

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1

Examination Hearings

February 2016

Statement of Common Ground

Between

Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

SCG16

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWHDC), and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) to reflect the current position agreed by the parties with regard to the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 and supporting evidence base.
- 1.2 This Statement confirms areas of agreement regarding the approach to health and well-being in the Local Plan 2031, and an agreed set of actions going forward

2. Areas of agreement in relation to Local Plan, Part 1.

- 2.1 The parties agree that the council have made every effort throughout the preparation of the Local Plan Part 1 to ensure the Plan provides a robust, strategic framework for the effective delivery of sustainable development. Throughout this process the council have continuously made attempts to engage with the infrastructure providers including NHS and OCCG. This is evidenced within the Duty to Cooperate and Cross Boundary Issues Topic Paper 1. ¹However it is acknowledged that following a major NHS re-organisation in 2013 it has been difficult for councils to engage with health planning. This is being rectified and councils are now developing the necessary relationships with organisations delivering health and wellbeing improvements that give confidence in the alignment of planning to meet local need.
- 2.2 OCCG have raised no objections to the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 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 it provides a clear strategy for future growth that will inform and support the future planning of health facilities.

3. Agreement to actions going forward

- 3.1 The VOWHDC will engage positively in the planning for health care facilities in their district, and in particular take account of updates in health facility 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 updating of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to take into account latest healthcare planning, and appropriately considering

¹ Vale of White Horse Local Plan Topic Paper 1: Duty to Co-operate and Cross Boundary Issues

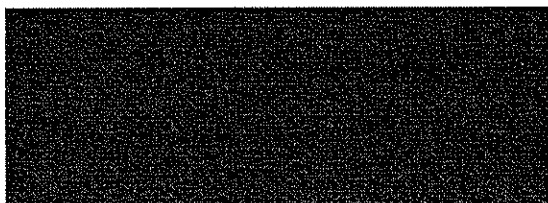
this work in further planning policy documents which support delivery of growth, particularly in the Science Vale area.

- 3.2 The OCCG 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 when planning for system wide changes to the shape and delivery of health and wellbeing services, the type of healthcare facilities required, and the promotion of healthier lifestyles.
- 3.3. Both parties recognise the positive role that planning policy can have in supporting healthier lives. An example of this is the proposed VOWHDC Local Plan Core Policy 37 which promotes high quality design in new developments, and proposed Local Plan Core Policy 35 which look to ensure that new development promotes cycling and walking.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 Both parties agree the council have discharged its duty to cooperate, with respect to health and well-being and those matters relating to the Local Plan Examination. Both parties would welcome the adoption of the new VOWHDC Local Plan 2031 Part 1 at the earliest opportunity and will continue to work cooperatively on all matters of mutual interest.

Signed on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council



Vale Local Plan Subject Matter Advisor

Date: 27/1/16

Signed on behalf of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group



Director of Strategy and Transformation

Date: 21/01/2016