

RICKMANSWORTH LOCAL AREA FORUM

Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Covering Rickmansworth, Moor Park & Eastbury, Penn & Mill End, West Hyde and Maple Cross

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Article 10: Area Arrangements

Rickmansworth Local Area Forum is one of five area forums and acts as a consultative/advisory meeting, which itself has no decision-making powers. Its dual purpose is to provide an opportunity for the public to raise matters of concern and interest and to express their views and to provide the council with a platform to explain its position, policies and plans. There are no formal notes of the meeting. Members might note any actions they have agreed to pursue.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
Community Safety Update	Thanks to Police Community Support Officers Niki Philips and Eleanor Curley for attending and presenting an update. The team reiterated 999 is the number to call for immediate actions as the call centre will grade internally if an emergency response required. 101 is a slower response time mainly for administration. ACTION: to share figures for Moor Park & Eastbury and ensure that they are included in the next Area Forum as part of any community safety update. ACTION: Action notes are published on the Rickmansworth Residents website – link here https://rickmansworthresidents.org/2026/07/action-notes-from-the-ricky-local-area-forum/ Team to ask Moor Park and Eastbury Residents Association if they will also include an update on their website.
ASB	ACTION: ASB Toolkit online: Anti-social behaviour toolkit Three Rivers District Council The ASB App – is now live. Step 1: file an initial report using the ASB Contact Form. Once the council opens an official investigation they will email a registration link to activate your account on the ASB App.
Local Plan Update	ACTION: the Local Plan from January has since been superseded following government intervention and completion of evidence work. The pre-submission version of the Local Plan that was consulted on under Regulation 19 can be found at: New Local Plan Three Rivers District Council The submission of the plan to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of November.

Local Plan Update (cont'd/..)	ACTION: Reg 19 – asked to share what ‘valid’ objections are (from previous RLAF in June). Here is the Officers answer: <i>Any objections need to relate to the tests of soundness (which is what the Local Plan will be tested against at the examination in public):</i> • Positively prepared: <i>The strategy must meet the area's objectively assessed development and infrastructure needs, including unmet needs from neighbouring authorities where it is practical.</i> • Justified: <i>The plan must be the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, backed by proportionate, robust evidence.</i> • Effective: <i>The policies must be deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters.</i> • Consistent with national policy: <i>The plan must enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</i> <i>Any responses to the Regulation 19 consultation need to be linked back to the above tests of soundness. The two main ones are whether the evidence justifies the sites and policies included within the plan and/or whether the sites and policies included in the plan are in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance.</i>
	A new National Scheme of Delegation comes into effect on 31 October. ACTION: team to share any links once details are known on planning applications and implications.
Aquadrome Update	An update was given on the various updates and steering group programmes related to the Aquadrome project and national lottery application (decision expected March 2027). ACTION: in discussion about Planting given climate change issues, residents are advised to email directly to the relevant Officer Charlotte Gomes. ACTION: Team to ascertain whether there is a Park Warden on-site to manage or enforce issues with day-to day problems. ACTION: Blue-Green Algae – noted that while the notice boards warn about the issue, what is happening to clear up the problem?
Beryl Bikes Update	The contract for Beryl Bikes has been signed by TRDC district-wide, but the locations are being considered. ACTION: in Answer to a question from the public, it's been clarified that if there is a fine for someone misusing/leaving their Beryl Bike, this goes back to the operator, and they put this against operational costs. ACTION: team will share any links/updates once the consultation for the Beryl Bike bays has been reviewed based on public and councillor feedback to various bays across Rickmansworth, Penn & Mill End.
Parking Consultation	ACTION: links to be shared when parking consultations are made public. Advised that Councillors are being briefed end October, and then following reviews it should be by the end of the year.

Rickmansworth High Street Graffiti	ACTION: noted that key sites like the railways bridge are managed by private companies. If TRDC management, use its 'report it' system online: https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/report-it Graffiti removal by property owners Incidents of graffiti are the responsibility of the property owner and they should be contacted directly. Examples include: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Virgin Media boxes</td><td>Virgin Media 033 0333 0444</td></tr> <tr> <td>Telephone boxes</td><td>British Telecom 0800 800 152</td></tr> <tr> <td>Electricity boxes</td><td>National Grid customersupport@nationalgrid.com 0845 835 1111</td></tr> <tr> <td>Railway structures</td><td>Network Rail 03457 11 41 41</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bridges, underpasses, road signs and roads</td><td>Hertfordshire County Council 0300 123 4047</td></tr> </table> Graffiti removal by the Council We can deal with instances of graffiti if they are on Council owned and managed property (e.g. street name signs, litter bins, Council operated car parks, Council buildings). We are unable to provide a service to remove graffiti from private address this includes residential properties	Virgin Media boxes	Virgin Media 033 0333 0444	Telephone boxes	British Telecom 0800 800 152	Electricity boxes	National Grid customersupport@nationalgrid.com 0845 835 1111	Railway structures	Network Rail 03457 11 41 41	Bridges, underpasses, road signs and roads	Hertfordshire County Council 0300 123 4047
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AOB / Date of Next Meeting	ACTION: Asked if we can have microphones at the next meeting to help everyone in the room. Team will organise for next meeting. Provisional meeting date: Tuesday 26th January 2027. All to share with neighbours/residents and team to ensure it's publicised widely for maximum notice and attendance.										