4 October 2018

To: Chairman and Councillors of Faringdon Town Council

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – FTC MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2018**

I offer my apologies for absence from your meeting as I will representing Faringdon at the Vale of White Horse District Council meeting.

1. **Faringdon Town Team.** As chairman of the FTT, I can report that the team was formally disbanded by unanimous agreement of voting members on 13 September 2018. The team had achieved several minor successes, but the economic climate had changed. It was agreed that the remaining funds in the FTT account of £2292.44 should be allocated to the next exhibition of the Faringdon Museum in February 2019.

2. **Stagecoach S6 Service.** I attended the launch of the new S6 bus service on 24 September which now runs every 15 minutes and replaced the 66-bus service which was every 20 minutes, from Oxford to Swindon, via Faringdon. The upgraded service was facilitated partly by developer contributions and includes 10 new buses which are Euro 6 compliant and have enhanced seating arrangements.

3. **Land South of Park Road – P17/V10820**. As local member, I supported the addendum to the original application to grant outline consent and planning permission for amended plans featuring improvements to the Phase 1 of the development including: Housing types: Alterations to the footprint and external appearance; Layout – relocation of certain house types across plots; Housing Mix – a reduction in 4 bed and increase in 3 bed, with no change to affordable housing; Landscaping plans; Separating blocks of flats into two detached blocks: Re-configuration of garages on certain plots. The Vale Planning Committee resolved to approve the amendments at its meeting on 26 September.

4. **Local Plan Part 2.** The Inspector requested further information on four matters: The Written Ministerial Statement on Oxfordshire 3-year land supply; Draft modifications to housing tenure at Harwell campus; Oxfordshire to Cambridge Expressway update; Wootton & St Helen without NDP.

5. **Vale Gambling Policy**. The council has been inviting comments on the revised Gambling Policy, which was reviewed every 3 year and related to premises and permits. The Vale has a slightly more stringent criteria than SODC in this matter.

**Roger Cox**

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