

Planning

GROVE AIRFIELD

DEVELOPMENT FORUM MINUTES

28 May 2026

MEETING DURATION: 14:15- 15:15

LOCATION: Old Mill Hall, Grove, OX12 7LB

ATTENDEES (16)

VOWHDC

- **Cathie Scotting (CS)** – Major Applications Manager
- **Sally Wright (SW)** - Senior Planning Officer (Major Applications)
- **Zoe Norton (ZN)** – Community Development Officer (Wantage & Grove)

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- **Michael Deadman (MD)** – Transport Development Manager
- **Rosie Wood (RW)** – Consultant Engineer, Road Agreements

APPLICANT AND DEVELOPER TEAM (PERSIMMON)

- **Barnaby Harris (BH)** – Senior Planner
- **Wayne Jones (WJ)** - Development Manager

DEVELOPMENT FORUM MEMBERS

- **Graham Mundy (GM)** – Clerk, Grove Parish Council
- **Frank Parnell (FP)** – Grove Parish Council
- **Hugh Rees (HR)** – Wantage Deanery (Oxford Diocese)
- **Gareth Smith (GS)** – Wantage and Grove Active Travel
- **Cllr Ron Batsone (RB)** – Ward Cllr, Wantage & Grove Brook
- **Cllr Jenny Hannaby (JH)** – Ward Cllr, Wantage & Grove Brook
- **Dan Rolfe (DR)** – Grove Parish Council
- **Richard Ackers (RA)** – Grove Parish Council
- **Karann Rowland (KR)** – Grove Parish Council

The following is a written summary of the topics discussed.

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PERSIMMON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

TOPIC	INITIALS	COMMENTS MADE
INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE & HOUSING OCCUPATIONS	BH	LEAPs, NEAP & Runway Park Final walkover of LEAP complete. Practical completion issued for Runway Park. Planning application for the LEAP at northern end of Runway Park has been submitted to the LPA. Planning application for MUGA next to the NEAP (approved under P23/V2702/RM) will be submitted once emergency access can be provided.
	BH	Community Centre & Local Centre There have been a few delays, and are now finalising the planning application for the community centre, aiming to submit in July 2026. The Local Centre will be a separate planning application.
	JH	Raised concerns around lack of communication on these applications. Residents need to be informed and kept updated.
	BH	Happy to come to a Parish Council meeting and will also provide further information on the website.
	WJ	Allotments Planning permission was granted in September 2024 (ref P22/V2879/RM). Ongoing discussions and engagement with OCC regarding the S278 works. Issues have come up regarding the highway boundary and southern access to the allotments. To be discussed further with OCC and VOWH officers. The access is required before first use of the allotments.
	BH	Landscape Surveys

		Landscape surveys have been redone and will be submitted to the council. Working with planning and enforcement officers to address the issues.
	WJ	Liberator Lane Streetlights All works have been completed and streetlights are working. Not aware of any further issues.
	FP	This has been checked and can confirm that all streetlights are working.
	BH	<i>Please also refer to Persimmon slides.</i> Occupations (as of 28 May 2026) 1067 total occupations 717 open market housing 339 affordable homes 11 First Homes
OCC HIGHWAY ONSITE ADOPTION ISSUES	MD	Currently working with Persimmon. Information and site photos have been passed on and requirements have been set out. The roads will not be adopted until OCC are confident of the construction of the roads are acceptable. Currently the construction undertaken to date is not to the level that is expected. Priority is the Spine Road as the S106 requires this to be adopted before 1000 th occupation.
	JH	Residents need to be informed and kept up to date.
S278 WORKS AND S106 BREACHES	RW	Remedial works on off site works are currently being carried out and are due to finish in the next few weeks.
	WJ	Newlands Drive remedial works – waiting for road space to be agreed with OCC for these works to be carried out.
	KR	What is happening with the flooding on the Mably Way roundabout?
	CS	Those issues are not related to this development (see previous minutes)
	MD	Aware that there is an enforcement case open on this.

	WJ	Swift green – there are 3rd party land issues which mean that cannot implement the works. To be discussed with OCC and VOWH officers to see how this can be resolved. AIA to be carried out in order to sort out and progress with Mably Way works. S278 works are to widen the path on Saville Way.
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	GS	Concerns regarding the lack of a crossing outside of secondary school
	CS	Looking at securing this through NW Grove S106. This is still at the early stages and is to be discussed through S106 negotiations.
	FP	Concerns about the length of time this will take to resolve.
	MD	OCC are unable to do anything at the moment as the road is still a private road and not adopted by OCC.
	DR/KR	Concerns about the safety of school children if this is not in place prior to the school opening in September.
	CS	We will take this away and discuss with OCC and Persimmon. To update at next forum meeting.
	RA	To contact school and see how this will be managed in the interim.
3G PITCH	GM	Meeting with preferred contractors tomorrow. Working on 2/3 options to be discussed with Parish Council.
UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	ZN	There have been a number of successful events, and new events coming up: • Community drop in started in April, and worked with sustainable Wantage. Looking to work together again in the future. • Community picnic • Extravaganza on 13 June 2026

		• Walkaround with nature recovery officer at VOWH and hoping to work with Wild Wantage • Residents have requested QR on street names • A&W College – S106 skills and training pot and how community wants to spend the money.
NEXT FORUM DATES 2026	CS	27 AUGUST 2026; 14:15-15:15 Thursday 26 November 2026 14:15

ACTION ITEMS		
INITIALS	TOPIC / TASK(S)	TARGET DATE
	GENERAL	
CS, BH	PowerPoint slides to be circulated, with minutes	June 2026
PB	To confirm next Forum meeting dates and times	DONE
	WEBSITE	
BH	Further information to be provided on website with Community Centre/Local Centre	July 2026
	HIGHWAY WORKS	
OCC, PERSIMMON	Update to be provided on progress relating to adoption issues, S278 works and S106 breaches.	Next Forum
	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	
CS	To discuss further with OCC and Persimmon.	Next Forum