

## HRA Update Wednesday 9 March 2022, our fifty-second Update

### HRA ANNUAL LITTERPICK VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

**As part of Spring Clean 2022**

**HRA is organizing a  
LITTER PICK OF OUR LOCAL  
STREETS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am – 12.00noon**

**Everyone welcome so come along and help us tidy up  
our neighbourhood. We provide gloves/equipment  
and refreshments afterwards.**

**WE'LL ASSEMBLE AT THE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD  
ON ALL SAINTS ROAD AT 10AM**

**JOIN US!**

Further information from HRA at 07930 366645  
<https://highfieldresidents.weebly.com/events.html>

**Development of Co-op site, 152 London Rd:** City planning officers have [published a recommendation](#) that the Planning Committee should refuse permission at its meeting on March 8th.

The recommended reasons to refuse are, paraphrased in brief (see the report linked above for the full text):

- Proposing too large of a building that is visually discordant with its immediate neighbours
- Harming and dominating views of St Andrews School, a heritage asset
- Providing insufficient on-site parking
- Failure to provide sufficient car trip data regarding the existing or projection regarding the proposed development
- Overlooking of the school and Stile Road properties
- Providing a poor outlook and amenity for hotel guests
- Failure to demonstrate sustainable design and construction

**Update on Pollution of Boundary Brook:** The discharge reported in our previous Update was related to a [Geo-Exchange construction project](#) at Brookes University's Gipsy Lane Campus. The water apparently came from the deep bore holes being dug and therefore contained the natural blue clay sediment found in Headington - no chemicals were involved. There was a licence in place to discharge the water into the foul water drain but unfortunately, an error was made in the connections. A statement on Brookes' [public webpages](#) provides further information.

**Consultation on Plans for Land North of Bayswater Brook:** This site is allocated for development in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan adopted in December 2020, which forms the basis for all planning decisions in the district and has been thoroughly scrutinised and consulted on. Members of the local community are invited to give their initial views on the draft masterplan and vision for developing the site. For information, a feedback form and map see: [www.bayswateroxford.co.uk](http://www.bayswateroxford.co.uk) The consultation will close on Thursday 31 March 2022.

Events are also being held locally and online to enable people to find out more and speak to members of the project team.

Date / Time	Venue	Venue Information
<b>Fri 11 March</b> <b>16.30-20.30</b>	<b>Barton Park Primary School</b> <i>Barton Fields Rd, Headington, Oxford OX3 9WN</i>	<b>Parking:</b> limited onsite parking is available at the venue <b>Nearest Bus stop:</b> Primary School (X3 Service)
<b>Sat 12 March</b> <b>11:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Community Hall</b> <b>Barton Neighbourhood Centre</b> <i>Underhill Circus, OX3 9LS</i>	<b>Parking:</b> limited onsite parking is available at the venue <b>Nearest bus stop:</b> Underhill Circus (X3, 8 Services)
<b>Tues 15 March</b> <b>18.00-19.30</b>	<b>Online webinar</b> <a href="#">Click here to register</a>	A Zoom presentation from the project team, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to take part in this consultation, 10,000 homes and businesses around the site have been sent details, announcements have appeared in the local press, and posters have been distributed.

Written feedback can be sent: via the website (address as above), by printed feedback form available at the in-person events, by email to [info@bayswateroxford.co.uk](mailto:info@bayswateroxford.co.uk), or by letter to Bayswater Team, c/o Camargue, Eagle Tower, Cheltenham GL50 1TA.

Deadline for comments: Thursday 31 March. For assistance or to discuss the plans with the project team, phone **0800 144 8907** or email [info@bayswateroxford.co.uk](mailto:info@bayswateroxford.co.uk)

**Hope for Britain's Urban Hedgehogs:** Key findings of the latest *State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2022* report, published by People's Trust for Endangered Species ([PTES](#)) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society ([BHPS](#)) confirm that following the long decline in hedgehog numbers, differences between urban and rural populations are increasingly apparent.

- In urban areas, there is a stable population showing signs of recovery. This highlights the importance of gardens and green spaces, and local action by people.
- Rural populations remain low. In the last two decades, numbers have continued to decline by between a third and three-quarters nationally, the greatest decline being in eastern England.

**Oxfordshire County Council Interactive Covid-19 Dashboard:** See the facts at:

[https://phddashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/?utm\\_source=YourOxfordshire&utm\\_campaign=41e26f4a48-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_02\\_26\\_11\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_206c6fb447-41e26f4a48-408038548](https://phddashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/?utm_source=YourOxfordshire&utm_campaign=41e26f4a48-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_02_26_11_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206c6fb447-41e26f4a48-408038548)

**Headington News** website: <https://www.headington.org.uk/news/today.htm>

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HRA Covid-19 Support Group: [hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com](mailto:hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com)

**Useful contacts for people seeking information or help outside the HRA area:**

Local data on Covid-19 <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19/controlling-local-coronavirus-outbreaks/stopping-spread>

Oxford Hub: <https://www.oxfordhub.org/>

The City Council provides a single point of contact for people to ask for help they may need as a result of Covid-19: [oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance](http://oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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