



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

Work on the development - now known as Arborfield Green - continues to progress. Proposals for Parcel Q will be considered by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) shortly.

The interactive maps at the following link give a useful overview of how the development is moving forward. www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/

A planning application has been submitted for the construction of the **Arborfield Cross Relief Road** linking the A327 Reading Road and the A327 Eversley Road. The 2.3 km route includes a shared-use path for cyclists and pedestrians, two new roundabouts, a new staggered priority junction at Swallowfield Road and a new shared-use green bridge. The Application number is 172209 and the closing date for comments is 15 September 2017.

Subject to planning approval construction is due to take place from late 2018 to summer 2020.

Local events and information

- **Finchampstead Library events - 24 and 25 August**
There is a **Family Play and Learn with Lego** session this Thursday 24 August from 10am to 12 noon. Places cost £5 and must be booked in advance - contact Catriona on 0118 9743797 or email catriona.macmillan@wokingham.gov.uk
A **mini bug model** session takes place this Friday 25 August from 10.30am to 11.30am. Places must be booked - telephone the Library on 0118 9088176 or for more information or visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries
- **Summer Bike Bonanza - 24 August**
A free session for all the family at the FBC Centre playing fields this Thursday 24 August from 11am to 3pm. Bring your bike along or borrow one to try out. There will be security marking, bike and puncture repair, a treasure hunt and other activities. To find out more visit www.myjourneywokingham.com or email myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk
- **Wellington College Gardens - 27 August**
A unique chance to visit the quadrangles and gardens of Wellington College not normally open to the public. The Gardens will be open from 2pm to 5pm in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Guided tours available, also tea and cakes. Access via the main entrance on Dukes Ride, post code RG45 7PT. www.tvairambulance.org.uk/open-gardens
- **The Swallowfield Show - 27 and 28 August**
The 133rd Swallowfield Show takes place this weekend at Swallowfield Park. Events include horse and dog shows, trade stands, artisan foods, a classic car display, an art and history exhibition and much more. Visit www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk for more information.
- **Simple Lunch**
The Simple Lunch is a joint community venture between the Parish of Finchampstead and California, and the Finchampstead Baptist Church. Lunch is served in the St Mary & St John's Parish Centre, Billing Avenue, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. There is a small charge. All are welcome.
- **Tea and Chat**
Tea and Chat takes place on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 2pm to 3.30pm at the St Mary & St John's Parish Centre. Anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat, drink and cake.



Local road and transport updates

Bus Service changes

The Reading Buses Leopard 3/3B bus service will have a revised timetable and will be extended to Bracknell town centre from 4 September 2017. Buses will run from Reading to Bracknell via Shinfield, Arborfield and Finchampstead (Nine Mile Ride). The service will run hourly including on Sundays and Public Holidays.

There is not a Sunday bus service between Finchampstead and Wokingham.

For more information contact Reading Buses at www.reading-buses.co.uk or Traveline at www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

Nine Mile Ride and Park Lane footway improvements

WBC is creating a new Safe Route To School - a continuous path for Finchampstead pupils to walk to the new Bohunt School in Arborfield. Creation of the route involves off peak road closures so that improvement works can be completed in safety. Park Lane will remain closed until 23 August. The Nine Mile Ride will be closed in two phases from 24 August until 5 September. Access for residents, affected businesses and emergency services will be provided and the Leopard 3 bus service will continue as normal.

Nine Mile Ride and Park Lane

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order reducing the speed limit on sections of Nine Mile Ride and Park Lane from 40mph to 30mph has been confirmed. This will come into effect shortly - look out for the new signs.

Fleet Hill

Consultation has taken place on another proposed Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit on the B3348 Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph from the Tally Ho to west of The Village where the limit reduces to 30mph. The Order has not been confirmed to date.

Hedges and other vegetation

If your property adjoins a road or path please check that vegetation on your property is not overhanging or encroaching and cut back as necessary. Encroaching vegetation can obscure sight lines for drivers, and can cause pedestrians to have to walk in the road. This is particularly dangerous for the less mobile, visually impaired or people with young children.

'Adopt a Street' and help keep our Parish clean

We are very grateful to our 'Adopt a Street' volunteers who help to keep their local area clean and tidy. We would like to have more volunteers - we can supply green sacks which you can put out with your blue bags, and litter pickers and tabards. There is no firm commitment - just do what you can, every little helps. If you are interested please get in touch - details below.

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