



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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### Planning committee

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7pm**

**Old Magistrates Court**

### AGENDA

**Date of agenda: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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 **Planning committee** to be held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm** in 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](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk).

Any queries on the agenda should be directed to me.

Yours sincerely

*Cherie Carruthers*

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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 13 March 2026. This may either be by letter to the address above or by e-mail to [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk).

### 4. **Minutes**

To sign as a correct record the draft minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee of [23 February 2026](#).

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

7. **Other Consultations**

To consider:

i) **Copenhagen Drive (Abingdon) Proposed Toucan Crossing & Shared Use Footway / Cycleway**

Oxfordshire County Council are seeking your views on the proposal to construct the following features on Copenhagen Drive, in Abingdon – which are being put forward to help improve active travel routes & road safety in the area:

- a) a new Toucan Crossing (a signal-controlled crossing for use by both pedestrians and pedal cyclists) to be located approx. 26 metres west of the roundabout junction with Wootton Road.
- b) a short section of the existing ‘segregated’ foot & cycleway on the southern side of Copenhagen Drive, approaching the proposed new crossing west of the Wootton Road roundabout, will be converted to a shared-use path, allowing both pedestrians & pedal-cyclists to safely access the crossing facility.

Please find the following consultation documents attached:

- [Public Notice](#),
- [Consultation Plan](#).

Details of the scheme and the **survey** are available on Oxfordshire County Councils consultation portal at the address below:

[https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon\\_copenhagendrive\\_toucanshared2026](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon_copenhagendrive_toucanshared2026)

The consultation closes at **5:00pm** on **Friday 3rd April 2026**.

ii) **Certificate of Adoption of Highway**

**Highway works at Aldi Food Store, land west of Wootton Road, Abingdon  
Highways Act 1980 – Section 278 Agreement dated 30 Sep 2022**

Aldi Stores Limited, Holly Lane, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 2SQ

The following works have been adopted by Oxfordshire County Council as highway maintainable at the public expense from 6 Mar 2026:

PARISH	ROAD NAME	ADOPTED HIGHWAY	LENGTH
Abingdon	Wootton Road	• As shown on the attached plan.	3m

PARISH	ROAD NAME	S278 WORKS
Abingdon	Wootton Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of a new bellmouth access to serve Aldi food store from Wootton Road (B4017)</li> <li>• Construction of new ghosted right turn lane into site</li> <li>• Installation of Toucan crossing on the Wootton Road</li> <li>• Plane out and resurfacing of the Wootton Road between tangent points of the access. 50m of 68+ PSV on approach in both directions to the Toucan crossing</li> <li>• Construction of maintenance bay</li> <li>• Installation of a new gully and manhole with associated connections</li> <li>• White lining works within the vicinity of the access and on the Wootton Road</li> <li>• Alterations to existing shared cycleway/footway in the form of new signage and corduroy paving along the Wootton Road.</li> </ul>

The attached 1:1250 scale plan shows coloured the area adopted.

**In the County Council's opinion there is no longer any reason for any land charge relating to this Section 278 Agreement to remain in place.**

- [S278 Certificate of Completion](#)
- [S278 Highway Adoption Plan](#)

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. White Horse Reservoir Updates / South East Strategic Reservoir – Thames Water (Link for the SESRO [website](#)).
- e. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB)

9. **Albert Park Conservation Appraisal**

The draft of the Albert Park Conservation Appraisal report will be presented at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

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**

To note the minutes of the [28 January 2026](#) Traffic Advisory Committee.

13. **Planning Policy & Legislation changes**

To note or consider any changes:

**Five Councils outline how a two-unitary proposal would reimagine council service delivery across Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.**

Council leaders have set out how the proposal to replace seven councils across Oxfordshire and West Berkshire with two, streamlined, more cost-effective unitary councils is the only option on the table that puts service-improvement at its heart, while retaining a clear local focus in each area.

Please follow this [link](#) for the article.

14. **Dates of future meetings**

13 April  
11 May

15. **Exclusion of the public, including the Press**

The Chair may move “that in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as summarised below.” Subject to the approval of the above motion the meeting will then move into confidential session.

16. **Abingdon Developments**

To review a planning and property report from the Chair.