

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

UPDATE BULLETIN 3 – JULY 2016



INTRODUCTION >

This bulletin is the third in a series of progress updates on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan.

UPDATE OF LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1 >

Strategic Sites and Policies

The Local Plan Part 1 sets out the overall development strategy for the district and where new housing and employment should be located up to 2031. We are planning for 20,560 homes and 23,000 jobs together with the infrastructure such as new schools and roads to support this growth.

In our previous Local Plan Update Bulletins we explained that the plan has been through two stages of Examination in September 2015 and February 2016. We also explained that the Council received the Planning Inspector's Interim Findings in June 2016.

The Inspector's main Interim Findings were summarised in our June Local Plan Update Bulletin. The Inspector has indicated that the plan is likely to be found sound, subject to main modifications. The Inspector has now made clear what modifications he considers necessary to make the plan sound and these are referred to as 'Main Modifications'. These will be subject to formal public consultation starting in the summer of 2016 (hopefully before the end of July 2016) – the exact dates will be published on the Council website.

LOCAL PLAN 2031: PART 1 'MAIN MODIFICATIONS' CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS >

Consultation on the Local Plan 2031: Part 1 'Main Modifications' will be conducted over the summer of 2016. The consultation will run for at least six weeks. As this period includes the school summer holidays, the consultation will be extended, so that at least two weeks of the consultation period is outside of the school holiday period. The flow diagram below shows the expected remaining steps for the Local Plan 2031: Part 1 to reach adoption.



Please note that these dates are approximate and may be subject to change.

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE >

We are currently updating our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to reflect changes to legislation and national policy. The SCI sets out our approach on how to get involved in the planning process and what to expect from the council when you do. The document comprises of three parts:

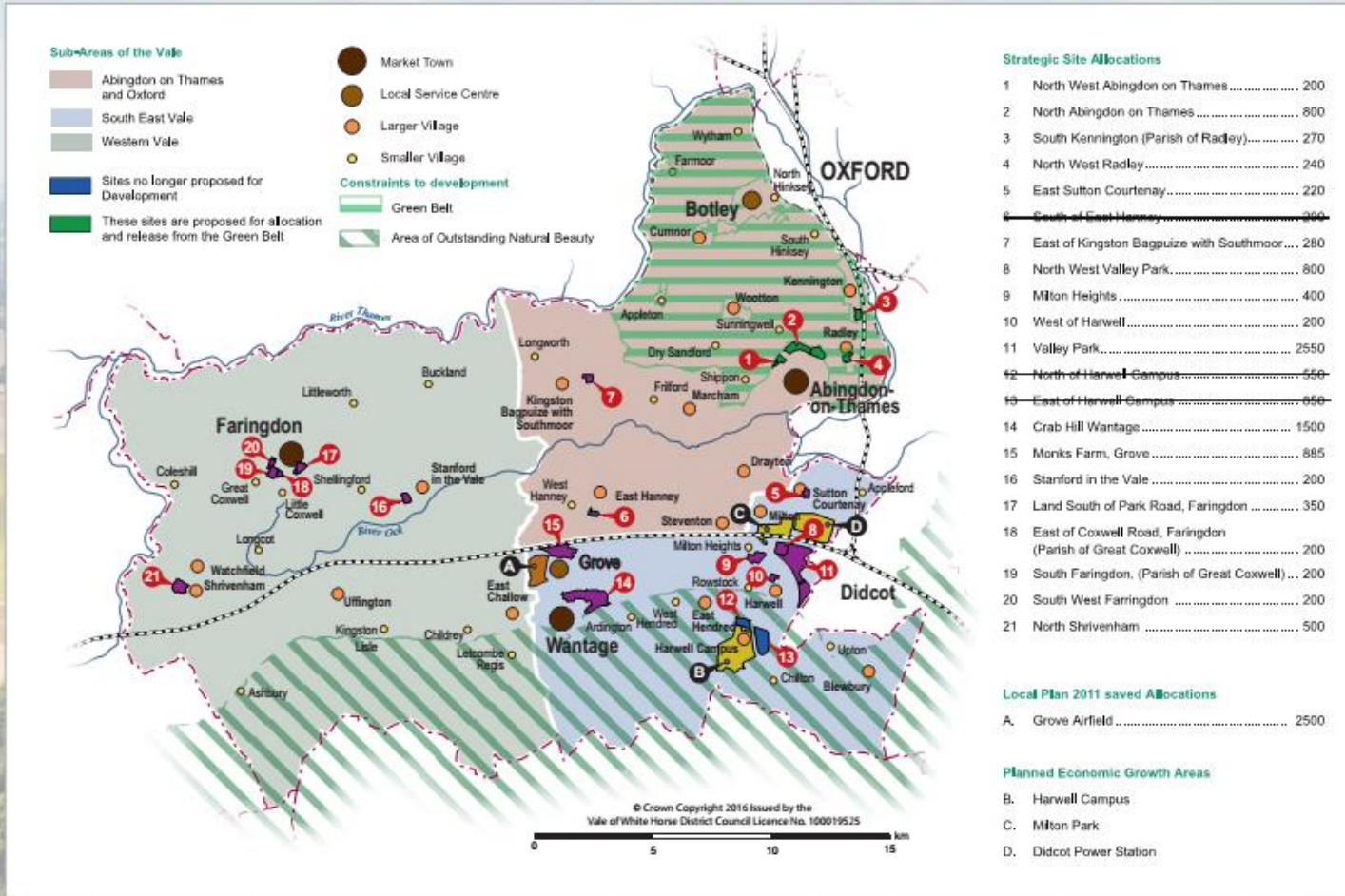
- Our overall approach to community engagement and involvement in the planning process
- How to get involved with and influence the council as it prepares its Local Plan and other planning policy documents
- How to become involved with planning applications

We will consult on a draft Statement of Community Involvement alongside consultation on the Local Plan 2031: Part 1 'Main Modifications' in the summer of 2016 – it is hoped this consultation will start before the end of July 2016.

UPDATED LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1

STRATEGIC GROWTH MAP

UPDATED LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1 - STRATEGIC GROWTH MAP >



NOTES >

- This map shows the strategic growth planned across the Vale of White Horse District as set out in the Local Plan 2031 Part 1
- The map has been updated to show that three sites (No. 6 – South of East Hanney; No. 12 – North of Harwell Campus; and No. 13 – East of Harwell Campus) are no longer proposed for development and will no longer be included in the Local Plan.
- The map has also been updated to show that four of the strategic allocations are being released from the Oxford Green Belt (No. 1 – North West Abingdon-on-Thames; No. 2 – North Abingdon-on-Thames; No. 3. South Kennington (Parish of Radley); and No. 4 – North West Radley). Please note that there are no longer any other proposed changes to the Green Belt included within the Local Plan 2031 Part 1.