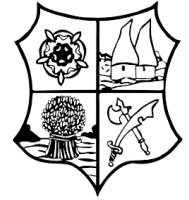


ALTON

Town Council



7 May 2026

To Councillors:

Matthew Bayliss, Chris Botten, Mark Boyce-Churn, Don Hammond, Graham Hill, Matthew Kellermann, Roger Lamb, Nick O'Brien, John Quincey, Barbara Tansey, Lorna Woodcroft

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to an extraordinary meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** on **Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.00pm** at The Town Hall, Market Square, Alton GU34 1HD, when the under mentioned business will be transacted.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Annette Eyre, Town Mayor

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence from councillors.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations.
(Councillors are responsible for declaring any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest.)
3. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive updates from the Town Mayor.
4. **WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Recommendation: To note written representations from the public.
(Authors of written representations are invited to send them to the Town Clerk so that they are received two days before the meeting to enable them to be circulated in good time.)
5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Recommendation: To note the questions and statements by the public.
(In accordance with Standing Order 3e, members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence. They may give notice in advance up until just before the start of the meeting. Verbal statements or questions may be up to 3 minutes long, within a total of 20 minutes allowed for public speaking which may be extended by the Chair.)

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – *see attached report*

To determine the Council's responses as statutory consultee on the following planning applications:

1. EHDC-26-0331-CONVR, Land at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital Site Chawton Park Road, Alton, Hampshire;
2. EHDC-26-0339-FUL, Proposed retirement complex, Courage Avenue, Alton, Hampshire;
3. EHDC-26-0413-FUL, Barclays Bank Plc, High Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1BD.

7. EXTINGUISHMENT OF HIGHWAY RIGHTS – *see attached report*

To determine the Council's response on an Extinguishment of Highway Rights application: Land at Neatham Grange, Lower Neatham Mill Lane, Alton GU34 4NP – 21796432.

8. APPOINTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTANT – *see attached report*

To determine the appointment of an independent consultant to undertake a Carbon Footprint and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Audit and Review.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Recommendation: To exclude the press and members of the public in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2), and to be clear, as per subsection 3A, where the public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under Section 1(2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods (a) which can be used without that person's presence at the meeting and (b) which enable persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings at the meeting as it takes place or later.

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There are no confidential items.

Subject: **Planning Applications**

Report to: Full Council, 13 May 2026

Report of: Deputy Town Clerk

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To determine the Council's responses as statutory consultee on three planning applications that do not fall under the Scheme of Delegation.

2. Background

- 2.1 Three planning applications have come in which are not covered by the Scheme of Delegation. These are summarised in 3.1 to 3.3 below.

3. Main considerations

3.1 EHDC-26-0331-CONVR, Land at Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital Site Chawton Park Road, Alton, Hampshire

Proposal: Section 73 to vary condition 12 (scheme of site-wide ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures) Condition 16 (approved levels) of planning permission 30021/056 (dated 23 July 2015) to enable amendments to the approved ecological mitigation strategy and site wide levels.

<https://publicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=182001>

Deadline for comments: 10 May 2026

Details of this application were circulated to councillors on 24 April 2026.

3.2 EHDC-26-0339-FUL, Proposed retirement complex, Courage Avenue, Alton, Hampshire

Proposal: Erection of a care home (Class C2), children's nursery (Class E) and supported living units (Class C3), along with landscaping and related works.

<https://publicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=182018>

Deadline for comments: 12 May 2026

Details of the application were circulated to councillors on 24 April 2026.

3.3 EHDC-26-0413-FUL, Barclays Bank Plc High Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1BD

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of ground floor to restaurant (Class E) and installation of a kitchen extract system.

<https://publicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=182055>

Deadline for comments: 21 May 2026

Details of the application were circulated to councillors on 1 May 2026.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Council is recommended:

1. To authorise the Deputy Clerk to submit an appropriate response to applications EHDC-26-0331-CONVR, Land At Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital Site Chawton Park Road, Alton, Hampshire, based on the points made by councillors.

4.2 The Council is recommended:

2. To authorise the Deputy Clerk to submit an appropriate response to application EHDC-26-0339-FUL, PROPOSED RETIREMENT COMPLEX Courage Avenue, Alton, Hampshire, based on the points made by councillors.

4.3 The Council is recommended:

3. To authorise the Deputy Clerk to submit an appropriate response to application EHDC-26-0413-FUL, Barclays Bank Plc High Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1BD, based on the points made by councillors.

Subject: **Extinguishment of Highway Rights – Land at Neatham Grange, Lower Neatham Mill Lane, Alton GU34 4NP – 21796432**

Report to: Full Council, 13 May 2026

Report of: Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Purpose of the report**

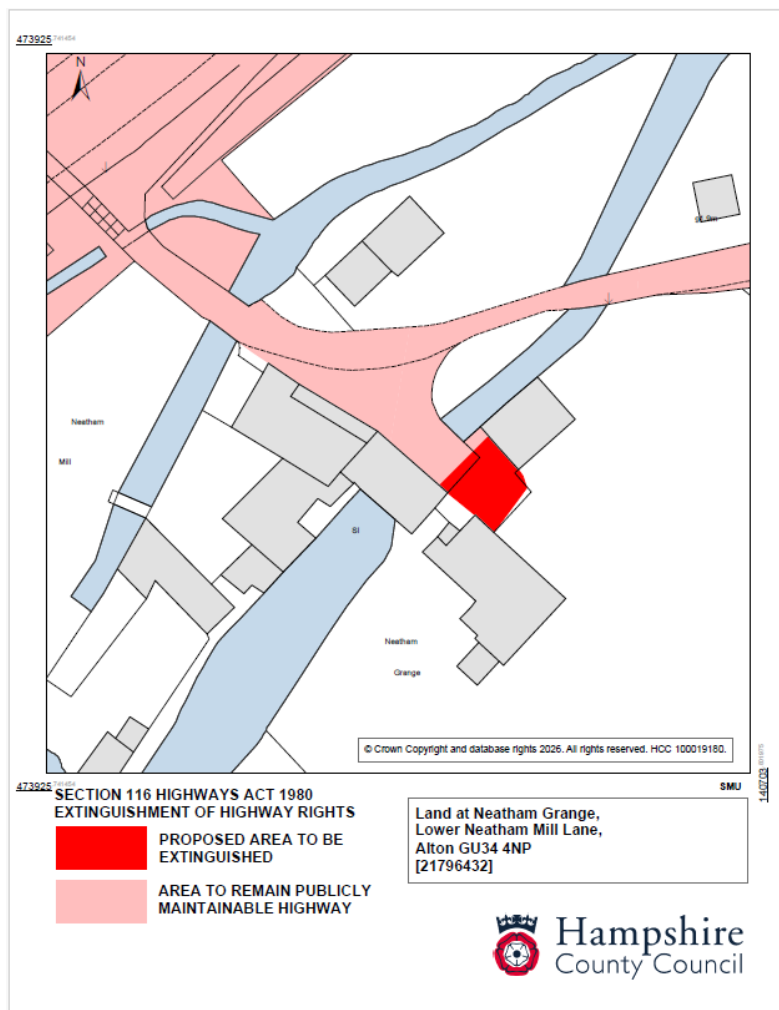
1.1 To respond to an Extinguishment of Highway Rights application.

2. **Background**

2.1 The area shaded red on the plan below currently forms part of the publicly maintainable highway but is considered to be surplus to future highway requirements.

3. **Main considerations**

3.1 We have received an application for Extinguishment of Highway Rights over the area shaded red on the plan below.



- 3.2 The Town Council is asked to advise Hampshire County Council whether or not it has any objection to the application.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Council is recommended:

To authorise the Town Clerk to submit an appropriate response to the Extinguishment of Highway Rights application 21796432, based on the points made by councillors.

Subject: **Approval of Consultant to undertake Carbon Footprint and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Audit and Review**

Report to: Full Council, 13 May 2026

Report of: Deputy Town Clerk

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To present the Council with a Proposal for Carbon Footprint and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Audit and Review, to enable it to confirm the appointment of an independent consultant recommended by the Climate Change Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Climate Change Strategy (attached) has morphed over the years since it was first created in 2019, so there are now three distinct areas of impact: what we can do, what we can help other people to do, and how we can influence decision makers.
- 2.2 Alton Town Council has pledged to become carbon neutral by 2030. This consultant can measure exactly how near achieving this the council is and make recommendations of actions that can be taken.
- 2.3 At present, the Climate Change Strategy contains a list of actions which have a responsible person assigned to them. Next to each action is a box to say whether it is done or not done, but at present there is no measurement of how done it is. The Climate Change Committee wanted something more user friendly which allows the non-qualified bystander to see the progress and give a timeframe to completion. It would make the action plan a much more user-friendly tool.
- 2.4 This independent consultant was recommended to the Climate Change Committee by East Hampshire District Council. He has worked with several councils across Hampshire, including Eastleigh Town Council.

3. Main considerations

- 3.1 Attached as a confidential appendix is the proposal from the independent consultant, recommended by the Climate Change Committee, which councillors are requested to consider. The Climate Change Committee would like to appoint this independent consultant to undertake an audit and review of its carbon footprint and of the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan. However, the Climate Change Committee has authority to spend up to £1,000 so this appointment must be determined by Full Council.
- 3.2 The appendix is confidential due to commercial sensitivity. If councillors wish to discuss the detail of the confidential appendix, it is recommended that a motion be

proposed, seconded and voted on to move the meeting into a confidential session, as per the recommendation printed on the agenda under item 9 (Standing Order 10a(xi)).

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Council is recommended:

To approve the appointment of the independent consultant recommended by the Climate Change Committee to undertake an audit and review of its carbon footprint and of the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan.

ALTON CLIMATE ⁹ CHANGE STRATEGY

On 31st October 2019 Alton Town Council declared a climate emergency and are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030



AIM 1 - ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

To reduce Alton Town Council's carbon footprint to achieve carbon neutral by 2030.

AIM 2 - COMMUNITY

To create opportunities for residents, schools, and businesses to have a direct and positive impact on their own energy consumption habits by working alongside our climate change community groups.



AIM 3 - INFLUENCING DECISION MAKERS

To influence third parties in the adoption of policies providing sustainable alternatives to traditional construction, infrastructure, and transport models.

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1. Lead by example and reduce its own carbon footprint, adopting an ethical procurement framework to reduce consumption of resources and impact on the environment towards achieving carbon neutral across its own properties and operations by 2030.
2. Manage green spaces owned by Alton Town Council to improve climate resilience, biodiversity, carbon capture and use the woodland trust's tree charter as a guide.
3. Support the health and wellbeing of the people of Alton by creating more green spaces for sport and recreation, providing cycle parking and signage, and maintaining footpaths in its owned spaces.
4. Install/encourage public use facilities i.e., water refill, cycle repair, and EV charging stations.
5. Embed climate strategy into all aspects of Alton Town Council policy making.
6. Continue to work alongside community groups such as ACAN and Energy Alton to promote and provide opportunities for residents, schools, and businesses to have a direct and positive impact on their own energy consumption and carbon emissions.
7. Encourage stall holders, market/events participants, and local businesses to adopt green policies on packaging, takeaway containers, bags etc.
8. Work with the Neighbourhood Plan team promoting sustainable interconnected new development in Alton.
9. Lobby decision makers in the adoption and promotion of policies to provide sustainable alternatives to traditional construction, infrastructure, and transport models.



Scan the QR Code or visit alton.gov.uk/alton-climate-change for more information.

If you would like to feedback about the strategy to the Climate Change Committee please email:

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