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### **Platinum Jubilee celebrations this summer**

SODC now has a webpage dedicated to the celebrations, for residents, businesses and our town and parish councils to find out what they need to do arrange an event, what events are happening locally, what's happening nationally and what we are going to be doing as a council to mark this special occasion.. These pages will be updated as we get more information, and we will share the details on our social media and regular newsletters. For more information, visit:

[southoxon.gov.uk/platinumjubilee](https://southoxon.gov.uk/platinumjubilee)

### **Oxfordshire Climate Change survey**

The county council is running a survey to discover people's understanding of and opinions about climate change across Oxfordshire.

This is part of a countywide project we're involved in to increase awareness of the impact of climate change and inspire behaviour change.

The survey results will be used to help develop a new online tool to help people across Oxfordshire find climate actions they can take which are relevant to them.

Residents can take part in the survey using

[https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-change/survey\\_tools/survey14870](https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-change/survey_tools/survey14870)

### **Reminder on the Planning Application Call-In Process**

If you wish either of us to call in a planning application for the planning committee to determine (rather than an officer under delegated powers), we need to refer to material planning matters to ensure the audit trail for making that decision is clear and unambiguous. We can only call in applications within 28 days of them being registered. We have to send copies of our request to the case officer and the Development Manager.

Applications categorised as major (defined as ten or more dwellings, commercial space of over 1,000 square metres, or any sites over a hectare in size) or in applications classified as minor (from one to nine dwellings) where the officer's recommendation for approval/consent is in direct conflict with the clear and unambiguous views of the parish/town council or parish meeting (in whose area the application is located) where Chair of the Planning Committee and relevant ward councillors Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee and us as ward councillors should go to the planning committee anyway.

(NB Since I asked for a call in when the application off Hartley Close was first submitted, it should go to the SODC planning committee for determination if the planning officer recommends approval.)

### **Street naming consultation**

The government is asking people to comment on proposals to alter process for changing street names. This includes replacing the current system with a single requirement for a residents' vote on any changes to street names and some changes to regulations and statutory guidance for councils. To find out more and to have your say visit <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/planning-reform-legislation/technical-consultation-on-street-naming/>

(Requests such as these are probably more likely to come from parishes than district?)

### **Water Safety**

Water safety advice is being issued by Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service. Drowning in the UK is amongst the leading causes of accidental death. There were ten water related fatalities in Oxfordshire between 2020 and 2022. There is a useful summary here: <https://www.henleyherald.com/2022/04/25/fire-service-issue-water-safety-advice/>

### **Accommodation for Ukrainians**

SODC is working with the other Oxfordshire Councils to help Ukrainians wishing to seek refuge here. District councils are responsible for checking that accommodation offered is suitable for those arriving but this can only be done once a link has been established between those offering space and Ukrainians wanting it. Once the new residents are installed, the financial arrangements are put in place.

### **No Mow May**

In addition to existing wildflower meadows, this month SODC will trial leaving additional areas of land uncut for No Mow May, a national campaign aiming to let grass grow long to help boost biodiversity.