



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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Planning committee

Monday 12th January 2026, 7pm

Old Magistrates Court

AGENDA

Date of agenda: 7th January 2026

To: All Members of the Planning committee

Cllr Mark Giddins

Chair

Cllr Victoria Walker

Vice chair

Cllr Jim Halliday

Cllr Gwyneth Lewis

Cllr Lorraine Oates

Cllr Colin Sanderson

Cllr Margaret Crick

Mayor, ex-officio

Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management Committee, ex officio

To all other Members of the town council for information only

Dear Member,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Old Magistrates Court**.

If you would like to provide written comments on any of the items in this agenda, please submit them to the town council as soon as possible so that the committee members are able to view them in advance of the meeting. If written submissions are received on the day of the meeting, they may not be read.

All planning applications can be viewed on the [Vale of White Horse District Council website](#).

Should any committee member be unable to attend and wish to appoint a substitute to the meeting, they should email enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk.

Any queries on the agenda should be directed to me.

Yours sincerely

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Town Clerk/Chief Executive (signed electronically)

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council Our Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

Our key objectives

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

SECTION 1 - open to the public and media

1. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from committee members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct.

3. **Public participation**

To receive any statements and questions. These should be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk no later than 5pm on Friday 9th January 2026. This may either be by letter to the address above or by e-mail to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk.

4. **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the draft minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee of [15th December 2025](#).

5. **Planning Decisions and Notifications**

District planning applications can be [viewed online](#)

- a. To note the planning decisions and notifications from the District and County Councils, please follow this [link](#) for the applications.
- b. To note the planning notifications from the District and County Councils, please follow this [link](#) for the applications.

6. **Planning Consultations & Applications**

District planning applications can be [viewed online](#).

- a. To consider the planning consultations and amendments from the District and County Councils, please follow this [link](#) for the applications.
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7. **Other Consultations**

To consider

Oxfordshire County Council's Street Design Code:

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council have been contacted by an Urban Designer working at Oxfordshire County Council regarding the development of the Oxfordshire Street Design Code - a clear, rule based, countywide reference that brings our street design guidance into one place and sets consistent standards for both new developments and retrofit schemes. The aim is to: make it easier for everyone who plans, designs or delivers streets to achieve safe, inclusive, and high-quality outcomes.

A reply has been sent expressing Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council willingness to participate in helping to develop Oxfordshire's Street Design Code.

8. **Abingdon Development Updates**

To receive any updates on:

- a. North Abingdon Development (Original applications: [P17/V1336/O](#) & [P17/V0050/O](#))
- b. Culham Development (Original application: [P24/S1759/O](#))
- c. Dalton Barracks Development (Link to Dalton Barrack Gardon Village [website](#))
- d. South East Strategic Reservoir Updates – Thames Water (Link for the SESRO [website](#)).

News alert from South Oxfordshire District Council: Council leader calls for answers on emergency discharge from the proposed Abingdon reservoir.

- Please see details on South Oxfordshire District Council's website by clicking [this link](#)

- e. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB)

9. **Albert Park Conservation Appraisal**

To receive a draft of the Albert Park Conservation Appraisal report.

10. **Neighbourhood Plan**

To comment on the Neighbourhood Plan and receive any updates from councillors.

11. **Joint Local Plan (2041) – South & Vale District Councils**

To comment on the proposed Joint Local Plan and receive any updates from councillors.

12. **Traffic Advisory Committee**

The next meeting date is 28th January 2026.

13. **Planning Policy & Legislation changes**

To note:

- a. The Vale of White Horse Planning office overview of the changes to the planning system.
- b. **News alert** from Vale of White Horse Oxfordshire District Council: **Thames Valley devolution expression of interest submitted to government**
An expression of interest letter to create a mayoral strategic authority (MSA) within the Thames Valley has been submitted to government following discussions and agreement by 13 councils within the region.
 - Please see details on Vale of White Horse District Council's website by clicking [this link](#)

14. **Dates of future meetings**

2 February
23 February
16 March
13 April
11 May