

SODC Councillor's Monthly Report January 2019

SODC Local Plan (2011 to 2034). The SODC Local Plan was voted through by 22 votes to 9 on December 20th. It is now out for public consultation from January 7th to February 18th. There will be a public drop in exhibition organised by SODC in Chalgrove Village Hall on February 7th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Shield will also be organising a Village drop in session on January 27th. Public comments together with the Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by April 1st. If you want to be given a chance of speaking at the Examination in Public you will need to register on the consultation form. I must stress that even if you responded last year it is vital that you respond again for your comments to be seen by the Planning Inspector. We will have to wait and see when the Examination in Public is to be held, but it will probably be anytime between May and September of this year.

The Plan still includes Chalgrove Airfield allocating 2050 homes during the Local Plan period (2011 to 2034) with the balance of 950 later. As I have always said it will be the National Planning Inspector who will decide where the Strategic Housing sites to help the City of Oxford actually are allocated in the final plan. We are pleased that in the SODC Local plan Chalgrove Airfield has slipped from the top preference site to sixth of the eight sites in order of preference in the plan since the plan was rejected in the Spring of 2018. A major change is the allocation of three green belt sites on the edge of Oxford City.

Applications for the District Councillor's Personal £5000 Grants budget.

I am pleased to say the at the last-minute applications which will take up my full £5000 grant were submitted. Officers are now processing the mass of last-minute applications before consulting me for approval and the amounts to be allocated for the new applications.

Chalgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This was approved by the full SODC Council meeting on December 20th. Three cheers for the NDP team led by Cllr Jacky Nabb on finally getting this through the process with an overwhelming majority of Chalgrove residents supporting it in the referendum.

What to do with your Christmas tree if you're a garden waste (Brown Bin) customer.

We'll come and collect it on your first brown bin collection day after Christmas, which is the week commencing Monday 14 January- just put it out next to your brown bin. Please don't put it in the bin as it's often difficult for the crews to get out. Trees larger than 6ft must be cut down. **Don't worry if you miss the collection during this week – please simply put your tree out before the end of January on your brown bin day.**

If you're not a garden waste (Brown Bin) customer. Drop it off at Notcutts Garden Centre in Nuneham Courtenay before Sunday 13th January.

David Turner
7th January 2019