

REPORT TO SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL NOV 2020

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GENERAL OCC REPORT

NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FROM 5 NOVEMBER

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced a four-week national lockdown for England, with strict new measures coming into force from Thursday. The move comes in the wake of rapidly rising infection levels across the country and a significant rise in hospital admissions. The lockdown measures are designed to stem the spread of the virus, prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed, and save lives. From 5 November, people will be told to stay at home unless they have a specific reason to leave, such as education, childcare, and work which cannot be done from home. Pubs, restaurants, and non-essential shops and businesses will have to close, although hospitality venues can continue to provide takeaway and delivery services. Schools, colleges, universities and early years settings can remain open. People must not meet socially indoors or in a private garden with family or friends who are not part of their household or support bubble. People are also being asked to avoid travelling in or out of their local area and to reduce the number of journeys they make. For full details see www.gov.uk OCC is working rapidly to identify how the new measures will affect service delivery and what action is required. Contingency plans are in place across all services. Further updates will be issued soon.

OCC CHALLENGES GOVERNMENT PLANNING

Residents in Oxfordshire are being assured that national changes to planning laws that could reduce local democratic input on key decisions are being challenged by local councillors. OCC Cabinet members have written a response to government to reflect their concerns over future planning policy as set out by in a recent high-profile consultation.

PARENTS URGED TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN VACCINATED AGAINST FLU

Parents in Oxfordshire are being urged to have their young children vaccinated against the flu this winter. Children aged two and three can have a free, quick and painless nasal spray vaccine at their GP surgery. In addition, children in primary school and those in year seven can have the nasal spray vaccine via the school nurse service. Ansaf Asaf, Director of Public Health at Oxfordshire County Council said: "It's more important than ever that everybody eligible gets a free flu vaccination this winter. Young children don't have to get an injection, and instead can get a quick, painless nasal spray. By ensuring that young children get their vaccinations, we can also help to protect our older and more vulnerable friends and family members by reducing the risk of transmission."

FLU VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY

The full list of those who are eligible for a free flu vaccine on the NHS is below:

- People aged 65 years and over
- Patients aged from six months to 65 years in clinical 'at risk' groups (see below)
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 2 and 3
- Children in primary school and Year 7
- People in long-stay residential care homes
- Social care and hospice workers who provide direct patient contact
- Health and social care staff working in residential/nursing homes
- Patients on the NHS shielded patient list
- Household contacts of carers and those on the NHS shielded patient list

SPECIFIC OCC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

OBSCURED/MISSING YELLOW LINES AT JUNCTION OF MILL LANE AND MILL ROAD

As previously advised, sweeping was undertaken on 13th July. Ironically, the crew arrived a couple of weeks later to undertake the siding-out and relining but could not do so because of parked cars. I have chased again for a revised date for the work.

NETWORK RAIL DELAYED TRACK REPLACEMENT IN SHIPLAKE

As previously advised, this matter is outside the remit of OCC but officers tried to be helpful and discover the reason behind the decision, however no more information has yet been forthcoming from Network Rail.

IMPACT OF ROAD WIDENING ON A4155 AT THAMES FARM

Data is now in for the southern and central site, but the northern survey (nr Bolney Lane) is being re-run 13th-19th November due to equipment failure.

STEEL GATE POSTS ON MILL LANE (FERRY LANE) NEAR 'THE DEN'

As previously reported, unauthorised steel gateposts and a gate have been erected on Mill Lane. OCC Public Rights of Way gave the person responsible until 15th October to remove them. This was not done and the deadline has been extended to 20th November, after which time enforcement action will be taken. A complaint has also been received from Network Rail about concrete blocks being deposited on the lane. The same person has been asked to remove these.

REPAIRS TO MILL LANE VERGES

The agent of the owners of Lock End wrote to the PC on 13 February giving an undertaking to repair the damage to the verges in Mill Lane caused by construction traffic once the project had been completed. Please advise if the PC is intending to contact the agent in respect of this.

POTENTIAL FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE THAMES

I understand this to be the position of the PC: *Shiplake Parish Council is not supportive of proposal at this stage due to the overcrowding on Shiplake meadows, bridge jumping and vandalism at boat moorings experienced during the summer months.* This is broadly my own view and I will communicate it to Wargrave's bridge working party

SPECIFIC SODC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

THAMES FARM: P20/S2808/DIS (DRAINAGE)

As previously advised, this drainage proposal from Taylor Wimpey (TW) has major implications for the village. Residents are now well aware of the details and around 150 objections were lodged on the SODC website. There was incredulity that TW had not been asked to undertake a revised Flood Risk Assessment (FRA). TW has now agreed to do this and an updated FRA is anticipated later this month.

P20/S2103/FUL PROPOSED ERECTION OF 20 DWELLINGS TO REAR OF CROSSWAYS

I have objected to this in both my capacity as County Councillor and as District Councillor. The PC Planning Committee has been copied on my response.