

**Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2**

**Statement of Common Ground**

**Between**

**Vale of White Horse District Council**

**and**

**Oxfordshire County Council**

**February 2018**

**V. Misc**

## Introduction

1. This statement has been prepared by Oxfordshire County Council (the County Council) and Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWH) to assist the Inspector during the examination of the Submitted VOWH Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (referred to hereafter as the Part 2 plan). This statement focuses on the matters which are relevant to the County Council, particularly, those matters raised by the County Council in their response to the Publication (Regulation 19) plan.
2. This Statement forms one of a series that cover the following matters:
  - I. Objectively Assessed Need and Unmet Housing Need
  - II. Transport and Safeguarding
  - III. Local Plan Sites
  - IV. Evidence
  - V. Misc
    - a. Education
    - b. Public Health
    - c. Minerals and Waste
    - d. Development Management Policies
    - e. Duty to Cooperate
3. Each Statement includes the following sections:
  - a. Background
  - b. Key agreements or Agreed Common Ground
  - c. Proposed Changes
  - d. Signatures
4. This statement is provided without prejudice to matters that parties may wish to raise during the examination, separately, or through additional Statements of Common Ground.

## **Education**

5. VOWH and the County Council work closely to plan for and deliver appropriate education provision on new development schemes and there is a proven track record of new schools being delivered successfully across the District. VOWH is most grateful for the expert advice offered by the County Council, who as Education Authority have responsibility for planning for education provision.
6. The Part 2 plan is consistent with the approach to preparing the Part 1 plan, has benefitted from County Council officer input, both formal and informal, at each stage of plan preparation including County Council officer attendance at regular meetings with promoters of the proposed site allocations. County education requirements will be adhered to when planning applications are made, including that appropriate land is made available that is suitable for school use.
7. The Development Site Templates set out with Appendix A of the plan sets out the policy requirements for each proposed allocation and these include provision for all types of education, along with consistent references within the accompanying Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The wording of both of these documents have been informed by detailed engagement with County Council officers and should reflect their advice in all cases.
8. The County Council's response to the Publication (Regulation 19) plan provides an overview of what education provision may be expected in relation to the proposed sites.
9. The County Council requests that an update is undertaken to the VOWH CIL strategy, and in particular the Regulation 123 list, to ensure S106 obligations can be secured for the delivery and funding of education provision, where necessary, from the sites proposed for allocation in the Part 2 plan and potentially for other sites. VOWH agrees with this proposal and has commenced work on updating its approach to CIL, in partnership with the County Council. It is envisaged that this will run in parallel to the Part 2 plan examination process.
10. The Council's approach to updating the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is discussed within Statement of Common Ground IV: Evidence.

### ***Key Agreements***

11. The County Council and VOWH agree to continue to plan for appropriate education provision in accordance with the proposed allocations set out in the Part 2 plan. The County Council and VOWH agree to continue to work in partnership to update the IDP and the VOWH approach to CIL, as appropriate.

## **Public Health**

12. The County Council's response to the Publication (Regulation 19) plan sets out the County Council's support for amendments made to the Part 2 plan to reflect their earlier comments. It is suggested that an Additional Modification is proposed to add the need for a Health Impact Assessment being provided as part of the information expected to support planning applications. VOWH agrees with this proposal and notes it is also supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group. A proposed Additional Modification is set out in below.

### ***Key Agreement***

13. The County Council and VOWH agree the proposed Additional Modification (see '5' in table below) is appropriate to ensure Health Impact Assessments are appropriately planned for.

## **Minerals and Waste**

14. The County Council did not raise any matters relating to Minerals and Waste Planning in relation to the Part 2 plan.

## **Development Management Policies**

15. The County Council did not raise any matters relating to the Development Management Policies set out within the Part 2 plan.

## **Duty-to-Cooperate**

16. VOWH has continuously engaged with the County Council both formally and informally throughout the preparation of the Part 2 plan.

### ***Key Agreement***

17. The County Council agrees that VOWH has discharged its Duty to Cooperate.

**Summary of substantive points and proposed changes raised by Oxfordshire County Council in response to the Publication (Regulation 19) version of the VOWH Local Plan 2031: Part 2 and VOWH response.**

<b>County Council Regulation 19 Comments</b>	<b>VOWH Response</b>
<p>Soundness Issue 5. Additional Modification:</p> <p>Add the following to the Social and Community section of the General Requirements for All Housing Site Allocations set out in Appendix A:</p> <p>‘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’.</p>	<p>VOWH agrees with proposed additional modification.</p> <p>Additional Modification proposed to add additional bullet point to be added to ‘Social and Community’ of Appendix A: Site Development Template as follows:</p> <p>‘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’</p>

## **Signatures**

Signed on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council

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Date 11/6/18

Signed on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council

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Date 13 June 2018