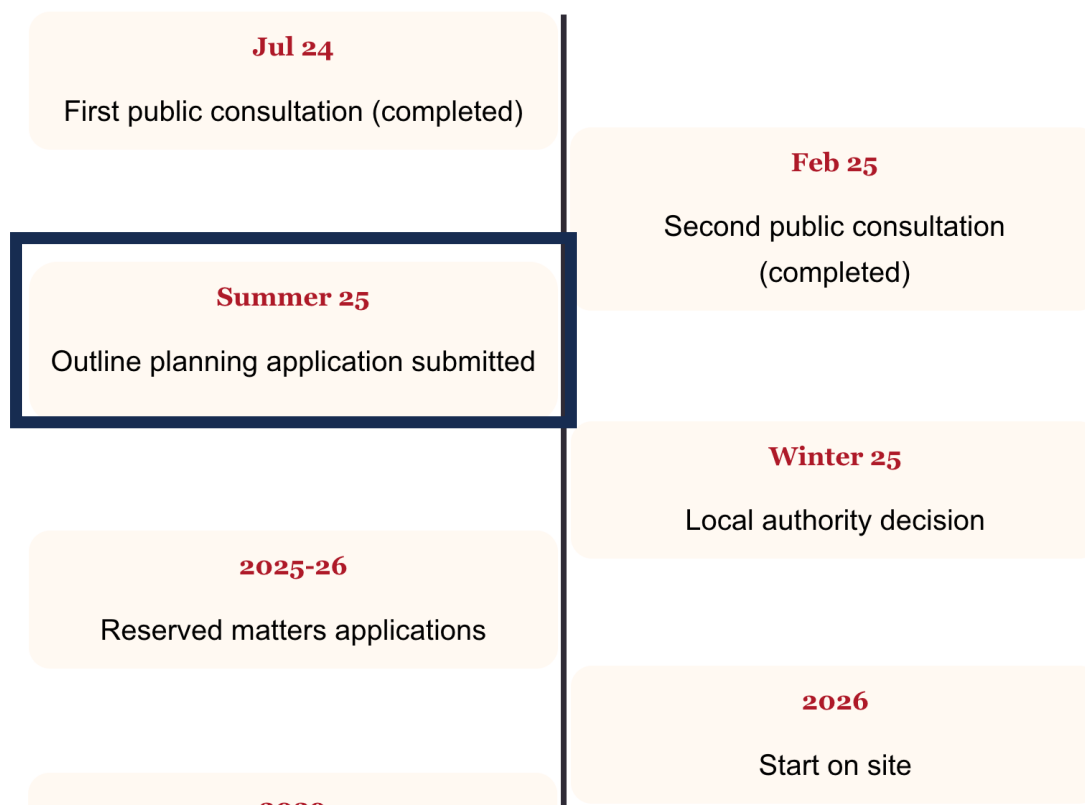


Puy du Fou meeting – 14th May 2025

<https://www.puydufouconsultation.co.uk/>

David Nouaille, International Director, Puy du Fou

Timeline



Approval expected New Year 2026

There is strong support from OCC, Cherwell and National Government (re employment and revenue stream)

There is strong antagonism from North Oxfordshire Residents Association (NORA)

Key issues:

1. Traffic:
 - a. Transport modelling has been updated for the new Cherwell Local Plan (not yet approved) which includes the Bicester traffic model 2042.
 - b. Construction management plan (avoids local roads and will use exit from M40 at J10 onto delivery road (B4100).

- c. New road system for visitor cars and coaches
- d. Yr 1 of operation, expect 550K visitors; Yr 2, expect 1.2M visitors.
- e. Target to get 50% of visitors on public transport (rail and shuttle bus) – tie in with Bicester Village transport scheme.
- f. Advance ticketing will manage traffic volume by prebooking parking and bundled tickets with public transport.
- g. Parking for 130 coaches, 4150 cars (day visitors), 800 hotel guests



Very close to Bucknell (0.9km) and Bainton (1km)

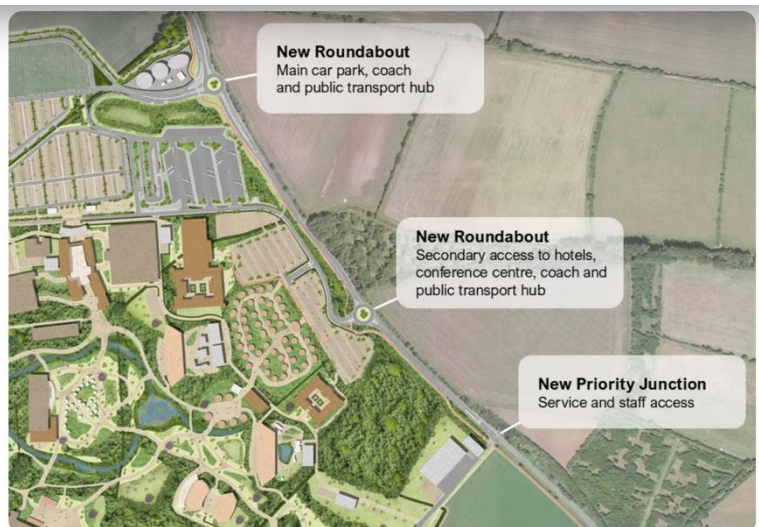


Construction in phases to allow for limited opening of initial attractions and hotel, followed by further construction of lodges.

Access

We will create three new vehicle accesses from the B4100 to the site:

- The main access for most visitors will be from a new roundabout near the northern edge of the site, leading straight into the car park. The B4100 will be widened at this point to avoid queuing causing any disruption on the road
- A secondary access further south on the B4100, also from a new roundabout, will serve the hotels and conference facilities
- A staff/servicing access to the southern end of the site, linked to the service route which runs around the boundary of the site



2. Energy

- PV panels for energy generation
- Local electricity upgrade is due in 2037 (may be earlier) but self generation will be important given the coincident demand from new housing around Bicester.

3. Water management

- Re-use waste water

- b. Retain all water onsite (which might impact on flooding in Bucknell)
- 4. Staffing Model
 - a. 30% full time employees; 50% part time (mostly entertainment artists), 20% seasonal
 - b. Puy du Fou will establish an apprentice scheme through Banbury College, and have an education scheme in local schools to provide information about job creation so that there is a local pool from which to recruit.

Public consultations are now complete.

The Parish Council will be a consultee for the application when it is lodged. The PC will be looking for a contribution towards both public transport and traffic management solutions in the Parish.

If you have any comments or issues about Puy du Fou that you feel are still important to highlight during this process, please let us know.