

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026, 7PM, VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Parish Councillors – Charles Holroyd (Chairman), Alison Barker, Paul Barnes, Nigel Long  
Clerk Susan Turner. Guests Parish Lengthsman Gordon Hunt; County Cllr Juliet Henderson.

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Nick Ralls; from Ward Councillors due to Full Council meeting.

**2 PUBLIC SESSION** No members of the public present.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 19 February, agreed and signed.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda, none.

**5 REPORTS TO MEETING**

**.1 Update from County Cllr Juliet Henderson**

- i State of the roads – For this year’s budget, County has brought £15M from capital receipts to road resurfacing – this is a permitted use for capital receipts budget. Highways contractors using new ‘Dragon Patcher’ ‘jet patching’ lorries for permanent repairs – using spray-injection to clean, fill, and seal potholes quickly. Juliet noted in wet weather and faced with millions of pot holes the team often resort to temporary patching to just get the holes filled – the permanent patching takes longer, recognisable with square edges. But roads need huge investment. County is starting disruption charging on certain roads – should avoid taking 10 days when job can be done in two. Can also imposed fines for leaving signs.
- ii Schools Some positive news that school attendance is improving. Post COVID really worried that attendance had not returned to previous levels; a lot of work on this has paid off and that does feed through into attainment. Exam results are improving and, yes, this is across the board.
- iii Meeting 18 March in Preston Candover with HCC Leader Nick Adams-King and Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones. This has become an annual event Juliet has arranged and chaired.
  - Potholes discussed – Juliet has done a pothole tour of Upton Grey.
  - BOATs discussed (byways open to all traffic). Local landowners attended, noted Five Lanes End would have been ‘wrecked’ without the closure. The resulting ecological improvement very important; a noticeable increase in number of hares; if can prove ecological improvement can continue to keep the byways closed. The devolved authority Mayor (once elected) will have the power to close byways. Comment also that temporary closure policy now seen used for other local BOATs.
  - Rural crime a big topic locally and is right down. Donna has been working very hard to tackle rural crime and involving local farms.
  - Yellow speed cameras Funding is available up to £20K towards the £90K cost.
  - PCC grant funding Apparent from the meeting the PCC has unspent grant funding budget that could potentially be used towards CCTV cameras. Cllr Henderson will make enquiries.
  - Local policing for Basingstoke Rural South all based in Tadley. Suggested that police houses should be again be available in communities they serve. Ideal, but where funding could come from to achieve this?
- iv Fly tipping – prosecution levels have gone up. Though noted coming from a very low base. New Government guidance encourages CCTV monitoring.
- v Decision on Local Government Reorganisation expected next week, 25 March.
- vi Devolution – Legislation has been presented to the Commons which will transfer devolved powers to the new Hampshire and the Solent regional authority (see .2 below). A Regional Authority without a mayor until 2028.

**.2 Devolution – Hampshire & the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA)**

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On 16 March 2026 a statutory instrument (SI) was presented to Parliament [ie laid in Parliament but not yet approved – this is the start of the parliamentary process]. The legislation will legally set up the HSCCA and define its initial responsibilities and how decisions will be made. An Interim Chief Executive has been appointed, with temporary staff to fill key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer to ensure legal operations. This legislation will transfer significant powers from central Government to the HSCCA, giving it controls over major local matters including transport, housing, regeneration, public safety, adult skills training, health and wellbeing and the environment. Local councils will still be responsible for day-to-day service decisions in their communities.

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**.3 County Councillor written report APPENDIX II.** Featuring Flytipping; Government's Schools White Paper and associated report from Nick Adams-King.**.4 Parish Lengthsman report for March**

- All Parish Council assets in good order.
- Week beginning 2nd March, diseased trees along Bidden Road have been felled.
- Monday 16th March, council surveyors were in Little Hoddington road marking the pot holes.
- I have walked all the footpaths litter picking as usual; they are all in very walkable condition.
- The gate at the junction of FP9 and Cemetery lane needs adjusting as it dose not latch. (I have done this on more than one occasion.) The problem being when anyone removes the movable post some debris falls into the hole and the post latch ends up at a different height.
- Weston Road was closed for a couple of hours in the morning one day last week for the cleaning of the drains.
- Some of the worst potholes on all the roads have been filled in.
- There is a nice new kissing gate at the top of FP6 that goes from Weston Road past Hoddington Estate.
- A villager notified by WhatsApp that one off the small children's swings is broken.
- More activity in the field next to Hunt's depot; apparently digging inspection holes to see about ground water levels re drainage. Noted there yesterday 18 March..
- Phone box – one of the door glass panes has been broken.

**.5 Chairman's report**

i Hodd update – Hoping to reopen in May, but a lot yet to be done. Complicated as Grade II listed; BDBC Conservation officers are requiring rebuild like-for-like including lathe and plaster.

ii Phone box – To order replacement glass (Action ST).

AGREED Potential for signage to be replace by live CCTV if grant funding can be achieved.

iii Water infrastructure Approach been made by *Daily Telegraph* wanting to talk about issues with sewage system in Upton Grey (Action CH and Parish Lengthsman).

**6 PLANNING****.1 Planning and tree applications – Planning update APPENDIX III.**

1A Applications for discussion – No new Parish applications.

To note application for new house at Weston Patrick – [26/00517/FUL](#). Notice forwarded by case officer as neighbouring Parish, albeit on the western side of Weston Patrick. Parish Council discussion – no issues for Upton Grey, no objection.

1B Land North of Weston Road – Groundwater investigation in the field noted. Reportedly the applicant intends to submit revised a application.

**.2 Conservation Area re-appraisal – update from CA Appraisal officer.**

'With regard to Upton Grey, and having discussed with the Conservation team, I am able to justify and support the proposals for the extension of the CA boundary as map provided and as viewed from our site visits. I have amended the draft CAA accordingly, and the map is being redrawn to reflect the proposed change to the boundary.

'Public Consultation will take place after the elections.'

- .3 MOTO M3, J6** (Old Basing Parish) Previously scheduled for Development Control (DC) Committee of 11 March; further Parish Council comment submitted and residents encouraged to make further comment. The application was subsequently withdrawn from consideration at the 11 March meeting reportedly due to the Case Officer assessing that more information is required from Thames Water.

TO NOTE Unlikely now to return to DC before summer.

- .4 BDBC leaders' initiative** re water infrastructure and housing targets  
Email from BDBC council leaders of 03 March to all Parishes re – Government Housing Targets, Water Supply Capacity and the Future of Our Communities – with copies attached of open letters sent to CEOs of the EA, Thames Water and Southern Water. Copy of email and letter to EA at **APPENDIX IV**. The Council leaders will attend Parish Council meetings to discuss.

## 7 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- .1 Accounts to date APPENDIX V** – Bank reconciliation at 19 March = £48,285.22.

Payments since last meeting (incl VAT where applicable)

71	Andy Loos – Portaloo Church Fete 2026	£225.60
72	Saunders-2454 – MaintenanceContract-FEB	£295.00
73	Lengthsman – Salary FEB	£68.50
74	Clerk – Salary FEB	£734.58
75	Lloyds – Service charge	£4.25

- .2 Budget update APPENDIX VI** – Updated as far as possible to Year End, taking all outstanding into next year, bar that definitely going to be paid this month.

- .3 Community grant application** re Autumn Festival

AGREED as per previous two years, to request from resident to underwrite the 2026 Hoddington Autumn Festival and Dance event – to a maximum of £1K.

- .4 Review of Parish Council policy documents**

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Register including Financial Risk Register

AGREED – Key policy documents as above reviewed and confirmed.

- .5 IT policy – AGAR 2025/26** new 'Assertion 10' **APPENDIX VII** requires Parish Councils to adopt an IT policy to manage technology, cybersecurity, and data protection.

AGREED – IT policy reviewed and confirmed.

NOTED Upton Grey Parish Council is compliant with other Assertion 10 requirements.

- Upton Grey's .co.uk domain name and linked email addresses continue to be lawful.
- Data Protection: Ref Upton Grey Ref Data protection policy.  
Upton Grey ICO registration Z3458962 to December 2026
- Website Accessibility: Statement from website provider:  
*'HugoFox websites are fully compliant with WCAG 2.2 AA accessibility requirements, GDPR regulations and Assertion 10. We continuously monitor standards and requirements to ensure your site always remains secure, accessible, and in compliance with current regulations.'*

## 8 HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

- .1 County Lengthsman report** from visit of 13 March. Worksheet task:

i 'Clean signage throughout village – road traffic signs, plus road name signs, direction finger signs and all signage at pond.'

Works report: *'Cleaned all signs that needed it.'*

ii 'Routine tasks for any extra time available'.

Works report *'Village Hall – litter picked, weeded parking area, cleaned all gutters and cut back vegetation round back. Recreation ground – litter picked.'*

ACTION – Next visit 9<sup>th</sup> June – To spray for weeds, weather permitting.

- .2 County gully cleaning** – Reported County Lengthsman gully clearing to HCC and requested detail of contractor schedule if available.

**.3 Speed limit reminder signs review**

Discussion

- Useful to a system which compiles ongoing and comparable traffic data. Now have two years-worth of data relating to speeding vehicles.
- To consider that this device outdated. Speed indicator devices such as those in Greywell which give the exact speed are more impressive more modern.
- The current unit is supplied on load from BDBC free of charge. Associated costs are only for management – moving it, recharging battery and downloaded data. As yet no expenditure, eg new batteries, needed. To purchase a new SID with data recorder will cost c£2.5-£3K.
- Potential to seek grant funding, including from Ward and County Cllr grant streams.

AGREED To continue managing and monitoring the current device for time being; also to consider grant funding for future replacement.

**9 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**

**.1 Village Hall** No further update

**.2 Rights for Rivers** declaration as proposed by Ward Cllr Kate Tuck **APPENDIX VIII**. BDBC Cabinet meeting of 10 March 2026 agreed:

'To adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers and note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan.'

and further noted:

'The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.'

ACTION For the Parish Council to consider adopting a similar declaration.

**10 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** Thursday 7pm, Village Hall  
April 16, May 21 (AGM), June 18 (TBC), July 16, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19.

*Meeting close 8pm with thanks to all*

**APPENDIX I: PRESS RELEASE** [www.hants.gov.uk/News/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/News/)  
HAMPSHIRE & THE SOLENT COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY (HSCCA)

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The new HSCCA website is now live at [hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk](http://hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk)

**From early summer 2026** (exact date to be confirmed), the HSCCA will have new devolved powers. This means it will be able to direct investment and deliver improvements across the region. Its main areas of responsibility will include:

- **Transport:** Responsibility for developing and implementing integrated transport strategies that improve connectivity across the region.
- **Skills and Employment Support:** Authority over adult skills funding, driving upskilling opportunities, and supporting pathways into high-quality employment.
- **Housing and Strategic Planning:** The power to prioritise and deliver new housing developments and support the provision of affordable homes.
- **Economic Regeneration and Development:** The ability to attract and retain national and international investment ensuring the region capitalises on its economic strengths.
- **Environment and Climate Change:** Implement initiatives for the region to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainability, and protect natural habitats.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Work closely with local partners to reduce health inequalities and support healthier communities.
- **Public Safety:** Working with Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority, enhance safety by supporting collaborative approaches to emergency planning, community resilience, and crime prevention.

With these devolved powers, the HSCCA will be able to lead locally driven projects, create new opportunities for economic development, and enhance infrastructure. Leaders from Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton councils will work together, alongside other board members on priorities that reflect the needs of local communities.

**The Hampshire and the Solent region has secured a major investment fund of £1.3 billion.**

This funding will support the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA), which will focus on boosting economic growth, encouraging innovation among local businesses, and creating more opportunities for communities when the Authority is created later this year.

To support the establishment of the HSCCA it will receive 40% of its investment fund each year, together with additional funding to support the HSCCA's internal capability, for the financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28. This approach will support the organisation to set up and take on its new responsibilities. The full investment fund will then be released when a Mayor is elected in 2028.

**APPENDIX II** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT MARCH*Juliet Henderson Candovers Oakley and Overton***Tackling fly-tipping:** stronger national powers to back up Hampshire's tough approach

I very much welcome this week's announcement from Government setting out new guidance. With 1.26 million incidents recorded across England last year, this is a crime that damages our countryside, costs taxpayers money, and frustrates communities who take pride in where they live.

The guidance gives councils clear instructions on how to identify, seize and, where appropriate, crush vehicles used to dump waste. It also encourages the use of CCTV, drones and ANPR to catch offenders in the act, and sets out how councils can take stronger cases to court and secure convictions against vehicle owners.

National figures show councils seized 139 vehicles last year and carried out 572,000 enforcement actions — an 8% increase — including 69,000 fixed penalty notices. The direction of travel is clear: tougher enforcement, more prosecutions, and greater transparency about those who blight our communities. Residents should report fly tipping using this link

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping>

**Government's Schools White Paper:** What It Means for Hampshire's Children with SEND  
*Report from Nick Adams-King*

The Government has now published its Schools White Paper: Every Child Achieving and Thriving, setting out major reforms to the SEND system and wider education landscape. As Leader of Hampshire County Council, I want to update you on what's being proposed — and how we, alongside our partners, are responding.

Hampshire County Council, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and the Hampshire Parent and Carer Network work together as a Local Area Partnership to improve SEND support locally. We have issued a joint response today, and I want to share the key messages with you directly.

What the Government Is Proposing

**SEND System Changes** A new tiered system of Targeted and Specialist support, with EHCPs reserved for the most complex needs by 2035.

Individual Support Plans (ISPs) for all children with SEND, extending legal rights and ensuring every school provides personalised support.

Reassessment of EHCPs at key transition points from 2029.

Digitised EHCPs and ISPs, plus national standards and a national library of interventions.

**Investment and Support**

A new Inclusive Mainstream Fund (£1.6bn) to strengthen SEND support in every school.

An Experts at Hand service (£1.8bn) to ensure every area has access to educational psychologists, speech and language therapists and other specialists.

£200m for SEND outreach in every Best Start Family Hub.

£200m to help local authorities deliver the reforms effectively.

£3.7bn nationally for new special school places and inclusion bases.

**School System Reform**

All schools are expected to join or form high-quality school trusts, including new local-authority established trusts.

**Hampshire's Joint Response** Our Local Area Partnership has welcomed several aspects of the White Paper — particularly the focus on early support, inclusion, and collaboration across education, health and care. We said:

**APPENDIX II** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT – MARCH continued*Report from Nick Adams-King continued*

*"It is reassuring to see that the Government's announcements align with the direction of travel that we have already been taking for some time in Hampshire. Our long-held belief is that meeting children's needs earlier and enabling them to access the right support close to home – in the communities they know and alongside the children they grew up with – is best for children and best for their families."*

This reflects the work we have already been doing:

- expanding specialist provision across Hampshire
- strengthening inclusion in mainstream schools
- training and upskilling school staff
- improving access to health services for children with additional needs

We also welcomed the Government's commitment to a national training programme for teachers, and the fact that these reforms come with clear financial backing – something we have long argued is essential.

At the same time, we recognise that families will have questions about what this means for their own children. We are working through the detail carefully and will continue to communicate clearly and openly as the reforms progress.

**Hampshire County Council's Position** Alongside the joint statement, I want to highlight a few key points from Hampshire County Council's perspective:

- We will strongly defend the rights of children who need EHCPs. Any changes must not reduce support for those who rely on legally enforceable provision today.
- We support ISPs in principle, but they must be robust, properly funded, and backed by real specialist capacity.
- We welcome investment but will be making the case that Hampshire's size and rurality must be reflected in how funding is allocated.
- We will continue expanding specialist provision, building on the hundreds of new places already created.
- We will work closely with parents and carers, ensuring their voices shape how these reforms are implemented locally.

**What Happens Next** The Government is consulting on these proposals until 18 May 2026. Hampshire County Council will submit a detailed response, informed by our schools, professionals and parent networks. Nothing changes immediately for families. The reforms will be phased in gradually from 2026 through to 2035. We will keep residents updated every step of the way.

End of report

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### **Reporting Highway problems**

How you can help The best and most effective way to report potholes or any highway issue is through the Hampshire County Council website or the Our Hants app. Clear locations and photos are helpful, but not essential. Reporting via email or social media can actually slow things down, as it bypasses the system our teams use to prioritise safety defects. Please see links below.

Reporting Highway Links to report road issues are here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

**APPENDIX III UPTON GREY PLANNING UPDATE 19 MARCH****NEW PARISH APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING OF 19 February**

No new applications

**PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS**

- T/00088/26/TCA (Approve 11 March) Validated 17 Feb) Fairfield House, 4 South Hill. Removal of mature grade 3 diseased Ash Tree. The smaller branches are falling every day and I am concerned that it is going to become a more serious problem with larger branches falling, possibly causing damage or harm to a person/children. Simon Gray of Hampshire Woodlands Ltd inspected the tree on 24th January 2026.
- T/00089/26/TCA (Approve 11 March) Validated 17 Feb) Roseland House, 5 South Hill. My (4 South Hill) next door neighbours' (5 South Hill) Ash tree canopy needs to be reduced. It is growing far too low over my liquid gas tank and my gas supplier has said that the branches need to be 20ft above my tank because of the fire risk. They can refuse to deliver gas to me. My neighbour, (5 South Hill) has agreed to give the tree surgeon access to his tree, in order to prune the common Ash, lower canopy, from over the gas storage, to give the required safety clearance.
- T/00087/26/TCA (Approve 11 March) Validated 17 Feb) Byways, Church Street. 'We believe the tree to be a Spruce (using photo id from ChatGPT).The work is to remove the tree.'
- 26/00226/ROC ((Pending, Validated 03 Feb) Hoddington House. Variation of condition no 1 and 5 of 23/02704/FUL (Erection of two new main entrance gate lodges and gates, construction of formal ponds and new landscaping) to make alterations to the design of the gate lodges and clay chimney pots are proposed to the top of each chimney.
- T/00071/26/TCA (Approve 01 March) Validated 05 Feb 2026) Hill Cottage, Church Street. T1- Mature Apple Tree has outgrown location and roots have started causing cracks in wall and rubbing against roofline. Dismantle and grind stump then replace with a tree more suited close to property and wall foundations such as a birch, flowering cherry or rowan.
- 25/02618/FUL (Pending, Validated 30 October) Land at Hoddington House. The construction of and excavation of a wildlife pond, the erection of a rotunda and construction of a 7-hole private golf course (part retrospective).
- Latest response on website from 'Trees' of 16 February; marked 'awaiting decision', no DC date.
- T/00135/25/TCA (Pending, Validated 13 Mar 2025) The Old Post House, Bidden Road. T1 - Norway Maple fell.

**WESTON PATRICK PARISH**

26/00517/FUL (Validated 10 March) Pingasson, Village Road, WESTON PATRICK APPLICATION. Erection of a detached dwelling and garage; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access.

**WESTON CORBETT PARISH**

25/02742/FUL (Pending, Validated 04 Dec 2025) Erection of detached storage building | Land Adjacent To Weston Mark Cottage Weston Road. Marked to be 'awaiting decision'.No objections from Landscape and biodiversity following the building moved further back into field. Though Landscape said they would welcome it being moved further back still. 'We note that the non-residential use of the building is considered acceptable, in the existing landscape context of a former agricultural field.'

**OLD BASING APPLICATIONS – MOTO**

Withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026 withdrawn from Development Control Committee (DCC) of 11 March. This due to the case officer assessing that more information is required from Thames Water. Now unlikely to be considered by Development Control Committee before the summer.

20/03130/FUL (Pending), Land At M3 J6 from J5 off slip. Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke Motorway Service Area.

25/00754/OUT (Pending, Validated 25 March 2025) Land Adjacent To J6 M3. Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

**CLIDDESSEN – UPPER SWALLICK**

26/00234/ENS (Validated 03 Feb) Upper Swallick Farm, Alton . Request for a Scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for approximately 2,500 new residential homes with the potential for later living residential dwellings, a new two-form entry primary school, extension of the of the existing half-form entry primary school; provision for pre-school day nurseries, commercial and community floorspace (which may include medical or health services), and extensive new public open space

Dear Chair, Councillors & Clerk email of 03 March 2026

Re: Government Housing Targets, Water Supply Capacity and the Future of Our Communities

We are writing to you as leader of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure to share significant findings that have profound implications for every community across this borough – and to assure you that your Borough Council is taking decisive action. Please see three attached letters.

### **The Evidence Is Clear**

Our administration has commissioned JBA Consulting to undertake a comprehensive Water Cycle Study, published in November 2025. Its findings are stark and cannot be ignored.

The Government's updated National Planning Policy Framework has imposed a mandatory housing target requiring Basingstoke & Deane to plan for 1,152 new homes every year – a total of over 21,000 dwellings during the Local Plan period to 2042. This represents a 40% uplift on previous targets. The Water Cycle Study supported by an Addendum analysis that we commissioned, has now confirmed, with hard evidence, that the water infrastructure simply cannot sustain this level of growth.

The majority of this planned growth falls within South East Water's Water Resource Zone encompassing the east of Basingstoke & Deane. South East Water has told us directly and unequivocally that the housing numbers we shared with them are considerably higher than they have factored into their own Water Resources Management Plan. Their exact words are damning: they say they "would not be able to accommodate any level of growth in excess of our current WRMP24 forecast assumptions." This effectively puts a cap on the amount of development that can take place in our borough. A new strategic transfer pipeline from Surrey Hill service reservoir towards Basingstoke is not expected to be completed until 2033 – meaning the infrastructure gap will remain for nearly a decade.

Furthermore, at a meeting held in October 2025 involving the Council, South East Water and the Environment Agency, it was confirmed that water availability is likely to be a key issue impacting growth in Basingstoke between 2029 and 2034.

### **Our Area is Already Under Serious Water Stress**

This is not a future risk – it is a present reality. The Environment Agency has classified Basingstoke & Deane as an area of serious water stress. The Water Cycle Study also found that Basingstoke & Deane is home to globally rare chalk streams – precious ecosystems fed by underground chalk aquifers that provide water for millions of people. These chalk streams are already under pressure from over-abstraction, pollution and development. England is home to 85% of the world's chalk streams, and many of ours are failing to meet Good Ecological Status under environmental law. Additional housing at the scale the Government is demanding would place these irreplaceable habitats under even greater strain.

### **A Decade of Inaction**

For over a decade, the previous administration buried these facts. Thousands of homes were built while they looked the other way, knowing full well that the infrastructure to support such levels of development was never in place. No honest assessment was made, no difficult questions were asked, and the long-term consequences for our communities and environment were never seriously considered.

The storm overflow performance across the borough tells its own story. The Water Cycle Study found that ten out of twelve storm overflows in Basingstoke & Deane are currently operating above the threshold requiring investigation. Six of these are storm tank overflows at Wastewater Treatment Works serving our communities – at Basingstoke, Kingsclere, Overton, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Silchester and Wash Water – with a further four network overflows at wastewater pumping stations also exceeding the threshold. This is the infrastructure legacy of years of unchecked development without the investment to match it.

The facts are on our side. The evidence is in our hands. We're speaking to the regulators to get them to take this seriously. We want to continue to work closely with our parish council partners and to support you in the work you are doing on this vital issue.

### **A Further Commitment to You**

We also want to reaffirm our commitment to localism and to protecting your ability to shape the future of your communities. In response to the Government's proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework – which threaten to strip further powers away from Parish Councils and abolish Neighbourhood Plans – we are committing £100,000 in the budget to support Parish Councils who wish to update or strengthen their Neighbourhood Plans. Local voices must be heard, and we will do everything in our power to protect them.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these matters further, and we would be grateful if you could share these letters with all members of your Parish Council.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Dr Paul Harvey, Leader of the Council,  
Cllr Andy Konieczko, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure

**APPENDIX IV.I – LETTER TO CHIEF EXEC ENVIRONMENT AGENCY** OF 02 MARCH 2026

Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AH

Our ref: PH/AK/AR

**RE: Urgent Call For Environment Agency Intervention On Water Supply, Sewage Infrastructure, Storm Overflows And River Quality In Basingstoke And Deane**

We are writing to ask the Environment Agency to take urgent and direct intervention in Basingstoke and Deane Borough, where the cumulative pressures of accelerating housing growth, chronic under-investment by water companies, persistent storm overflow pollution and inadequate river quality monitoring are placing our chalk streams and waterways at serious risk. The evidence from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's own Regulation 18 Local Plan Updates (January–March 2024 and November 2025–January 2026), its 2022 and 2025 Water Cycle Study, expert review of that study, parliamentary debate, and published data from Thames Water and the South East Rivers Trust, collectively demands a robust regulatory response that only the Environment Agency can provide.

**1. The Scale of Planned Growth and Its Water Implications**

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has finished consultation on its' Local Plan covering the period 2024 to 2042 which, under revised national planning policy, requires significantly more housing than previously planned. Now 21,000 homes in the plan period. An uplift of 40%. The Council's Regulation 18 Draft Spatial Strategy (2025) identifies growth scenarios delivering thousands of new homes —including in settlements served by already constrained wastewater treatment infrastructure, such as Whitchurch, Overton, Oakley, North Waltham and the wider Basingstoke urban area, as well as the Loddon area to the north east and east of the borough. The borough has already seen some of the highest rates of housebuilding in Hampshire over the past two decades, and its water and sewage infrastructure has not kept pace.

The Council's 2022 Water Cycle Study (WCS), commissioned to support this updated Local Plan, identified significant water-related constraints on planned housing growth across three critical domains: water resources, water quality, and flood risk. An expert review of that WCS, commissioned by the Whitchurch Conservation Group and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and prepared by Archon Environmental (November 2022), found serious concerns about the adequacy of planned wastewater treatment capacity, particularly in the upper River Test catchment, and about the risks posed by sewage effluent to the chalk aquifer and the internationally important chalk stream network.

**1a. The 2024 Water Cycle Study Addendum and the November 2025 Regulation 18 Consultation**

The November 2025 Regulation 18 consultation — focused on the borough's Draft Spatial Strategy for the period 2024 to 2042 — was accompanied by an Addendum to the 2022 Water Cycle Study (WCS Addendum, 2024), published as part of the updated evidence base. This addendum included an assessment of the water environment in relation to the expanded growth scenarios being proposed at that time, including large strategic allocations and a number of smaller sites in rural settlements.

The WCS Addendum acknowledged continuing constraints on wastewater treatment capacity, confirmed that Basingstoke STW remains the dominant discharge point into the upper Loddon, and noted outstanding requirements for infrastructure upgrades to accommodate growth. The addendum recognised the need for nutrient neutrality mitigation in the River Test catchment, where the Local Plan's Policy ENV4 requires all net new development discharging into the Test and Itchen system to demonstrate nutrient neutrality to avoid adverse effects on internationally designated habitat sites downstream. However, the addendum has not resolved the fundamental question of how the substantially increased housing numbers now proposed under revised national planning policy — including thousands of homes on sites not previously allocated — can be accommodated without material deterioration in the quality of either the Loddon or the Test.

Critically, the 2025 Regulation 18 consultation is itself an acknowledgement that the growth trajectory has increased significantly since even the January 2024 Regulation 18 consultation: new national planning policy introduced through the revised National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) has increased the borough's housing requirement, prompting a fresh call for sites and a revised spatial strategy. Representations to the 2024 Regulation 18 consultation, including from environmental groups and legal experts, highlighted that the Council's own Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning publicly described national government changes to nutrient neutrality policy as a "huge step backwards for our waterways," warning that government was "effectively allowing local planning authorities to ignore technical advice" — a warning that now applies with even greater force given the scale of allocations being contemplated in the November 2025 draft. The Environment Agency, as the body with both the expertise and the statutory powers to hold water companies to account, must not allow the pace of delivery to outrun the pace of infrastructure delivery, and therein we seek your help.

**2. Water Supply and the Chalk Aquifer**

Basingstoke and its surrounding communities depend on the chalk aquifer for drinking water. Evidence submitted to the Regulation 18 consultation process demonstrated that the Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies already prohibit further abstraction during low flow periods for the Upper Loddon, and that South East Water imports a significant proportion of its supply from outside the area. Crucially, the water supply system between Farnham and Basingstoke currently flows predominantly towards Basingstoke — a strong indication that local aquifer resources are already insufficient to meet existing demand.

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The Environment Agency's own blog has acknowledged that groundwater levels in parts of the South East have reached historically low levels, with chalk aquifers under sustained pressure from over-abstraction and reduced recharge resulting from climate change. Yet the planned housing trajectory in Basingstoke and Deane will place further demand on these already stressed resources. We seek help from the Environment Agency to ensure that water companies serving this area have robust, evidence-based Water Resources Management Plans that adequately account for this trajectory, they do not at this time, and that no abstraction licences are renewed or extended without comprehensive assessment of cumulative impacts on the chalk streams of the Loddon and Test systems. We are deeply concerned that there simply isn't the supply water needed to match future demand.

**3. Sewage Treatment Capacity and Infrastructure Investment**

The River Loddon – a rare, northward-flowing salmonid chalk stream, one of only around 200 of its kind in the world – receives treated effluent from the Basingstoke (Chineham) Sewage Treatment Works, operated by Thames Water. The works are positioned at a point where the Loddon is little more than a stream, making the dilution ratio extremely low and the river highly vulnerable to any deterioration in effluent quality or any unplanned discharge. The River Test catchment in the west of the borough is served by several smaller wastewater treatment works at Whitchurch, Overton, Oakley and North Waltham.

The Archon Environmental review of the 2022 WCS found that the actual dry weather flows at several WWTWs were approaching or exceeding permitted levels. The review also identified the risk posed by sewage effluent discharging to ground – via infiltration drainage – from WWTWs in the Upper Test catchment, where rapid fissure flow through the chalk could carry contaminants quickly into the river system.

Thames Water's own published investment plan lists an upgrade to Basingstoke STW – still being designed as of May 2025 – with a target completion date of 2027. Critically, Thames Water's site-specific page acknowledges that this location is not expected to meet all government targets for storm overflows until 2040–2045.

We have seen hundreds of hours of dumping storm overflow into the Loddon. Tankers are literally queuing to access the Basingstoke and Sherfield on Loddon STWs. They are pumping into pipes in surrounding communities because of the wait to access the STWs. This is utterly unacceptable and causing huge concern to local communities.

The 2040-45 date to address these issues is an unacceptably distant horizon given the volumes of development already consented and coming forward in the borough. Basingstoke STW is notably absent from Thames Water's initial AMP8 list of ten priority major capital projects (covering sites such as Maple Lodge, Didcot, Oxford, Rye Meads and Bracknell), re-enforcing concern that the works are not being treated as a priority investment. We ask the Environment Agency to use its regulatory powers to require Thames Water and Southern Water to publish binding, independently verified infrastructure delivery plans for all WWTWs in this borough that are proportionate to the scale of planned development, and to impose enforceable compliance milestones.

**4. Storm Overflows: An Ongoing Crisis on the Loddon**

Storm overflow discharges into the River Loddon are a well-documented and persistent problem. Parliamentary records show that in the first four months of 2020 alone, storm overflows occurred 40 times into the Loddon during an exceptionally wet period in April of that year, when the combined sewerage system was overwhelmed. Basingstoke sewage treatment works dumped raw sewage into the River Loddon for 410 hours in 2020. Independent reporting confirms that storm overflows have continued to discharge into the Loddon in more recent years. We know raw sewage was dumped in the River Loddon for unacceptable periods of 938 hours in 2024. In the last six months evidence from Thames Water shows dumping into the Loddon at Basingstoke for over 310 hours, Sherfield on Loddon for Over 323 hours, Mortimer for over 1,208 hours, Silchester for over 1238 hours and Ramsdell for over 698 hours.

These are not an isolated incidents – and reflect a structural problem with combined sewerage systems in Basingstoke, where developers have enjoyed an automatic right to connect surface water drainage from new homes to the combined sewer, vastly increasing the volume of rainwater entering the system during storm events.

The South East Rivers Trust's River Loddon Storymap, published in 2023, identifies sewage spillages, phosphate loading and wastewater pollution as major challenges facing the catchment, and warns that the risks to river health will intensify as the population of Basingstoke, Wokingham, Fleet, Aldershot and Sandhurst continues to grow in line with proposed development plans across the sub-region.

The Environment Act 2021 created new statutory duties for water companies to reduce and eventually eliminate storm overflow discharges and to monitor water quality upstream and downstream of overflows and sewage treatment works. We ask the Environment Agency to use its powers under that Act, and under the Environmental Permitting Regulations, to require Thames Water to publish a detailed, site-specific Storm Overflow Reduction Plan for Basingstoke STW and each associated overflow point on the Loddon and its tributaries, reflecting the small size and ecological sensitivity of the receiving watercourse. The government's national Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan must not be applied with a one-size-fits-all approach: a chalk stream the width of the Loddon at Chineham requires a far more protective standard than a large lowland river with substantial dilution capacity.

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The Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (Regulation 18) Policy ENV9 on Water Quality commits to protecting and improving water bodies that are failing Water Framework Directive (WFD) requirements and includes a monitoring mechanism linked to the River Basin Management Plan. However, representations to the Regulation 18 consultation – including from legal and technical experts – raised serious concerns that this policy is not adequately linked to WFD targets, does not protect the chalk aquifer itself, and that existing monitoring is insufficient to detect the direction of change within individual water quality elements before band deterioration occurs.

The Archon Environmental review found that existing Environment Agency monitoring data showed elevated orthophosphate and ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations at multiple points in the Upper Test catchment, with concentrations at some monitoring stations reflecting the influence of wastewater treatment effluent. There are also acknowledged data gaps regarding organic contaminants in groundwater, and insufficient monitoring of subsurface pathways by which effluent from chalk-discharging WWTWs in the Upper Test catchment can reach the river.

We respect the Environment Agency has a statutory duty to monitor WFD water body status. We seek help from the Agency to increase the frequency and geographic coverage of water quality monitoring in the Loddon and Test catchments, to include real-time or near-real-time monitoring at key points upstream and downstream of all significant discharge points, and to make this data publicly available in a meaningful and accessible format. Where water company self-monitoring data is relied upon – as is the case for treated effluent quality reporting at WWTWs – the Environment Agency should ensure adequate independent verification.

**6. The Need for Coordinated Intervention Before Further Development Consents Are Granted**

The Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan will, when adopted, provide the framework for consenting thousands of new homes over the period to 2042. Planning Policy for Water in England requires that development should not increase flood risk and should not be permitted where adequate wastewater treatment capacity does not exist or cannot be guaranteed. Water quality modelling undertaken for the previous Local Plan found that additional development during the plan period would cause deterioration in water quality affecting the Loddon, and recommended continuous environmental monitoring to ensure no significant impact on the water environment. We note with concern that the most recent draft WCS (2025) considers how infrastructure upgrades will be required to accommodate the expanded growth scenarios now being proposed.

We would welcome the Environment Agency, as a statutory consultee on the Local Plan process, providing the Council with clear and unequivocal advice that no further large-scale residential allocations can be confirmed in this Local Plan until water companies have published binding, publicly accessible, and independently scrutinised infrastructure delivery commitments.

**7. Our Calls to the Environment Agency**

In light of the evidence set out above, we ask the Environment Agency to:

First, urgently engage with Thames Water and Southern Water to require binding, publicly available infrastructure delivery plans for wastewater treatment works in Basingstoke and Deane that are proportionate to planned development growth to 2042, with enforceable compliance milestones.

Second, require that Basingstoke STW is included as a priority site in Thames Water's AMP8 investment programme, and use enforcement powers where investment commitments are inadequate or delayed.

Third, require Thames Water to produce and publish a site-specific Storm Overflow Reduction Plan for Basingstoke and the River Loddon, with a programme to meet all storm overflow targets ahead of the current 2040–2045 horizon – reflecting the exceptional ecological sensitivity of the receiving watercourse – and to enforce these requirements robustly.

Fourth, substantially increase the frequency, spatial coverage and public accessibility of water quality monitoring in the Loddon and Test catchments, with independent verification of water company self-monitoring, and establish real-time monitoring upstream and downstream of all significant discharge points.

Fifth, ensure that abstraction licensing decisions affecting the chalk aquifer serving Basingstoke and Deane fully account for the cumulative impacts of planned development, that no new or renewed licences increase pressure on already over-stressed chalk resources, and that Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies are updated to reflect the latest evidence.

The River Loddon and the chalk streams of the Test headwaters are irreplaceable ecological assets – globally rare, locally beloved, and wholly dependent on the regulatory protection that only the Environment Agency can provide. The evidence gathered through the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan process, the critique of the 2022 Water Cycle Study, and years of documented storm overflow incidents demonstrate that the status quo is failing our rivers. We urge the Agency to please act with the urgency this situation demands.

We are grateful for the partnership we have with the Environment Agency and we seek to work together to secure the future for our precious water ways.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Dr Paul Harvey Cllr Andy Konieczko Leader of the Council Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure

INCOME: UPTON GREY 2025/26 - 19 MAR								
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2025								£38,652.36
Date	Description	Precept	Grass	Grants	Tennis subs	Bank interest	VAT reclaim	TOTAL
28/05/2025	Precept six months	£12,000.00						£12,000.00
28/05/2025	BDBC Grass cutting grant		£1,292.47					£1,292.47
	BDBC CIF - Solar			£14,300.00				£14,300.00
29/09/2025	Precept six months	£12,000.00						£12,000.00
13/11/2025	Cllr Count grant			£500.00				£500.00
06/01/2026	VAT reclaim 2024/25						£46.00	
06/01/2026	VAT reclaim 2025/26						£1,215.92	£1,261.92
	Tennis							
2025/26	Bank Interest Business account					£1,226.11		£1,226.11
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£24,000.00</b>	<b>£1,292.47</b>	<b>£14,800.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,226.11</b>	<b>£1,261.92</b>	<b>£42,580.50</b>

£42,580.50

Receipts and Payments Summary	
Start balance	£38,652.36
Plus Income	£42,580.50
Less Expend	£32,947.64
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£48,285.22</b>

Bank reconciliation	
Lloyds-Treasurers	£33.76
Lloyds-Business	£17,147.92
Lloyds-95-day Notice	£30,000.00
Interest 95-day account	£1,103.54
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£48,285.22</b>

TENNIS ACCOUNT		
Balance from	2024/25	£17,703.48
Income	2025/26	
Expend	2025/26	£190.00
Balance to t/o		£17,513.48

VAT to reclaim 2025/26 £178.58  
Tennis subs to pay in £2,195.00

**COMMUNITY ACCOUNT** 30-93-32 0152534  
UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL  
£ 33.76 Current balance  
£33.76 Available funds  
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**COMMERCIAL INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT**  
UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL SAVINGS  
£ 17,147.92 Balance

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**95 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT** 21192663L5  
£ 31,103.54 Balance  
2.63% Gross p.a. (variable)

EXPENDITURE UG 2025/26 - 19 MAR					Salaries	Governance/ Admin	Community / Grants	Maintenance				SLR	Village Hall	Village Hall solar	Tennis	VAT	TOTAL
Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description					Contract	General	Playground	Pond						
<b>SUB-TOTALS APRIL TO SEPTEMBER</b>					<b>£4,921.68</b>	<b>£1,479.92</b>	<b>£1,614.83</b>	<b>£1,761.00</b>		<b>£1,625.94</b>		<b>£600.00</b>	<b>£371.85</b>	<b>£10,705.54</b>		<b>£852.96</b>	<b>£23,933.72</b>
43	20/10/2025	20/10/2025	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
44	18/10/2025	27/10/2025	Saunders-2407	Strimming Churchyd extn					£150.00								£150.00
45	18/10/2025	27/10/2025	Saunders-2402	MaintenanceContract-OCT				£295.00									£295.00
46	OCT	27/10/2025	Lengthsman	Salary OCT		£68.70											£68.70
47	OCT	27/10/2025	Clerk	Salary OCT		£734.58											£734.58
48	13/11/2025	28/11/2025	Saunders-2425	MaintenanceContract-NOV				£295.00									£295.00
49	19/11/2025	19/11/2025	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
50	19/11/2025	20/11/2025	CleanwaySport11739	De-mossing etc tennis court											£190.00	£38.00	£228.00
51	NOV	28/11/2025	Lengthsman	Salary NOV		£68.50											£68.50
52	NOV	28/11/2025	Clerk	Salary NOV		£734.58											£734.58
53	28/11/2025	28/11/2025	Broadley Aqu 4612	Pond clearing x 2-man							£750.00						£900.00
54	04/12/2024	04/12/2024	ICO	Data protection register		£47.00											£47.00
55	16/12/2025	16/12/2025	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
56	01/12/2025	18/12/2025	Vision ICT 21242	Domain, email hosting		£150.00										£30.00	£180.00
57	17/12/2025	18/12/2025	SimoneS.Ltd-10499	ATC-WestonRd-01-12Dec			£356.80									£71.36	£428.16
58	17/12/2025	18/12/2025	SimoneS.Ltd-10502	SIDx6-04Aug-09Dec2025								£300.00				£60.00	£360.00
59	16/12/2025	29/12/2025	Saunders-2444	MaintenanceContract-DEC				£295.00									£295.00
60	22/12/2025	29/12/2025	Defib Store-59589	Smart pads iPad SP1					£68.00							£13.60	£81.60
61	DEC	29/12/2025	Lengthsman	Salary DEC		£68.50											£68.50
62	DEC	29/12/2025	Clerk	Salary DEC		£734.58											£734.58
63	Oct-Nov-Dec	29/12/2025	HMRC	LM-Oct,Nov,Dec PAYE		£51.40											£51.40
64	09/01/2026	31/12/2025	Hugo Fox	Website Hosting			119.88									23.98	£143.86
65	14/01/2026	29/12/2025	Saunders-2448	MaintenanceContract-JAN				£295.00									£295.00
66	19/01/2026	19/01/2026	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
67	JAN	28/01/2026	Lengthsman	Salary JAN		£68.70											£68.70
68	JAN	28/01/2026	Clerk	Salary JAN		£734.58											£734.58
69	30/01/2026	31/01/2026	J Smith & Son-2044	Village Hall roof repairs									£585.00			£117.00	£702.00
70	19/02/2026	19/02/2026	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
71	17/01/2025	27/02/2026	Andy Loos	Portaloo Church Fete 2025			£188.00									£37.60	£225.60
75	18/02/2026	29/12/2025	Saunders-2454	MaintenanceContract-FEB				£295.00									£295.00
62	FEB	27/02/2026	Lengthsman	Salary FEB		£68.50											£68.50
73	FEB	27/02/2026	Clerk	Salary FEB		£734.58											£734.58
74	17/03/2026	17/03/2026	Lloyds	Service charge		£4.25											£4.25
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>£8,988.88</b>	<b>£1,822.30</b>	<b>£2,159.63</b>	<b>£3,236.00</b>	<b>£218.00</b>	<b>£1,625.94</b>	<b>£750.00</b>	<b>£900.00</b>	<b>£956.85</b>	<b>£10,705.54</b>	<b>£190.00</b>	<b>£1,394.50</b>	<b>£32,947.64</b>
					Salary	Governance/ Admin	Community / grants	Maintenance contract	Maintn general	Playground	Pond	SLR	Village Hall	Village Hall Solar	Tennis	VAT	TOTAL

£32,947.64

UGPC Y/E COMPARISON			UG-2025/26				2026/27 BUDGET - MAR 2026	2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT	EXPENDITURE
2022/23 YEAR END	2023/24 YEAR END	2024/25 YEAR END	EXPENDITURE	TO DATE @ 19 MAR	LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET			EXPENDITURE
£8,042.76	£8,844.00	£9,374.64	Salaries	£8,988.88	£9,843.37	£9,843.37	£10,138.67	£10,645.61	Salaries
£240.00		£480.00	Clerk's allowance		£240.00	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00	Clerk's allowance
			Expenses			£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	Expenses
£340.00			Training			£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	Training
£1,601.89	£1,454.34	£1,900.59	Admin/Governance	£1,822.30	£1,822.30	£1,950.00	£2,000.00	£2,050.00	Admin/Governance
		£855.00	Legal costs (VH)						
£4,244.20	£865.00	£1,594.00	Community/ grants	£2,159.63	£2,159.63	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	Grants to Community
	£2,000.00								
£750.00	£6,909.59	£1,696.12	VH-(REF shop grant)	£956.85	£956.85	£300.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	VH-shop grant
							£656.85		
			VH Hire (PC meetings)				£250.00	£250.00	VH Hire (PC meetings)
	£300.00	£600.00	SLR management	£900.00	£1,200.00	£925.00	£950.00	£975.00	SID management
									MAINTENANCE
£2,911.00	£3,313.00	£3,425.00	Maintenance contract	£3,236.00	£3,596.25	£3,596.25	£3,740.10	£3,889.70	Maintenance contract
£675.00		£30.00	Pls contract for cemetry				£450.00	£468.00	Contract increase Cem
		£710.93	Pond fence						Pond fence
	£1,190.00		Pond trees				£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Pond tree(Pear&Alder)
	£1,750.00		Pond clearing	£750.00	£750.00		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Pond clearing
	£422.91	£265.22	Liner & bank repair						Liner & bank repair
				£272.65	£272.65				Playground Inspection
			Play equip / maint	£1,353.29	£1,353.29		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Play equip repair
£135.45	£298.45	£88.27	Maintenance general	£218.00	£218.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Maintenance general
			Assets / capital expend						
£2,000.00	£495.00	£395.00	Tennis	£190.00	£190.00				
			Pond project				£1,500.00		
	£450.83		Jubilee trees						
	£399.75		VH cutlery						
	£1,495.00		VH energy audit						
	£5,357.82	£4,492.18	VH-BDBC-CIF-kitchen						
		£3,594.46	Village Hall -CIF-Solar	£10,705.54	£10,783.39	£10,783.39			
£1,217.09	£4,278.36	£2,162.32	VAT - expend	£1,394.50	£1,394.50				
£22,157.39	£39,824.05	£31,663.73	TOTAL EXPEND	£32,947.64	£34,780.23				
£20,157.39	£39,329.05	£31,268.73	Expend - less tennis	£32,757.64	£34,590.23	£34,958.01	£27,681.92	£27,588.31	Expend less tennis

UGPC Y/E COMPARISON			UG-2025/26 - SUMMARY				2026/27 BUDGET - MAR 2026	2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT	INCOME
2022/23 YEAR END	2023/24 YEAR END	2024/25 YEAR END	INCOME	TO DATE @ 19 MAR	LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET			INCOME
£15,250.00	£18,605.00	£22,326.00	Precept	£24,000.00	£24,000.00	£24,000.00	£24,409.00	£25,141.27	Precept
£1,279.67	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	Grass Cutting Grant	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	Grass Cutting Grant
	£2,000.00	£500.00	County Cllr-grant-pond	£500.00	£500.00				
£569.40	£850.40		Ward Cllr-grant-pond				£1,000.00		
	£1,495.00		HCC PTI grant						
		£9,500.00	VH-BDBC-CIF-kitchen						
			CIF-Village Hall Solar	£14,300.00	£14,300.00	£14,300.00			
£1,700.00	£1,710.00	£7,300.00	Tennis		£2,195.00				
£29.34	£372.17	£299.71	Bank Interest	£1,226.11	£1,250.00	£400.00	£800.00	£800.00	Bank Interest
	£3,743.33	£3,962.44	VAT reclaim last yr	£46.00	£46.00				
			VAT reclaim this yr	£1,215.92	£1,394.50				
£18,828.41	£30,068.37	£45,180.62	TOTAL INCOME	£42,580.50	£44,977.97				TOTAL INCOME
£17,128.41	£28,358.37	£37,880.62	Income less tennis	£42,580.50	£42,782.97	£39,992.47	£27,501.47	£27,233.74	Income less tennis

UGPC Y/E COMPARISON			UG-2025/26 - SUMMARY			2025/26 BUDGET - DRAFT	2026/27 BUDGET - DRAFT	2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT	TOTALS
2022/23	2023/24	2024/25 YEAR END	TOTALS	TO DATE	LATEST ESTIMATE				TOTALS
£3,328.98	£9,755.68	£13,516.89	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£9,632.86	£10,197.74				
£34,891.15	£25,135.47	£38,652.36	Bank balance	£48,285.22	£48,850.10				
£300.00	£1,215.00	£6,905.00	SURPLUS/DEFICIT-TENNIS	£190.00	£2,005.00				
£3,028.98	£10,970.68	£6,611.89	SURPLUS/DEFICIT-PC	£9,822.86	£8,192.74	£5,034.46	£180.45	£354.57	SURPLUS/DEFICIT-PC
£9,583.48	£10,798.48	£17,703.48	BALANCE - TENNIS	£17,513.48	£19,708.48				
£25,307.67	£14,336.99	£20,948.88	BALANCE - PC	£30,771.74	£29,141.62	£25,983.34	£28,961.16	£28,606.59	BALANCE - PC

UGPC RESERVES POLICY 2025/26	
General reserve (= level of Precept)	£24,000.00
Earmarked Reserves	
Tennis fund	£19,708.48
Playground reserve	£5,141.62
Total - based on latest estimate	£48,850.10

BUDGETED RESERVES 26/27	
	£24,409.00
Earmarked Reserves	
Tennis court fund	
Playground fund	£4,552.16
Total - ParishC	£28,961.16

## APPENDIX VII



## AGAR ASSERTION 10 COMPLIANCE

### AGAR 2025/26

1. Assertion 10 of the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR) for 2025/26 – 'Digital and Data Compliance' – replaces previous data compliance coverage under Assertion 3.  
 The New Assertion 10 requires councils to confirm they have:
  - adhered to data protection laws
  - managed digital risks
  - used official email domains.
  
2. Key elements of Assertion 10 compliance include:
  - i Email Management: Councils must use generic, official email accounts hosted on an authority-owned domain (e.g., clerk@abcparishcouncil.gov.uk) rather than personal or generic email providers.  
 Upton Grey's .co.uk domain name and linked email addresses continues to be lawful.
  - ii Data Protection: The council must demonstrate compliance with the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, including proper data handling, storage, and training.  
 Ref Upton Grey Data Protection Policy .  
 Upton Grey ICO registration [Z3458962 to December 2026](#)
  - iii Website Accessibility: Sites must meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 AA and have an up-to-date accessibility statement.  
 'HugoFox websites are fully compliant with WCAG 2.2 AA accessibility requirements, GDPR regulations and Assertion 10. We continuously monitor standards and requirements to ensure your site always remains secure, accessible, and in compliance with current regulations.'
  - iv Documentation: Councils must have an IT policy to manage technology, cybersecurity, and data protection.\*
  
3. \*The 2025 Practitioners' Guide introduces a requirement for an IT Policy to strengthen governance and compliance.  
 Paragraph 1.54 of the Practitioners' Guide 2025 states:  
 'All smaller authorities (excluding parish meetings) must... have an IT policy. This explains how everyone – clerks, members and other staff – should conduct authority business in a secure and legal way when using IT equipment and software. This relates to the use of authority-owned and personal equipment.'  
 . As per NALC Guidance:  
 'An IT policy helps parish and town councils set clear expectations for the appropriate use of IT equipment and systems, raise awareness of potential risks associated with IT use, safeguard the council's data and digital assets... Having a robust IT policy isn't just about compliance. It's about good governance and digital resilience.. and show transparency and accountability through the AGAR.  
 Ref Upton Grey Data IT Policy 2026.

## APPENDIX VIII RIGHTS OF RIVERS

BDBC Cabinet meeting of 10 March 2026

### Adoption of a Declaration on the Rights of Rivers

That Cabinet

- 1) Adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers as set out in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 2) Note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan. The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.

#### Appendix Three - Declaration for Adoption

Declaration on the Rights of the Rivers in the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane

Humans depend on our rivers to provide clean water for drinking and sanitation, fertile soil, and regeneration but rivers also support an extensive diversity of species and ecosystems and play a vital role in the functioning of the Earth's continuous water cycle. Rivers are also one of the largest natural carbon-transport systems on our planet, moving land-based carbon to be stored in the oceans and providing temperature regulation functions.

This Council recognises that rivers are vital to the ecological health, cultural heritage, and future sustainability of Basingstoke and Deane. In the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, these waterways also include our globally rare, ecologically fragile and irreplaceable chalk streams. The Borough contains the springs and headwaters of the River Loddon and River Test as well as important tributaries of the Itchen and the Kennet. Rivers and the wetlands they create give many communities a sense of place and identity. Many towns exist in their place because of a river. Despite this, rivers across the UK, and here in Basingstoke and Deane, face increasing pressures from pollution, over-abstraction, habitat degradation, and climate change. Communities increasingly demonstrate that they care for their rivers and concern grows for the poor state of our rivers' ecological health, which increasingly impacts public health.

**To address these growing threats and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations, this council resolves to formally recognise the Rights of Rivers, drawing inspiration from the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers.**

1. The Right to Flow – to follow natural and seasonal flow patterns.
2. The Right to Perform Essential Functions within its Ecosystem – to sustain the hydrological and ecological processes that underpin the health of the waterways and landscape.
3. The Right to be Free from Pollution.
4. The Right to Feed and Be Fed by Sustainable Aquifers and other freshwater sources – to be replenished by, and to replenish, groundwater systems without unsustainable depletion.
5. The Right to Native Biodiversity.
6. The Right to Regeneration and Restoration – to recover from damage, including through active protection, remediation and investment in habitat restoration.

#### **This Council therefore declares that:**

1. The intrinsic rights of rivers within the jurisdiction of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will be acknowledged.
2. It will work with community groups, river trusts and environmental experts to identify and support the practical recognition of these rights.
3. It will support local initiatives and citizen monitoring efforts that protect and restore river health, such as citizen science water testing, riparian buffer planting, natural flood management and creating wildlife corridors.
4. It will embed river rights principles into council policies, where appropriate, particularly those concerning planning, development, land use, water quality, water management, and biodiversity.
5. It will commit to Council projects and strategies taking account of the principles of Rights of Rivers and chalk streams taking appropriate measures to protect these ecosystems and delivering enhancements where possible.
6. It will advocate to national and regional bodies, including the Environment Agency, the adoption of river rights frameworks and enhanced protections for our chalk streams and freshwater ecosystems.