

County Council Report-Andy Graham Woodstock division for October 2023

20mph policy robustly defended: As the government seeks to intervene in the responsibilities of local councils, cabinet member Andrew Gant has [robustly defended](#) Oxfordshire's pioneering 20mph policy. Tackley and Sandford St Martin are out for public consultation and will be determined in November following the successful implementation in Wootton, The Bartons, Stonesfield, Combe and Bladon.

New countywide air quality website launched for Oxfordshire: A new Oxfordshire air quality website has launched – providing air quality guidance and resources across the county. The website oxonair.uk, which has been created in partnership between Oxfordshire County Council and district councils, aims to integrate all relevant air quality-related information in Oxfordshire under one single platform.

Permission granted for release of land for new Oxford United stadium: Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet has agreed to the release of a parcel of land at 'the triangle' north of Oxford near Kidlington. This will now be on a leasehold basis. Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) will be required to meet a series of conditions and secure planning permission from Cherwell District Council.

Pothole innovation trials: Results from a [maintenance trial](#) in Berrick Salome suggest a recycling-based technique reduces carbon by 71% and speeds up the scheme by 60%. 'In-situ cold recycling' reuses the existing surfacing material and saves hundreds of tonnes of carbon.



Boundary review: The Electoral Commission has issued its draft recommended changes to boundaries of County Council divisions, which would be in use for 2025 local elections. The Commission agrees with the recommendation of OCC to increase the number of councillors from 63 to 69, in line with population growth. A consultation will be open from 3 October to 11 December. <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/>

*****NEWS IN BRIEF*****

Highways works: Check this OCC website showing [upcoming highways repairs](#)

**Woodstock Traffic advisory Group- Meeting scheduled 23rd October 10am
Woodstock Town Hall**