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Part 2

Detailed Policies and Additional Sites

Equality Impact Assessment

Draft strategies/policies – Equality Impact Check

Draft strategy/policy being checked:

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies

Is this draft strategy/policy:

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Service team: Planning Policy

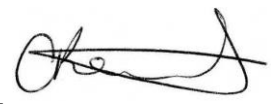
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Signed __ _ Catherine Harker __ _ (Officer)

Signed  __ _ (Head of Service) 09/10/2017

Signed  __ _ (Cheryl Reeves, equalities officer)

**PLEASE NOTE – THIS CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOUR DRAFT
STRATEGY IS SUBMITTED TO MANAGEMENT TEAM AND COUNCILLORS FOR
APPROVAL**

Why do you need to do this Equality Impact Check?

Our strategies and policies set out the way we will deliver our services (including employment opportunities). When we are developing them, we need to check that they are not going to create any barriers which could prevent people from accessing our services.

People in the Vale of the White Horse may face barriers because of things like disability, gender (including transgender, pregnancy and maternity), age, sexual orientation, rural isolation, income, religion/belief or ethnicity.

As well as thinking about how our services will meet the needs of these groups of people, we also need to consider how our draft strategies and policies will help us to:

- promote positive relations within communities
- give everyone a voice
- respect and value everyone
- protect people's human rights

This Equality Impact Check provides officers with a framework to help them work through these considerations in relation to their draft policy/strategy, ensuring that we are meeting our legal duties with regards to equality and diversity.

We have a statutory duty to carry out these assessments and they contribute towards our corporate priority to optimise access to services

If you have any queries about this Check or would like some advice/support in completing it, please contact the Shared equalities officer (see contact details below).

Once you've completed this Equality Impact Check, please send the paperwork to the shared equality officer, along with a copy of the draft strategy/policy.

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OUTLINE OF THE DRAFT STRATEGY / POLICY YOU ARE CHECKING:

1. What are the aims and objectives of this draft strategy/policy?

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies (LPP2) forms part of the Development Plan, which will guide future planning decisions in the Vale of White Horse District. It follows on from the Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (LPP1) which was adopted by the Council in December 2016.

The main purpose of LPP2 is to set out:

- policies and locations for new housing to meet the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need, which cannot be met within the City boundaries, as agreed by Oxfordshire Growth Board
- policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District
- detailed development management policies to complement the strategic policies set out in LPP1 and replace the remaining saved policies of the Local Plan 2011, where appropriate, and
- additional site allocations for housing

This Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) covers the detailed policies and additional site allocations proposed in LPP2.

2. Who is the proposed strategy or policy designed to support / help / serve?

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 provides a policy framework for the delivery of sustainable development across the District which will form a basis for planning decisions. It will also help to support local residents, local community organisations, town and parishes, councillors and developers to understand the policies that development management officers will use to determine applications.

3. Does the draft strategy or policy have the potential to cause a **negative impact or discriminate against certain groups in the community?** Gender, disability, age, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, rural isolation. – referred to as protected characteristics, with the exception of rural isolation.

The following symbols have been used:

- ✓ positive outcome for these specific groups in relation to the community as a whole (ie. The policy may be positively beneficial for particular groups)
- no discernible impact in relation to the community as a whole
- × negative outcome for these specific groups in relation to the community as a whole, for example not meeting their needs
- ? unknown impact in relation to the community as a whole

If positive outcome – explain what existing evidence (presumed or otherwise) do you have for this? e.g. will the policies advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic?

This means will they:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
- Take steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people

If you feel the local plan policies could do more to advance equal opportunities, include this in the action plan at the end of the document.

If negative outcome - please explain how the policies could cause a negative impact or discriminate. If you can not justify this you will need to take mitigating action, complete the action plan at the end of this assessment.

Equality Impact Assessment

Table 1 below assesses the impacts of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 policies against each protected characteristic.

Table 1

Local plan policies		Gender	Disability	Age	Race	Religion & Beliefs	Sexual Orientation	Gender Reassignment	Preg & Maternity	Marriage & Civil Partners	Rural Isolation	Summary of effect	Action Required
Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities:													
Housing Policies:													
1	Self Build and Custom Build Homes	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This policy promotes self build homes on a small scale to meet the need highlighted within the self build register and strategic housing market assessment (SHMA). This is particularly helpful to those with special design needs due to disability or age	none
2	Space Standards	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This policy will ensure that more houses are built to Category 2 and 3 standard of Building Regulations, in order to provide suitable homes for those with physical disabilities and for older people.	none
3	Sub-Division of Dwellings	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The subdivision of dwellings will create additional homes at lower cost, of particular benefit to lower income groups, such as young people and retired people and other small households.	none

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4	Residential Annexes	-	√	√	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	This policy aims to support ancillary dwellings. This will help to serve people with disabilities and older people in need of support, younger people who have not been able to move out of their home due to housing prices, and families from cultures or religions where extended families live in close proximity.	none
5	Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effect on any particular protected characteristic	none
6	Rural Workers' Dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	This will help to prevent rural isolation of those working at businesses in the countryside	none
7	Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effect on any particular protected characteristic	none
Community Facility Policies:													
8	Community Services and Facilities	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	The provision of new facilities and protection of essential community services and facilities is generally positive towards preventing rural isolation and creating inclusive communities.	none

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9	Public Houses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	This will keep public houses in use for social interaction, helping to prevent rural isolation and encourage inclusive communities.	none
Supporting Economic Prosperity:													
Employment Policies:													
10	Ancillary Uses on Key Employment Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristic	none
11	Community Employment Plans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Generally positive for all.	none
12	Rural Diversification & Equestrian Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristic	none
Retail Policies:													
13	Changes of Use of Retail units to Other Uses	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This will protect the viability of town centres, protecting accessibility for all, especially those who cannot drive.	none
14	Villages and Local Shops	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	This will protect village shops, providing accessibility for all, including for those who cannot drive. By protecting the focal point of the village, the policy also helps to prevent rural isolation and encourage inclusive communities by encouraging social interaction.	none

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15	Retail Parks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effect on any particular protected characteristics	none
Supporting Sustainable Transport & Accessibility:													
Transport Policies:													
16	Access	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The policy refers to the NPPF and the highlights the importance of the needs of people with disabilities	none
17	Transport Assessments & Travel Plans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
18	Public Car Parking in Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
19	Lorries & Roadside Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
Protecting the Environment & Responding to Climate Change:													
Design Policies:													
20	Public Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This will increase the attractiveness of new development, of benefit to all.	none
21	External Lighting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none

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22	Advertisements	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adverts should contribute to an attractive environment and should not constitute hazards for people with visual impairments.	none
23	Impact of Development on Amenity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
24	The effect of Neighbouring or Previous Uses on New Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
Environmental Health:													
25	Noise Pollution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
26	Air Quality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
27	Land Affected by Contamination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
28	Waste Collection and Recycling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
Landscape Policies:													
29	Settlement Character and Gaps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Retaining the open character and setting of our settlements helps to make the district more attractive for all users.	none
Green Infrastructure & Corridors Policies:													

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30	Watercourses	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Watercourses and their environs will be protected for the enjoyment of all users, whilst promoting access for all users, including those with disabilities	none
31	Protection of Public Rights of Way, National Trails and Open Access Areas	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	The Council will protect public rights of way and national trails whilst promoting access for all users. Public rights of way, national trails and open access areas also encourage social interaction and well being in rural areas and help to prevent rural isolation.	none
32	The Wilts & Berks Canal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The Council supports in principle the restoration of the Wilts & Berks Canal, which is a beneficial green space for all	none
Leisure Policies:													
33	Open Space	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This policy provides safe, accessible and convenient open space for play and recreation, which is of benefit for all and helps to encourage social interaction and inclusive communities.	none

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34	Leisure and Sports Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Existing leisure facilities will be protected and loss of a facility supported where it would not cause discrimination, which is of benefit for all and helps to form inclusive communities.	none
35	New Countryside Recreation Facilities	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√	New facilities for informal countryside recreational activities will encourage social interaction in rural areas and promote access for all users, including those with disabilities. This will help to form inclusive communities.	none
Historic Environment Policies:													
36	Heritage Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
37	Conservation Areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No envisioned effects on any particular protected characteristics	none
38	Listed Buildings	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Alterations to improve use for those with disabilities will generally be supported	none
39	Archaeology & Scheduled Monuments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Our heritage is protected for all, providing insights into our culture and attracting tourism and other social and economic benefits for all.	none

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Site Allocation policies:													
CP8a	Additional Site Allocations for Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Additional site allocations for housing to help meet the Vale's share of Oxford's unmet housing need	none
CP 12a	Safeguarding of Land for Strategic highway Improvements within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This safeguards land for: Oxford Park & Ride at Cumnor; Oxford Park & Ride at Lodge Hill; Bus lane between Lodge Hill A34 interchange & Hinksey A34 Interchange; South Marcham Bypass, of benefit to all	none
CP 14a	Upper Thames Strategic Storage Reservoir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This policy updates the land safeguarded for a reservoir, of benefit to all	none
CP 15a	Additional Site Allocations for South East Vale Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Additional site allocations.	none
CP 16a	Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	This will provide housing for workers at Harwell Campus, since many workers come from other countries.	none
CP 16b	Didcot Garden Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This provides over-arching guidance on the design of development to occur at Didcot Garden Town, of benefit to all who use the town.	none

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CP 18a	Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the South-East Vale Sub-Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This safeguards: Access to/from A34 to Milton Park; New pedestrian and cycle bridge across A34 at Milton Heights, of benefit to all.	none
CP 19a	Re-opening of Grove Railway Station	-	√	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Land is safeguarded for re-opening the railway station at Grove. This will particularly benefit those who cannot drive.	none

4. Have reasonable adjustments been made for people with disabilities to ensure they can use the draft strategy or policy? This might mean treating disabled people better than non-disabled people in order to meet their needs

Yes: The following alternative format statement included on the back cover of the Local Plan documents:

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5. Will the draft strategy or policy help to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it e.g will the changes help to tackle prejudice and promote understanding between the different groups?

Yes: A number of the policies within the Local Plan help to encourage inclusive communities

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

6. Will the draft strategy or policy have an impact on any relevant human rights [You may find it helpful to view the human rights guide for public authorities on the intranet to help you decide]. Please identify which human rights have been considered?

The relevant human rights in this case are as follows:

Article 8 Respect for your private and family life, home and correspondence

Article 10 Freedom of expression

Article 14 Protection from discrimination in respect of these rights and freedoms

Protocol 1, Article 1 Right to peaceful enjoyment of your property

No human rights will be affected by the Local Plan. Human rights will continue to be taken account of during the planning process.

What impact was identified?

All policies will have either have a neutral or positive impact on the protected characteristic groups, as shown in Table 1 above.

Was the impact negative (removing, unjustifiably interfering with any human rights)? If so, please indicate how the strategy / policy will be amended to reduce or eliminate any negative impact

No

7. Has there been consultation with relevant community groups to help inform this draft strategy or policy?

Yes. Wide public consultation has taken place, including with Vale Disability Access Group and key stakeholders. A summary of the consultation processes, comments and Council response can be found in the Council's Consultation Statement.

8. Has the draft strategy or policy missed opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and positive attitudes?

No. Tables 2 and 3 show how the Council has taken opportunities to ensure equality of all protected characteristic groups.

Table 2 summarises comments relating to equality issues raised since the Preferred Options Document was published e.g through formal consultation and informal engagement. The Table also explains the actions taken to address the concerns raised.

The Local Plan 2031 comprises of two documents. Part 1 was adopted in December 2016 and had a separate Equality Impact Assessment completed to support the document. The assessment highlighted a number of actions to be taken forward for consideration when preparing Local Plan 2031 Part 2. Table 3 sets out these actions and provides explanation as to the action taken forward in Local Plan 2031 Part 2, considering the changes to national policy and legislation.

It should also be noted that the Council has published a Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which provides further details to complement the policies in Parts 1 and 2 of the Local Plan. Where relevant this has been noted in the tables below

Action plan for mitigating action or advancing equality of opportunity

The Council will monitor the effectiveness of all policies and take appropriate action in accordance with the Monitoring Framework in Appendix N. Should any policy not be functioning effectively in terms of equality, the Policy Team will liaise with the Equality Officer.

Table 2: Table showing proposed changes to Part 2 policies suggested by the Equality Officer and the Council's responses

Plan Policy/Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Development Policy 2: Space Standards	N/A	Policy should be strengthened to include category three housing in line with the evidence gathered for the housing strategy	To ensure developments meet the needs of the ageing population and people with disabilities	Yes	The policy has been updated to include the evidence provided by the Joint Housing Delivery Strategy. The policy states that 5% of new affordable housing should be built to Category 3 standard and, for sites of 100 units or more, there should be an allowance made for 2% of the market homes to be delivered to Category 3 standards if there is demonstrable need.
Development Policy 12: Changes of Use of Retail Units	N/A	The text should include that the impact on wheelchair users should be considered if shop size is reduced, and could we add a line about development proposals being accessible for all users.	The existing policy does not single out the impact on wheelchair users	No	It is not considered that the policy requires this amendment as it is covered by points vi and vii in Core Policy 37 in Local Plan Part 1, through addressing the needs of all in society.

Plan Policy/Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Development Policy 13: Villages and Local Shops	N/A	Could we add a line about development or extensions to village shops meeting the needs of people with disabilities or limited mobility.	The existing policy only specifies the needs of the local population and not specifically those members of the population with disabilities	No	Covered by points vi and vii in Core Policy 37 through addressing the needs of all in society. Part M of the Building Regulations 2010 also covers access to and within buildings for those with disabilities or limited mobility.
Development Policy 15: Access	N/A	It is important to remember that shared spaces can cause issues for people with visual impairment.	To ensure that those with visual impairments are considered	Yes	The supporting text of the policy has been amended to refer to the NPPF and highlights the importance of the needs of people with disabilities.
Development Policy 16: Transport Assessment & Travel Plans	N/A	Travel Plans should include accessible transport for those with disabilities.	To ensure that those with physical disabilities are given additional consideration	No	Core Policy 37 in Local Plan Part 1 stresses the importance of meeting the needs of people with disabilities in accessing transport. Oxfordshire County Council also makes reference to supporting those with disabilities within the application for Travel Plans.

Plan Policy/Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Development Policy 17: Public Car Parking in Settlements	N/A	Support should be given to creating more large spaces for parent child or mobility impaired spaces in addition to disabled badge holder spaces.	To support those needing extra space to get out of the car	Yes	Look to address in future updates of the design guide DG 38 'Inclusive access' to take account of the needs. Oxfordshire County Council also provides guidance on parking arrangements for those with small children and those with disabilities.
Development Policy 21: Adverts	N/A	Proposals for advertisements could be strengthened to ensure they take account of not causing a hazard for people with visual impairments	To take account of the needs of people with visual impairments	Yes	Policy updated accordingly, and refers to CP37
Development Policy 29: Watercourses	N/A	Could we add a line about improving accessibility for all, including those with mobility impairments.	To support those with mobility impairments	Yes	A line has been added to the supporting text to say "Proposals should consider how access can be improved for all users including provision for those with mobility impairments."
Development Policy 30: Protection of Public Rights of Way, National Trails and Open Access Areas	N/A	Could we strengthen the policy to include improving accessibility existing rights of way network, including National Trails for people with disabilities	To take account of the needs of people with disabilities	Yes	Policy updated accordingly

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Development Policy 32: Open Space	N/A	Could we strengthen the policy to make reference to 'accessible' open space	To take account of the needs of people with mobility impairments	Yes	Policy updated accordingly
Development Policy 33: Leisure and Sports Facilities	N/A	Policy should include that loss of facilities will only be allowed where the loss will not result in discrimination.	To prevent discrimination to those who can't travel to other facilities	No	Policy refers to 'loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision' which should prevent a loss causing discrimination
Development Policy 34: New Countryside Recreation Facilities	N/A	Could we add a line to say the new facilities should be accessible for all.	To improve accessibility for those with mobility impairments	Yes	A line has been added to the supporting text to say "Proposals should consider how access can be improved for all users including provision for those with mobility impairments."
CP16a: Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework	N/A	Would like to see Design Guide referenced in the policy as well as supporting text.	To ensure the Design Guide is used	No	As the design guide applies to all development this is not considered necessary
CP18a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the South-East Vale Sub-Area	N/A	The bridge needs to be accessible for wheelchair users. Could the word 'accessible' could be incorporated into this policy to reflect the need?	To ensure that there is safe passage for wheelchair users	No	Not appropriate to add as this is a strategic policy to safeguard land for highway development. The equalities officer would need to be consulted on any planning application.

Plan Policy/Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
CP19a: Re-opening of Grove Railway Station	N/A	If we are to re-open this station it will be important to ensure it is accessible for all.	To ensure disabled access	No	Not appropriate to add as this is a strategic policy to safeguard land. The equalities officer would need to be consulted on any planning application.

Table 3: Table showing proposed changes to Part 1 policies still outstanding when Part 1 was adopted, and the Council's responses

Plan Policy /Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Core Policy 26	All new homes designed for older people shall be built to current Lifetime Homes standards as a minimum	A percentage within all new developments in addition to new homes designed for older people.	Currently this won't take account of people purchasing a property whilst younger and staying in it until old age.	No	Development Policy 2: Space Standards within Local Plan 2031 Part 2 addresses this need

Plan Policy /Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Lifetime homes	N/A	'Where possible residential development should also include wheelchair accessible homes in addition to lifetime homes'.	The draft design guide includes: Wheelchair accessible homes should be designed in accordance with recognised guidance such as Wheelchair Housing Design Guide (Habinteg, 2006). These homes should be positioned in highly accessible locations. These should be in addition to lifetime homes.	No	Development Policy 2: Space Standards within Local Plan 2031 Part 2 addresses this need
Core Policy 37: Design and Local Distinctiveness	Section 6.86 links to the Design Guide SPD	Ensuring accessible design to meet the needs of older people, people with disability parents and carers.	<p>The policy does not include a statement about ensuring accessible design to meet the needs of older people, people with disability parents and carers.</p> <p>Throughout the EIA we are suggesting that the plan will be beneficial to all groups 'assuming' that good quality design and access is provided – this is the key.</p>	No	<p>Principle DG38 of the Design Guide: Inclusive Design addresses these issues.</p> <p>Core Policy 37 within Local Plan 2031 Part 1 refers meeting the needs of people with disabilities</p>

Plan Policy /Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
6.88	Makes reference: to producing the masterplan in consultation with stakeholders – on strategic and major development and any that contains housing for older people.	Include: in consultation with someone from the National Register of access consultants		No	<p>Section 6.88 of Part 1 makes reference to collaboration with stakeholders, it does not list all stakeholders within this section and therefore it would not be appropriate to single out the National Register of access consultants.</p> <p>The Design Guide makes reference to organisations that can assist developers including NRAC consultant</p>
Core Policy 37: Design and Local Distinctiveness	N/A	Statement: British Standard Code of Practice: encourage development to meet the British Standards - BS8300:2009+ A1:2010 Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people.	Only then can we ensure that buildings are truly accessible as the building regs are minimum access standards. If not included within the Plan cannot be enforced.	No	Part M of the Building Regulations 2010 covers the design of buildings to accommodate those with disabilities. It also ensures that there is access within buildings for those with disabilities or limited mobility.

Plan Policy /Section	Current	Proposed changes	Reason for change	Action Yes/No	Reason
Core Policy 38: Design Strategies for Strategic and Major Development Sites	The policy has the following statement: contain 1. A masterplan which should - include a Green Infrastructure framework to ensure that public and private open space standards are met, relate well to each other and to existing areas and that the new spaces are safe, convenient and functional.	Contain a Green Infrastructure framework to ensure that public and private open space standards are met, relate well to each other and to existing areas and that the new spaces are safe, convenient, 'accessible' and functional.		Yes	The Green Infrastructure Strategy supports green infrastructure policies and Part 2 makes reference to the need for accessibility for all, including those with mobility impairments.

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