

SODC Councillor's Monthly Report to Chalgrove Ward (May 2026)

Planning system now available:

The downtime for the council's planning system is now over and the new system is available. You can access support on the new system on our FAQ page on the SODC website.

Land Charges will launch in early June and the new mapping system will follow in the coming weeks – we will update this page as well as promote the launch on our other communication channels.

- **What has been happening?**

During April we have been updating the software behind our Planning and Land Charges services along with the council's mapping (GIS) system. These changes ensure these systems remains reliable, supported, and able to meet future service needs. Moving to a new system is a significant step; we appreciate that the change in layout and functionality may feel different at first.

- **Support resources**

We have provided step-by-step videos demonstrating the new planning system and showing how to complete key tasks. We also have an FAQ section.

- **Mapping system**

We will launch a new mapping system in the coming weeks.

Users will be able to access the new system via the following link once it goes live: maps.southandvale.gov.uk

The current mapping system was last updated on Friday 10 April.

During the system changeover, the maps will remain available, but no updates will be made.

Once live, the new mapping system will again display current and fully up-to-date information and should be used as the primary source for mapping and location-based data.

Let's talk rubbish 2026 – tell us what you think of our waste and street cleaning services. Residents across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being encouraged to share their views on how rubbish, recycling and street cleaning services are run in their area, via an annual survey which is on the SODC website.

**Summer season preparations are underway at Riverside
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Work is underway at Riverside Park and Pools in Wallingford to get ready to open for the summer season towards the end of May. The maintenance checks to the site have started ready for the pool and splash pad to open to visitors on Saturday 23 May, just in time for the half term break. Pool users will be treated to some great activities over the summer, including aqua aerobics, swimming lessons and swim for dogs will be back at the end of the season which will be in early September. The campsite next to the pool opens a few weeks earlier on Friday 1 May with twenty pitches available and bookings are already being made from eager visitors to this popular area in South Oxfordshire.

A new biodiversity report has been published by South Oxfordshire District Council. For the first time the council has created a report which brings together information about the district's natural environment with details of how the council is helping nature recovery.

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