

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033

Statement of Common Ground

Between

Vale of White Horse District Council,

South Oxfordshire District Council,

NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

and

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

March 2018

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC), South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC), Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust (OHFT), hereafter referred to as “the parties”.
- 1.2. This SoCG documents those matters agreed with regard to the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 and South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033 and supporting documents, hereafter referred to as “the Local Plans”, to assist the Inspector during the Examinations of the Local Plans. This SoCG focuses on those matters which are relevant to the parties.
- 1.3. This SoCG is provided without prejudice to other matters of detail that parties may wish to raise during the examination.
- 1.4. The duty to cooperate was created in the Localism Act 2011, and amends the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils in England and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters. Other public bodies, including the Environment Agency in addition to local planning authorities, are subject to the duty to cooperate by being prescribed in the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

- 1.5. In addition to the submitted Local Plans, the Councils have prepared (amongst others) the following documents as part of the evidence base of the Local Plan relevant to links between development and health:
- Vale of White Horse Infrastructure Delivery Plan (February 2018)
 - Vale of White Horse Sustainability Appraisal (September 2017)
 - Vale of White Horse Sustainable Transport Study of the Abingdon to Oxford Corridor (October 2017)
 - South Oxfordshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (October 2017)
 - South Oxfordshire Sustainability Appraisal (September 2017)
 - South Oxfordshire Sustainable Transport Study Stage 1 (July 2017) and Stage 2 (September 2017)
 - South Oxfordshire Health Impact Assessment (October 2017)

2. Matters on which parties agree

- 2.1. The parties agree that the Councils have made every effort throughout the preparation of the Local Plans to ensure the Plans provide a robust and strategic framework for the effective delivery of sustainable development. Throughout the process of preparing the Local Plans regular liaison has taken place with healthcare infrastructure providers. This is referred to within the Vale of White Horse Topic Paper 1: Duty to Cooperate and the South Oxfordshire Duty to Cooperate – Draft Statement of Compliance.
- 2.2. The parties agree that the Councils have discharged their duty to cooperate for the Local Plans.
- 2.3. The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033 includes policies relating to health which have been informed by ongoing liaison between the parties. Policy STRAT5: Strategic Development includes the requirement for proposals to deliver strategic development to be supported by a Health Impact Assessment. Also Policy STRAT8: Land at Berinsfield includes for the provision of new and expanded premises for a health centre to support development at Berinsfield.
- 2.4. The need for a Health Impact Assessment being provided as part of the information expected to support planning applications has been included as an Additional Modification to Appendix A: Site Development Templates of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2. This modification is set out in **Appendix 1** of this statement.
- 2.5. OCCG and OHFT have raised no objections to the Local Plans and recognise that the Spatial Strategy and site selections are designed to strike the appropriate balance between sustainable infrastructure and housing delivery. In doing so they provide a clear strategy for future growth that will inform and support the future planning of health services.

3. Wider matters for consideration

- 3.1. All parties commit to engaging positively in the planning for health care services in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire and all parties recognise the positive role that planning policy can have in supporting healthier lives.
- 3.2. The Councils will take account of updates in health service planning based on population need as expressed in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Oxfordshire wide transformation plans for health and social care. This will include the updating of Infrastructure Delivery Plans to take into account latest healthcare planning, and appropriately considering this work in further planning policy documents which support delivery of growth.
- 3.3. The OCCG and OHFT are committed to continuous working on health and wellbeing related matters. They agree to take account of plans for growth within the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire when planning for system wide changes to the shape and delivery of health and wellbeing services, the type of healthcare services required, and the promotion of healthier lifestyles.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1. The Councils have consulted OCCG and OHFT on the Local Plans and they have no objections to the policies and proposed site allocations outlined in the Local Plans.
- 4.2. All parties agree the Councils have discharged their duty to cooperate, with respect to health and well-being and those matters relating to the Local Plans. All parties would welcome the adoption of the Local Plans at the earliest opportunity and will continue to work cooperatively on all matters of mutual interest.

Signatures

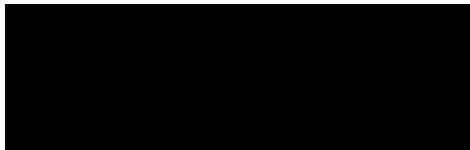
Signed on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council:



Holly Jones, Planning Policy Manager

Date: 8 March 2018

Signed on behalf of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group:



Julie Dandridge, Deputy Director of Delivery & Localities and Head of Primary Care & Localities

Date: 6 March 2018

Signed on behalf of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust:



Wayne Heal, Head of Property Services

Date: 7 March 2018

Appendix 1: Additional modification proposed to Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Additional bullet point to be added to 'Social and Community' of Appendix A: Site Development Templates as follows:

“• A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT THAT IDENTIFIES AND TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE HEALTH STATUS AND NEEDS IN THE AREA AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELLBEING”