



Amen Corner

Land Adjacent to Amen Corner North of London Road and East of A 329(M)

Planning Application [232026](#).

An outline planning application for the erection of up to 45 residential dwellings has been submitted to WBC and there is a public consultation which lasts until 21st September 2023. Full details are available on their [planning portal](#).

The site is located on the border of Hurst, but the indicated [access to the site](#) is in Bracknell Forest.

More details about the application are available on the HVS [website](#). It is important to note that this site is included as a draft residential allocation within WBC's emerging Local Plan Update.

This application has also been submitted on the basis of a presumption in favour of sustainable development as Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) cannot currently demonstrate a five year land supply and therefore the applicants are making the case that the policies most relevant to determining this application are considered out of date. The comments made by the Planning Inspector at the recent Tape Lane Inquiry are worthy of note; that whilst in terms of The National Planning Framework they may be "considered" out of date that doesn't necessarily mean they can't still be given some weight.

Please get in touch and let us know your thoughts, email planning@hvs.org.uk

Tape Lane Appeal - Surplus Funds

In order to appear as a Rule 6 Body at the recent Planning Inquiry into the planning application on the land East of Lodge Road (Tape Lane) and specifically to fund a Barrister to assist in the preparation and presentation of a case to support Wokingham Borough Council, acting as the Planning Authority, Hurst Parish Council raised the necessary funds by seeking voluntary donations from across the Hurst Community. HVS was one of many individuals and groups that were pleased to provide financial support and HVS made a donation of £7,000.

Donations totaling £33,155 were received by HPC, of which £6,360.80 was not spent during the appeal. HPC have decided to retain these remaining funds, keeping them "ring fenced" for use if the need arose for any similar planning inquiries in the future. The Council has made it clear that they will return a proportion (19%) of any individual's or group's contribution on request.

The HVS Committee believe that we should request the return of the HVS share of the remaining funds (£1,342.95), rather than having the funds sitting in a ring-fenced account outside our control. It goes without saying that HVS would of course consider similar funding requests from the Parish Council in the future. We would be interested to hear the opinions of our members regarding this. Please email planning@hvs.org.uk.

Walden Acres Appeal ([232201](#))

An Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Wokingham Borough Council to refuse planning permission for the proposed erection of three 2 storey dwellings with associated car port parking, bicycle storage and amenity space.

The Appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations. Representations can be e-mailed to west2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk but must be received by 9th October 2023 and must quote the appeal reference APP/X0360/W/23/3322416. The Appellants Statement can be viewed [here](#), as well as on the [WBC portal](#).

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