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Ref: **REPORT TO BODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

SUBMISSION OF THE PARTIAL REVIEW OF THE CHERWELL LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031 OXFORD'S UNMET HOUSING NEEDS

At February's Full Council Meeting I voted in favour of this proposal. I do not have any great enthusiasm for any additional development within Cherwell not already contained in the plan. I especially do not have any enthusiasm to sanction the construction of an additional 4,400 houses based to, in part, meet Oxford's unmet housing need when Oxford has not even established what its unmet housing need is. I voted for this motion because councillors we advised by officers that if the motion were to be defeated, the plan and 5 year housing supply could fail leading to wildcat development applications across the district. I was not prepared to see any additional unplanned development within the villages I represent and so I had no option but to vote for the motion.

HORTON HOSPITAL - REPORT FROM THE INDEPENDENT RECONFIGURATION PANEL (IRP)

The Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee referred the CCG's decision to permanently close obstetrics at The Horton to Jeremy Hunt. He, following the CDC Judicial Review and pressure from Victoria Prentis, referred the matter to the IRP - the body that in 2008 had saved obstetrics at The Horton. The IRP were due to report in early February. If they have given their report to Jeremy Hunt, he has not released it. Reasons for the delay are unclear but could possibly be due to the uncertainty of whether a KTHG appeal against the December Judicial Review will be allowed. I will update the parish council as and when I hear anything.

WEEPING CROSS MEMORIAL

I have sent out 11 'begging' letters to notable businesses in and around Banbury. I will mail another 33 on my return from holiday next week.

DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS

This budget line serial is currently underspent in Cherwell. Visit <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/79/housing-advice/233/disabled-adaptations> for more options



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