



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – WORK PROGRAMME SUGGESTION FORM

I would like to suggest a Scrutiny or Policy Review item for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee's next work programme.

Name: Councillor Parry Batth	

I would like to suggest that the following matter is reviewed:

Certain parts of Shinfield North and other parts of WBC where parking spaces are severely limited, the granting and issuing of planning permissions and licences to landlords are seen by many residents as adding and exacerbating parking congestions already prevalent in parts of WBC. As such WBC is seen by Shinfield North residents to be doing little to address exacerbation of parking congestion in areas such as Shinfield Park and Ducketts Mead.

Currently WBC is bound by HMO rules pontificated by Central Government. WBC do not have its own HMO policy to grant HMO planning permissions and licenses. In addition, the HMO licenses are issued by West Berkshire Council, not WBC. As such WBC has no power but accept rules dictated by Central Government and West Berkshire Council.

In order to cater for the needs of the residents of WBC and limiting parking congestions, the policy and process around the allocation of granting HMO Licences and planning permissions need to be thoroughly reviewed so that WBC can better serve the residents.

<p>Reasons for suggestion:</p> <p>To reduce parking congestion in Shinfield North and other parts of WBC where parking spaces are already limited. By reviewing and thus limiting the planning and license applications by landlords WBC will be better able to address the issues faced by residents where parking spaces are limited.</p> <p>(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</p>	<p>Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should there be a review on this?• <i>Any linkages with the Council's Vision, Priorities and Underpinning Principles</i> – you can find these at http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council/decisions/vision/• What benefits would there be to residents?
<p>Are there any specific aspects of the issue you would like scrutiny to focus upon or supporting evidence?</p> <p>Shinfield Park and Ducketts Mead estates were built with 1.5 parking spaces dictated by the Prescott rules. Now each household in these estates are owning 3 to 4 cars. However HMO planning and license applications being granted to landlords are causing parking havoc and mayhem in these parts of Shinfield North ward of WBC.</p> <p>(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</p>	<p>Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What evidence is there to support the above reasons?• What are the facts?• Are there specific organisations or documents you would like a review to refer?• Do you have any suggestions for potential witnesses?

<p>What would you like to see coming out of the review in terms of desired outcomes?</p> <p>The development of a clear, succinct & robust WBC HMO policy rather than being dictated to by Central Government and West Berkshire guidelines for HMO planning and license applications. As such WBC will be better able to address its parking issues based on a local policy that will better define HMO requirements.</p> <p>(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</p>	<p>Please consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What would you wish to see happen as a result of any review?• Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?
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Would you like to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to make a short statement in support of your request?

Yes No

I am (Please tick appropriate box)

- A Member or Officer of Wokingham Borough Council
- A group with an interest in the Wokingham Borough Council area
- A local business situated in the Wokingham Borough Council area
- A resident of the Wokingham Borough Council area

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