

New Local Plan consultation

On Wednesday 29 March we published our draft Local Plan for consultation, which will run for seven weeks. This is our fourth round of consultation – this version of the plan goes into greater detail than before and includes changes and additions based on feedback during earlier consultations.

The plan and all associated documents, along with information on how to provide feedback is available at www.southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan

We are also holding some public exhibitions for people to find out more:

- Didcot, Cornerstone - Wednesday 5 April, 1-7pm
- Wallingford, Regal Centre – Friday 7 April, 3-7pm
- Thame, Barns Centre – Saturday 8 April, 10-4pm
- Henley, The Christchurch Centre – Saturday 22 April, 10-4pm

Thame Leisure Centre upgrade

Swimmers at Thame Leisure Centre will benefit from a major upgrade to their changing area this year, thanks to a £353,000 investment from us.

The planned refurbishment includes improved group changing and shower areas, new bench seating, lockers, toilets, dryers, and ceilings with LED lighting.

Work on the changing area is expected to start on Monday 3 April and will take around 14 weeks to complete. During this time the swimming pool and all other facilities will remain open with a temporary changing area available pool side.

More than £1million for community groups

We are providing more than £1million in grant funding to 16 community groups, charities and support organisations across the district.

This revenue grant funding will help groups to pay for costs such as salaries, rent, rates, marketing, transport and utilities, and will mean that important services such as support for disabled people, carers, and the elderly, can continue to be available locally for South Oxfordshire residents.

The groups receiving funding are:

- Age UK Oxfordshire - £93,289
- Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre - £56,814
- Community First Oxfordshire - £74,250
- FISH Volunteer Centre - £12,000
- Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire - £66,706
- My Life My Choice - £16,840
- Nomad Youth & Community Project - £80,000
- Oxfordshire Association for the Blind - £25,000
- Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre - £52,500
- Riverside Counselling Service - £65,000
- South & Vale Carers Centre - £83,508
- South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance - £94,000
- Style Acre - £66,000
- The Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children - £100,000

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- Thomley Activity Centre - £97,500
- TRAIN - £79,297

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information on any of these items, or indeed any issues not addressed here.

Kind regards



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