

CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

15/05/25 CPRE – Details of a petition campaigning for an urgent change in the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) calling on the government to address inconsistencies in the definition of 'grey belt' that CPRE says are hugely damaging to the continued existence of the Green Belt.

15/05/2025 Nationwide – Important information required for tax purposes.

20/05/2025 HCC Highways – Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 7 July 2025 for a period of up to 18 months. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Bridge Road, Woolmer Green from its junction with B197 London Road north westwards to its junction with Hall Lane, a distance of approximately 25m, except for access. For utility works.

20/05/2025 North Herts Council - NHC has recently commenced a review of its Local Plan. The timetable for plan preparation is set out here: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/local-development-scheme-0> Asking for confirmation (by email to Local.Plans@north-herts.gov.uk) of the most relevant contact details for WGPC. Clerk replied.

21/05/2025 HCC Highways - Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 30 June 2025 for a period of up to 18 months. To prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Mardleybury Road, Woolmer Green from its junction with White Horse Lane north westwards for a distance of approximately 37m except for access. For utility works.

22/05/2025 Member of the public - Can I check if the Parish Council are aware of a further planning application in respect of the land adjacent to 52 London Road?

The parish council put an objection in about previous applications and I wondered if they will be going that again? Clerk replied to say this will be discussed at the Council meeting on 10 June.

22/05/2025 Gladman Developments - Firstly, my sincere apologies for not sending over the eDNA results following our last meeting. However, as requested I've attached the Ecological Impact Assessment that accompanied our application. If you refer to Appendix L, you'll find the results.

In terms of vehicles using New Road, we were contacted by Welwyn Hatfields enforcement team about the matter. As relayed to the Council, the traffic related to Phase II site investigation work that was being undertaken however this was completed several months ago.

Finally in relation to site sale, the site is currently being marketed and there is developer interest but due to confidentiality I'm afraid I can't divulge any details at this time. I hope you understand.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

22/05/2025 Affinity Water – Work to take place outside Lessiters on 9-12 June, 8.00am-5.30pm

23/05/2025 Nationwide – Changes to Business Account and T&Cs.

1. Telephone numbers deleted from T&Cs.
2. Withdrawals can only be sent to another Nationwide account or nominated account.
3. Can only make payments from nominated account or internal transfer from another Nationwide account. Can no longer use cheques.

27/05/2025 HCC Highways - THE HERTFORDSHIRE (B197 LONDON ROAD AND MARDLEYBURY ROAD, WOOLMER GREEN) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2025

THE HERTFORDSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, WOOLMER GREEN)
(RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2025

ROAD HUMPS NOTICE (B197 LONDON ROAD AND MARDLEYBURY ROAD,
WOOLMER GREEN) 2025

Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce new restrictions in various roads

in Woolmer Green.

The proposals comprise of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in parts of London Road and Mardleybury Road, a 30mph speed limit restriction in parts of London Road, Mardley Hill, Mardleybury Road, Heath Road, New Road, Bridge Road, White Cross Drive and a raised junction table at the junction of London Road and Mardleybury Road.

The double yellow line restrictions propose to control the area around the junction and help to reduce injudicious and opportunistic kerbside activity around the school.

The proposed speed limit reduction aims to reduce the likely potential of accidents and create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

The raised junction speed table would help to accommodate buses and their passengers.

28/05/2025 Sage UK – Monthly subscription to rise to £23 from 1st July.

28/05/2025 Town Clerk, Hatfield on devolution –“ I just wanted to quickly update everyone on this before I go off camping tomorrow.

I've sent a chaser to Cllr Holloway (Labour Leader of the Council), Cllr Quinton (Lib Dem Leader of the Council) and the Chief Executive, Ka Ng, as I've heard nothing from them since I sent our joint letter. Given the current wall of silence, I have sent the letter to the Leader of the Conservative Group (Cllr Tony Kingsbury) and asked if I can talk to him about our concerns and aspirations re. the devolution debate and next steps. I feel we may need to start actively campaigning to be included in the process – or indeed start a process ourselves to begin identifying publicly the local assets we think could come down to the community council level (and any cost impact).

We've also done some thinking on this side on our preferred unitary split. On the assumption that Hertfordshire can not be one single unitary, our preference is that Hertfordshire is split into 3 unitary councils, with Welwyn Hatfield grouped with St Albans and Hertsmere. We feel this better reflects the cultural, historic and local allegiances that people in the area have. We are concerned that the other models will see the power shift to Stevenage/Hitchin in the north, and Watford/Hemel in the west, leaving the centre (especially Welwyn Hatfield) neglected. I've been tasked with putting together a coherent argument which I'm happy to share if people are interested.

When I'm back in the office next week I hope to suggest some dates to move this on – potentially inviting relevant councillors from both the Borough and County Council to come listen to us.”

28/05/2025 HAPTC – AGM 1 July via Zoom.

29/05/2025 Member of the public - Dear Janet, I hope this finds you well.

I would like to enquire about the property in 51-53 London Road, Woolmer Green, this is where Marshall Vauxhall was some years ago.

Many thanks

Deborah

Clerk replied.

29/05/2025 HCC Highways - Dear Stakeholder,

Today we have started the statutory process for the traffic regulation order to make changes to the road space in Woolmer Green, as part of our Safer Routes to School proposals, which we informally engaged upon in September 2024.

The attached letter and notice is being sent to residents in Woolmer Green. This provides further details and information on how to respond. Plans can be viewed on our TRO page [Traffic Regulation Orders | Hertfordshire County Council](#) and here [WH00125 Draft Docs](#).

The statutory consultation will remain open until 18 June 2025.

We will continue to develop proposals for Oaklands and the wider B197 corridor. Information will be shared on our website [Improving walking and cycling across Hertfordshire \(Active Travel Fund and Capability Fund\) | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Results of the 2024 informal consultation can be viewed here [Safer Routes to School: Oaklands and Woolmer Green: Consultation Report](#)

Our Community & Stakeholder Prospectus can be viewed here [B197 Sustainable Transport Corridor](#)

29/05/2025 Resident to Chairman -

Hi Andy

Not sure if you can help, however the village and surrounding areas have been hugely let down by Virgin Media and Fibre One.

The entire Woolmer Green village and most of Stevenage and Datchworth has been without Broadband for the 9th successive day.

The impact of this amongst others is no ability to work from home, no television, no security cameras etc, which has long reaching implications.

Virgin Media have blamed Fibre One for damaging their cables, however Virgin Media have provided little or no communication, and an almost impossible task of actually speaking to them.

There is a Woolmer Green Facebook thread that I have attached -

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bm6uBWRDQ/>

Any support would be appreciated by Woolmer Green residents - the novelty of speaking to my partner has worn off long since!

Many thanks

Jamie

Chairman replied.

30/05/2025 HCC Highways – Information, letter sent to all residents, Traffic Regulation Order on B197 works.

4/05/2025 Barclays – Business account interest will reduce to 1.20% from 1.25% from 12 August 2025.

HALL

Details from Thames Air & Water regarding installing a dosing pot:

"As for the Flex dosing pot I quoted it is a standard unit just for dosing corrosion inhibitor and biocide a DN dosing/filtration unit will cost about £3.5k this is a 2 in 1 unit that makes it more much more expensive than a standard straight forward dosing pot this isn't a health and safety issues but helps with system efficiency so helps keep the system clean and helps with heat transfer helping in reducing energy cost and also saves on balance flushing. The Flex dosing pot will not filter out any silt/sediment but will keep your assets protected and make dosing possible."

TRANSPORT

Response from HCC Highways following an enquiry about Knebworth road proposals:

"We've been in discussions with Knebworth Parish around potential improvements to the network in light of the new housing developments that are coming forward, but the proposals and discussions are ongoing with no live scheme currently in place.

The proposals under discussion broadly align with the proposals in the Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP) and Growth Transport Plan for North Herts."

Cllr Hall has reported the following highways fault at 15 & 16 Carvers Croft:

VILLAGE DAY

Income from Village Day: £20 in February, £120 in March, £180 in April, £395 in May, £580 on the day.

Total receipts for Village Day £1,295. Total costs £210.

