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Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1

Examination Hearings

Stage 2 – February 2016

Statement of Common Ground

Between

Vale of White Horse District Council

and

Oxfordshire County Council

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWHDC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to reflect the current position agreed by all parties with regard to the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Stage 2.
- 1.2 This Statement follows agreement to a SOCG between these parties at Stage 1 of the examination on strategic matters. It does not seek to replicate matters agreed at this stage, but does give an update on the latest agreement to minor modifications to the plan in respect of infrastructure planning for proposed development.

2 Proposed minor modifications agreed by parties

- 2.1 Table 1 in Appendix 1 sets out proposed minor modifications to the plan relevant to matters to be reviewed in Stage 2, to which the parties agree. The reasons for these proposed changes are as set out in this schedule.

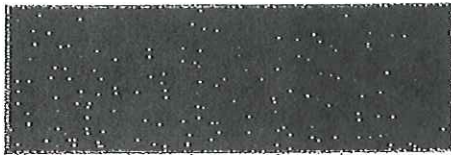
3. Outstanding issues

- 3.1 It is recognised that there still a number of issues in relation to proposed modifications which the parties signatory to this agreement have yet to agree. Full details of these are set out in the respective Council statements. In summary these relate to Maps E3 (Harwell Strategic Link etc), E11 (Harwell Campus etc) and E17 (Shrivenham etc) in Appendix E where the County Council and District are proposing different amendments, and Maps E7 (Science Bridge etc), E13 (Thames Crossing etc) and E15 (Abingdon South etc) where only the County are proposing amendments.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Notwithstanding the differences in approach to certain proposed amendments as set out above, the parties signatory to this statement of common ground would welcome the adoption of the new Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1 and will continue to work cooperatively on planning for necessary improvements to infrastructure associated with planned development.

Signed on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council

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Vale Local Plan Subject Matter Advisor

Date: 28/1/16

Signed on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council

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Bev Hindle

Deputy Director for Strategy and Infrastructure Planning

Date: 28 January 2016

Schedule of proposed minor amendments as agreed with the County Council							
Category	Respondent	Person ID	Policy No.	Para No.	Page No.	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change
Policy Wording	Vale of White Horse District Council	N/A	Core Policy 12	N/A	61	Add additional bullet to the list of schemes for; • 'Land for Improvements to Frilford Lights.'	This is to provide consistency with the publishing of the map E16 on Appendix E.
Policy Wording and Accuracy of Map E3	Vale of White Horse District Council	N/A	Core Policy 17 and 18	N/A	79	Amend text in bullet 7 of Core Policy 17 to 'A new Harwell Link Road between the B4493 and A417 and <u>Southern Didcot Spine Road.</u> ' Amend title on map E3 to state, 'Harwell Strategic Link Road and <u>Southern Didcot Spine Road.</u> '	To provide clarity of the new Harwell Link Road, as identified in Science Vale Area Strategy.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	P30	Update development template for North West Valley Park: 'Provide for widening of the <u>A4130.</u> '	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	The site development template for South Kennington should be amended so that it no longer refers to St Swithun's: 'St Swithun's primary school and'	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	28 and 31	The site development templates for both Valley Park and North West Valley Park should state:	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.

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						<u>Three new primary schools are required in respect of the two sites. One new primary school will be required on the North West Valley Park site and two other new primary schools will be required on the Valley Park site.</u> (Other text deleted as per OCC Statement).	
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	33	The site development template for West of Harwell should be amended to allow flexibility: 'Contribute towards increasing the primary school capacity of Harwell Community Primary School'.	The Council consider this would provide flexibility.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	44	The site development template for Monks Farm should be amended to 'contribute towards expanding Grove Church of England Primary School or provide a new school within the Monks Farm site'.	The Council consider this would provide flexibility.

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Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	The site development template for Sutton Courtenay should be amended: 'Contribute towards ... <u>expanding secondary school capacity in Abingdon-on-Thames</u> and/or <u>expansion of secondary-school capacity in Didcot</u> '.	The Council consider this would provide flexibility.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	28 and 31	The site development templates for Milton Heights, Valley Park, North West Valley Park, West of Harwell, East of Harwell Campus, North of Harwell Campus should state: ' <u>Contribute to a new secondary school at Great Western Park or Didcot North East.</u> '	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	The East Hanney site development template should be amended: 'Contribute towards... a new secondary school at Grove Airfield and nearby secondary schools. '	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	47	The Stanford in the Vale site development template should	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.

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	Council					be amended: 'Contribute towards ... increasing <u>secondary school capacity serving the area at Faringdon Community College</u> '.	
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	73	Land for Access to Strategic Network at Chilton Interchange <u>E4 Map change</u> - Minor amendment to safeguarded area	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.
Appendix	Oxfordshire County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	81	Gt Coxwell Road Junction- <u>E18 Map change</u> - Expand area of safeguarding	The Council consider this would provide useful clarity.