

## District Councillor's report for West Hendred PC 14/09/2023

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### **Thames Water Resource Management Plan**

TW have recently published their Statement of Response and revised draft plan at <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/>.

The major headline news for our area is that the reservoir size is back up to 150 Mm<sup>3</sup> and that water transfer from the Severn to the Thames is being dropped, so the impact on our area has increased over what was presented in the most recent consultations, and strongly opposed locally.

You can see the Vale of White Horse District Council's response to the consultation here, including strong opposition to the reservoir plan. <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/03/Thames-Water-Resource-Management-Plan-WRMP24-Vale-submitted-response.pdf>

GARD are asking those of us in David Johnston's constituency to lobby him to actively oppose the reservoir now.

### **Cost of Living Help**

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/cost-of-living-crisis-advice-and-support/>

Summarises help from the district council and other sources.

The Community Hub can also point people to a range of help:

- Tel: 01235 422600
- Email: [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk)

### **Have your say on our landscapes and what's changing them**

A new study has launched to better understand, protect and enhance the unique landscapes across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse and you're invited to have your say.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are preparing a new Landscape Character Assessment and are calling for residents, businesses and visitors to share what they love about local

landscapes and what they think is changing them. The study is being carried out by environmental consultancy Land Use Consultants (LUC) on behalf of the two councils.

Through a new interactive map, the public can add comments on different landscapes and places they value. This feedback will help LUC understand the local landscapes and what should be done to maintain them.

The Landscape Character Assessment will help ensure that future change respects and enhances local character and distinctiveness. The ultimate aim is to inform the councils' work towards the Joint Local Plan, shape future policies and help guide planning application decisions for the districts.

The Consultation Hub is open for comments until 29 September 2023, which users can leave anonymously. To find out more and have your say, visit the new [Landscape Character Consultation Hub](#).

### **Rural Funding Digest**

You've asked me about possible grant sources for the playground before. This is useful round up of potential sources of funding for a wide range of activities: <https://rsnonline.org.uk/rural-funding-digest-september-2023>