

Notes and actions from North Wokingham Community Forum

Old Forest Road Traffic Calming

A public consultation has been launched to hear views on whether WBC should seek to reduce the speed limit in Old Forest Road to 30mph now and install the traffic calming measures on the road that are required if a lower limit is to be enforced. This consultation closed on June 28 and the results are being considered.

Enforcement action against Linden Homes

WBC is looking to take enforcement action against Linden Homes for breach of planning conditions relating to out-of-hours work. Due to weaknesses in enforcement legislation, WBC prefers to work with developers to solve problems (which is generally more effective).

Linden Homes apologised to residents at the meeting and stated that, in order to improve compliance on site, it has employed a security manager who can act independently from the site manager and reports to a senior representative at Linden Homes. Linden has also re-written to all its sub-contractors to remind them of the hours of work and other site rules.

Linden also confirmed that a contractor who was abusive to residents has been sacked and will no longer work for Linden Homes.

Land at Summerfield Close and condition of Emm Brook

Residents complained about the condition of land bought by WBC for the North Wokingham Distributor Road at Summerfield Close. Resident stated the land had become overgrown with brambles and believed this was contributing to increased flood risk at the brook.

A WBC flood risk officer has since investigated this site and found that the brook is flowing freely and the brambles are not causing any increased flood risk. WBC has also been in communication with the residents who raised the issue and are investigating what can be done about the brambles.

North Wokingham Distributor Road

During discussion it was confirmed that:

The NWDR will be delivered in full, with some sections to be built by Balfour Beatty under contract with WBC and others to be built by developers. (Update since meeting: the section through Matthewsgreen is now open.)

There will be no parking allowed on most of the NWDR once WBC has adopted it, although there may be some sections of parking.

WBC will only adopt sections of the road once it is satisfied with the conditions and all snags and legal issues have been resolved

Other issues covered:

The primary school and community centre will share a site but will have separate entrances and will meet all safeguarding and security requirements.