

West Berkshire Council Report to Theale Parish Council

13th April 2026

EV Charging Points

Electric Vehicle Charging Points are being installed in the main car park.

Horsemans Site

An application has been made to the Traffic Commissioners to modify the goods vehicle operating licence to allow another five vehicles to be based at the site.

I have delivered letters to nearby residents advising them of the application and on how to make representations.

I will submit a representation as both an affected resident as the local councillor.

Planning Application for 20 High Street

Planning application 26/00597/FUL has been submitted for:

Change of use of upper floors, front and rear dormers and two Storey Rear Extension to create 14-Bed “house of multiple occupation” (HMO).

It involves the construction of a dormer fronting the High Street and re-construction of the extension at the rear to form a two-story block.

Above and behind 20 High Street, Theale (Spice Lounge Indian Restaurant).

The main access would be via Fletcher Court (off Station Road).

I have delivered 47 letters to nearby residents informing them of the application.

TESLA Planning Application

There have been 11 objections to this application for an electric vehicle charging site at the M4 end of the High Street. The application will therefore be determined by the Eastern Area Planning Committee if officers recommend approval.

Speed Limit Reminder Signs

West Berkshire Council is to replace the school flashing signs on Church Street and Englefiled Road with ones that combine the school sign with vehicle speed activated warnings. The signs will also be able to display text warnings to warn drivers of road closures for example, etc.

Members Bid

As I mentioned last month, another round of member's bids is about to take place. One possible project would be another speed awareness sign similar to that funded by the TVP grant.

High Street/Hoad Way Junction

A resident has requested a stop sign be installed because the blind nature of the junction. However, Dept of Transport approval has to be sought for new stop signs! The main restriction on visibility is caused by vegetation on the highway side of the wall. I am in communication with the road safety team at the council to get the vegetation cut back. The vegetation also obstructs some of the signage, about which there has also been a complaint.

The council is also proposing to install a pedestrian safety barrier outside Tiger's nursery's front entrance.

Alan Macro

Councillor for Theale

West Berkshire Council

12th April 2026