539.08        |
|  |                                    |                   |                | Interest         | April          | £9.59        |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | May            | £8.46        |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Jun            | £10.66       |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Jul            | £14.34       |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Aug            | £20.64       |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Sept           | £23.46       |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Oct            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Nov            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Dec            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Jan            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Feb            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  | Mar            |              |              |               |                   |
|  |                                    |                   |                |                  |                | £87.15       |              |               |                   |

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bal brought forward 1st April 2023 | £14,638.76        |
| Plus income                        | £14,539.08        |
| Minus expenditure                  | £6,501.55         |
| <b>Balance</b>                     | <b>£22,676.29</b> |

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| bus instant access       | £26,874.65        |
| Treasurers               | £1,801.64         |
| Minus LM funding         | £7,500.00         |
| PLUS LM VAT paid 2023/24 | £1,500.00         |
| <b>Balance -</b>         | <b>£22,676.29</b> |

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**£ 26,874.65** Balance

**NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2023/24 - 07 OCT**

| No            | Inv date   | Date paid | Supplier             | Description                                | Finance / Governance | Salary           | Expenses      | Community     | Villager       | GREEN          | CORONATION       | QGC tree       | Maintenance    | VAT            | Total            |
|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1             | 02/05/22   | 02/05/22  | PH for WE coronation | Water End Coronation                       |                      |                  |               |               |                |                | £800.00          |                |                |                | £800.00          |
| 2             | 25/03/23   | 02/05/23  | Roy Wood             | Mole contract April                        |                      |                  |               |               |                | £50.00         |                  |                |                |                | £50.00           |
| 3             | 05/04/22   | 04/05/23  | HCC+underpayment     | Signage-Newnham Rd-Green                   |                      |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                | £354.65        |                | £354.65          |
| 4             | April      | 04/05/23  | Clerk                | Salary April                               |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 5             | 11/05/23   | 11/05/23  | Cove Brass           | Brass band - Coronation                    |                      |                  |               |               |                |                | £200.00          |                |                |                | £200.00          |
| 6             | 25/04/23   | 27/05/23  | Roy Wood             | Mole contract May                          |                      |                  |               |               |                | £50.00         |                  |                |                |                | £50.00           |
| 7             | May        | 27/05/23  | Clerk                | Salary May                                 |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 8             | 06/05/23   | 31/05/23  | BHIB                 | Insurance                                  | £392.01              |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £392.01          |
| 9             | 03/04/23   | 31/05/23  | HALC                 | HALC & NALC subs                           | £281.84              |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £281.84          |
| 10            | 03/06/23   | 02/06/23  | Old House at Home    | Chairman leaving voucher                   |                      |                  | £50.00        |               |                |                |                  |                |                | £10.00         | £60.00           |
| 11            | 16/06/23   | 16/06/23  | Peter Brown          | Internal audit                             | £75.00               |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £75.00           |
| 12            | 30/05/23   | 27/06/23  | Roy Wood-last-pay    | Mole contract June                         |                      |                  |               |               |                | £50.00         |                  |                |                |                | £50.00           |
| 13            | June       | 27/06/23  | Clerk                | Salary June                                |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 14            | 30/06/23   | 30/06/23  | ST-for Go-Daddy      | Domain renewal 12 months                   | £26.97               |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                | £5.39          | £32.36           |
| 15            | 15/06/23   | 01/07/23  | Villager-2023        | Printing and editor 2023/24                |                      |                  |               |               | £854.00        |                |                  |                |                |                | £854.00          |
| 16            | July       | 27/07/23  | Clerk                | Salary July                                |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 17            | 09/08/23   | 15/08/23  | PGGM                 | GreenCutting-Triangle07Aug                 |                      |                  |               |               |                | £140.00        |                  |                |                | £28.00         | £168.00          |
| 18            | Aug        | 08/09/23  | Clerk                | Salary Aug                                 |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 19            | 25/09/23   | 25/09/23  | Old House at Home    | Pond working group lunch                   |                      |                  |               | £30.29        |                |                |                  |                |                | £6.06          | £36.35           |
| 20            | 28/09/23   | 28/09/23  | Penwood Nurseries    | Malus Sylvestris x1 + stake                |                      |                  |               |               |                |                |                  | £153.33        |                | £30.67         | £184.00          |
| 21a           | 27/09/23   | 28/09/23  | RBLI                 | QGC plaque & stand                         |                      |                  |               |               |                |                |                  | £129.58        |                | £25.41         | £154.99          |
| 21b           | £45,196.00 | 28/09/23  | RBLI                 | RBLI Donation                              |                      |                  |               | £5.01         |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £5.01            |
| 22            | 28/09/23   | 28/09/23  | PGGM                 | Plant tree                                 |                      |                  |               |               |                |                |                  | £120.00        |                | £24.00         | £144.00          |
| 23            | 28/09/23   | 28/09/23  | Say it with Wood     | Chestnut fencing guard<br>80p over payment |                      |                  |               |               |                |                |                  | £144.03        |                | £28.01         | £172.04          |
| 24            | Sept       | 30/09/23  | Clerk                | Salary Sept                                |                      | £360.00          |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                |                | £360.00          |
| 25            | 18/09/23   | 30/09/23  | BDO LLP              | External Audit                             | £210.00              |                  |               |               |                |                |                  |                |                | £42.00         | £252.00          |
| 26            | 26/09/23   | 07/10/23  | PH for Argos         | Printer Ink - Park Newsletter              |                      |                  |               | £20.42        |                |                |                  |                |                | £4.08          | £24.50           |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |            |           |                      |  | <b>£985.82</b>       | <b>£2,160.00</b> | <b>£50.00</b> | <b>£55.72</b> | <b>£854.00</b> | <b>£290.00</b> | <b>£1,000.00</b> | <b>£547.74</b> | <b>£354.65</b> | <b>£203.62</b> | <b>£6,501.55</b> |

| Inv date | Date paid | Supplier | Description | Finance / Governance | Salary | Expenses | Community | Villager | GREEN | CORONATION | QGC tree | Maintenance | VAT | Total |
|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|----------|-------------|-----|-------|
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## APPENDIX IX



**Hampshire &  
Isle of Wight  
Wildlife Trust**

We know that England's rarest and richest chalk stream rivers should be gin-clear and sparkling with vitality. Instead, they are clogged and choked by toxic chemicals, fertilisers and sewage. Drought and overconsumption are draining the life out of rivers, with devastating consequences for the wildlife and people who rely on them.

Healthy rivers are vital for our water supply, our food security and our ability to withstand a changing climate but current targets mean our rivers will remain degraded and unhealthy until at least 2063!



**'The state of our chalk streams is shocking, which is why this September we are joining with partners across the south of England in launching a new campaign to Save our Chalk Streams'**

Do you have stories of rivers near you that are struggling, polluted or have declined within your lifetime? Is there a precious river near you that you want to protect from damage? Are you already taking action to protect and restore your local rivers?

We need your photos and videos for our campaign launch. We want you to tell us your age in 2063, the date the government says our rivers will be healthy and why you think that is too late. If you are already taking action, we also want to hear what you are doing and share your story!

#### **Support our Save our Chalk Streams Campaign**

**The Government says our rivers won't be healthy until 2063 but we can't wait 40 years to clean them up.**

**We want to highlight this by asking people to submit their age they will be in 2063 and why they care about our rivers to highlight the absurdity of it taking 40 years to restore our precious chalk streams.**

**NATURE  
2030**

**Ahead of the General Election, over 70 environmental charities have joined forces to create a five-point plan for decision-makers. We want to see this reflected in all Party manifestos, to put a stop to nature's decline.**

**Will you join us? Sign our open letter to Party leaders. Ask them to commit to including these five actions into their manifestos:**

- 1. A pay rise for nature** Farmers need greater support to help nature and manage over 70% of UK land. We want to see double the current budget for nature-friendly farming in future.
- 2. Make polluters pay** Business – from companies working in finance to retail to energy – all contribute to nature's decline and should contribute to nature's recovery.
- 3. More space for nature** Just 3% of the land and 8% of English waters are properly protected for nature. We want rapid action to expand and improve protected areas, and ensure public land and National Parks contribute more to recovery.
- 4. A National Nature Service** We want lots of helping hands if nature is to recover quickly and at scale. A 'National Nature Service' would create thousands of green jobs as well as a healthier society.
- 5. A right to a healthy environment** Limited access to nature, and pollution in the air and water, affects everyone's health: An 'Environmental Rights' Bill would drive better decisions for nature and improve public health.

**Read the Nature 2030 proposals in full**

**Want to see a healthy environment, where polluters pay and there's more space for nature? Sign on today using our simple form.**

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/131895/petition/1>

## APPENDIX X: HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

From: Tree Planting Enquiries <treeplanting@hants.gov.uk> Sent: 06 September 2023 09:55  
Subject: Hampshire Forest Partnership – tree planting in Basingstoke & Deane

Hampshire Forest Partnership, an exciting new project in Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service which aims to plant one million trees across Hampshire by 2050.

### SHOOTS ALONG THE ROUTES

Over the coming weeks, we will be launching a new initiative called Shoots Along the Routes, which I hope you will be interested to get involved with.

The aim of Shoots Along the Routes is to develop a green network of trees along selected roads across Hampshire. Trees give roads a breath of fresh air. They can provide environmental, economic and social benefits to their surrounding areas. The trees will make the roadways more aesthetically pleasing, whilst also reducing air pollution by capturing and filtering out some of the pollutants caused by cars. These green buffers can also protect water quality, generate oxygen, store carbon and cool the air. The trees can also mitigate noise pollution from road traffic, reduce flooding, improve soil health and provide valuable green corridors for wildlife by enhancing biodiversity. Not only this, but being around trees makes us feel better, their beauty improves our mood. We can only benefit by driving past such wonders as we travel across the county.

The project will support tree planting on land 1km either side of the chosen roads. The selected routes have been chosen to create green networks, corridors, and linkages across Hampshire. Many of the routes have either a lack of tree canopy cover, or the potential to create linkages between existing tree cover. The routes have also been chosen to maximise the strategic benefits from tree planting mentioned above. We will support the right tree in the right place, planting only on land that is suitable, within the eligible routes. The project will support the planting of trees outside of existing woodland, new hedges, standard trees, linear woodlands, shelter belts and tree clusters. The attached map shows the routes and associated 2km-planting corridors across the Basingstoke and Deane District area and highlights the eligible land that falls within your parish.

We hope you can help us develop Shoots along the Routes and would love to work with you to create new vibrant green networks across Hampshire. Whether you are a Parish Council, local group, or landowner, please get in touch if you are interested in planting trees. Further information about Shoots Along the Routes, along with an Expression of Interest form and guidance, will be available from mid-September on our website.

Previously advertised Hampshire Forest Partnership initiative

### 'MIYAWAKI' MINI-FOREST PROJECT.

[www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/our-work/hampshireforestpartnership](http://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/our-work/hampshireforestpartnership)

'If you're a local resident, parish councillor, business, teacher, landowner or farmer who has land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.

'We're looking to plant mini forests across Hampshire. Also called a Miyawaki forest, after the Japanese botanist who invented the technique; they're created using a planting technique that can quickly establish an entire forest ecosystem [c30 different species]. These are usually about the size of a tennis court and so works particularly well in small spaces where there isn't enough room for larger woodlands. We're looking for community groups to partner with us to achieve this. Get in touch to find out more at [treeplanting@hants.gov.uk](mailto:treeplanting@hants.gov.uk)'