Purfleet-on-Thames
Community Forum

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Meeting Minutes 29th September 2026
Venue: St Stephen's Church Hall, London Road, Purfleet-on-Thames RM19 1QD
Time: 19:30

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
   Moira Pollington. Cllr Aaron Green
   Attendees were advised that an audio recording of the meeting would be taken.

2. **Agree Minutes 28th July 2026**
   Agreed.

3. **Guest Speaker**
   There was no guest speaker.

   Neighbourhood Policing Team
   The vice chair had collated stats for this area.
   The officer:
   - requested residents to provide intelligence, and confirmed it is permissible to take pictures or video for crime prevention purposes
   - confirmed he had fed back concerns raised about parking issues by the primary school and will do so again; he is unable to make decisions about multi-agency work to target this issue but will let us know if this is a possibility at the next meeting
   - did not know why the area has a high number of violence and sexual offences
   - was unaware whether reports are tagged to show the use of e-bikes in connection with criminal and anti-social behaviour
   - advised the police are limited in what they can do regarding dirt bikes and that their attendance antagonises the youth

4. **Matters Arising and Updates**
   Multi-Generational Play Area
   The project has had to go through a procurement process as it is over £25,000.
   There is £146,000 of S106 money available to spend on the project and concern was expressed that the council selected a proposal costing a little over £100,000.
   A meeting is to be arranged with directors of the successful company to determine whether its proposed scheme could be improved.
   The forum has raised with council directors that they believe the processes to be wrong.
   The forum will ensure the balance remaining is spent locally and requested suggestions that link in with the S106 criteria of education and health.

   Highways

A conversation has been had regarding local issues including lack of lighting and a missing lit bollard at the eastern end of the bypass approaching Stonehouse Roundabout. Once Highways can allocate some money they will smarten up the mini roundabout on London Road by Harrison's Wharf.

Speed Bumps
A consultation on Installation of wider speed cushions (up to 2m wide) at existing speed cushions along London Road, Tank Hill Road and New Tank Hill Road closes on 15th October.

Change of Speed Limit
There is to be a speed limit change from 30mph to 40mph from the A1306 junction from New Tank Hill Road to Tank Hill Road and a proposal to make London Road 20mph.

Local Government Reorganisation
This has halted. Thurrock remains a unitary authority, so the new ward of Purfleet-on-Thames remains.

Collapsed Wall
No councillors were present to be able to provide an update on the collapsed wall in Tank Hill Road.

Buggy Park
There was no update about the request to remove the buggy park to the other side of the building to create less of a visual impact.

Regeneration
At a recent cabinet meeting the current administration supported the regeneration plans.

Councillor Updates
Councillors were not in attendance, but Cllr Green had provided the following update: Casework continues including dealing with housing repairs, fly tipping, supporting the Pantry Hub and Heritage Centre, and there is a litter picking event this Saturday; thanks to everyone crocheting poppies.

**5. Local Plan – Feedback on Presentation**

The team were invited to present the plans at a forum meeting however this offer was not taken up. Residents were encouraged to submit their views even if only for this area and not the whole borough.

No real answers were provided to questions asked at the presentation.

The Local Plan proposals identify the port for protection for operational purposes. Development supporting freight handling, storage, distribution, logistics and associated transport infrastructure would be supported, while incompatible non-port development could be restricted. Concern was expressed about the potential relationship between the safeguarded port area and the regeneration area.

The Green has been identified for designation as a local green space.

There are some changes to the regeneration plans:
There are now to be approximately 3,000 new homes (an increase of 150); discussions are under way with a potential developer, and any plans formulated will then go to cabinet for approval.
A new healthcare facility is proposed not guaranteed.
The site of the originally proposed primary school is now to be behind new town centre.
A potential second primary school is shown on the old Board Mill site and concerns raised included additional traffic on London Road, safe pedestrian access, school drop off and collection arrangements, the need for sufficient off-road parking.

There is a proposed gypsy and traveller site providing 15 serviced pitches, location yet to be decided.

Members were encouraged to raise matters through the Local Plan consultation.

It was reported that the consultation form is not user friendly.

**6. AOB**

Thurrock Transport Strategy 2026-2040
Network Rail want to extend Cross Rail and have connectivity with HS1 either here or at Rainham.
A new railway station is mentioned in the strategy for here with pedestrian and cycle links, along with a proposal to change the A1306 into a dual carriageway to allow more freight movement to the port, and a proposed pontoon extension which was not identified.

There are 185,000 residents but the consultation response comprised 30 letters and 100 online submissions.

Highways Essex has been invited to attend to discuss the local roads.

£1m of S106 linked to a vacant warehouse has diluted and disappeared.

Help needed:
Heritage Centre - volunteers
Purfleet Pantry – drivers to collect donated food items
Forum – volunteers to help with a Christmas event on Saturday 28th November

**7. Next Meeting**

19:30 Tuesday 24th November 2026, speaker Kate from the Health Centre.
January's meeting will include will our AGM.