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

Regulation 22 Statement

A report demonstrating compliance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in relation to the following consultations undertaken by the Council in the preparation of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies:

Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Preferred Options (March – May 2017)

Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 (October – December 2017)

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SUMMARY

This Statement provides a summary of the consultation undertaken on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (Part 2 plan) to demonstrate compliance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Statement details the consultation stages undertaken on the Local Plan 2031 Part 2, as follows:

- Preferred Options Version of Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (7 March 2017 to 4 May 2017), and
- Publication Version of Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (11 October 2017 to 22 November 2017).

The Preferred Options consultation was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The consultation on the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

This Statement explains the consultation process undertaken on the Part 2 plan, including the methods used, the people involved and the number of representations received. This Statement also sets out a summary of the main issues that have arisen through the Plan's production, including Preferred Options Version and Publication Version of the Part 2 plan and how this has influenced the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

1 Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement has been produced to provide a summary of the consultation processes for the Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies and the main issues arising. This Statement has been produced in accordance with Regulation 22 (1)(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”). The Regulations state this Statement will need to set out the following:
 - (i) which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under Regulation 18
 - (ii) how those bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulation 18
 - (iii) a summary of the main issues raised by the representations made pursuant to Regulation 18
 - (iv) how any representations made pursuant to Regulation 18 have been taken into account
 - (v) if representations were made pursuant to Regulation 20, the number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations, and
 - (vi) if no representations were made in Regulation 20, that no such representations were made.
- 1.2. This Statement explains each of the consultation stages on the Local Plan in relation to the methods used, the people involved and the number of representations received. This Statement also sets out a summary of the main issues that have arisen through each stage of consultation and how these have influenced the progression of the Local Plan.
- 1.3. Following the close of the six week publicity period and with due consideration of representations, the Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 23 February 2018.

2 Background

- 2.1. The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 will replace the Local Plan 2011 and will be made up of two parts: Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (adopted in December 2016), Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites, along with the Adopted Policies Map.
- 2.2. The Part 1 plan was adopted in December 2016¹. It sets the overall development strategy for the district for the period to 2031. It includes strategic policies as well as locations for strategic housing and employment sites. It also provides the policy context for Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- 2.3. The Part 2 plan complements the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 by setting 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 the 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 the Part 1 plan and replace the remaining saved policies of the Local Plan 2011, and
 - additional site allocations for housing.
- 2.4. The following key stages of consultation have been undertaken on the Part 2 plan since 2017:
 - Preferred Options Version of Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies (9 March 2017 to 4 May 2017), and
 - Publication Version of Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies (11 October 2017 to 22 November 2017).
- 2.5. The council consulted with key stakeholders and the public on each of these documents, alongside a suite of draft evidence base studies, to gather feedback and views on the emerging policies and proposals, which have influenced the Plan. Each of the consultation stages is explained further in the following chapters. However, the Consultation Statement that accompanied the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan² included further details on the consultation and community engagement strategy that was

¹ Vale of White Horse District Council (2016) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031-part-1-strategic-sites>

² Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

undertaken for Regulation 18 consultation and includes a concise summary of the key issues raised at that stage of the Plan.

- 2.6. Through the Plan's preparation, the Council has worked collaboratively with organisations, local communities and individuals to ensure that the district's planning policies reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the area. The Council has provided a range of opportunities for the community to present their views on the emerging Part 2 plan as demonstrated in **Appendix 2a**. The Part 2 plan has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which was adopted in December 2016. In particular, Part 2 of the SCI (Getting involved in the Local Plan and Planning Policy) which provides information on how the Council engages with the community to influence new Planning Policy documents, including the Local Plan.³
- 2.7. The Council has provided details on how the 'Duty to Cooperate' has been met as required by the Localism Act 2011⁴, National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)⁵ and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁶. This has been documented within Topic Paper 1: Duty to Cooperate that accompanied the Publication Version (Regulation 19) of the Part 2 Plan published for consultation and has been updated to support the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan. The Topic Paper provides a summary of how the Council is meeting its obligations under the 'Duty to Cooperate' as required by the Localism Act 2011, the National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) in the preparation of the Part 2 plan⁷.
- 2.8. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) ensures sustainable development is promoted throughout the planning system. An SA advises the plan on whether the policies proposed are likely to have a significant positive or negative effect on achieving sustainability principles, and from this the SA suggests ways to mitigate any potentially harmful effects and maximise any positive effects.
- 2.9. An SA has been undertaken for each iteration of the Part 2 plan, with respective SA Reports published alongside each Plan for public consultation. This has ensured SA principles are firmly integrated into the plan from the

³ Vale of White Horse District Council (2016) Statement of Community Involvement, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/statement-community-involvement>

⁴ section 110 of the Localism Act 2011, available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted>

⁵ CLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/duty-to-cooperate>

⁶ CLG (2012) The National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 178-181, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

⁷ Topic Paper 1: Duty to Cooperate, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2031-part-2>

outset and ensured the reasonable options have been considered and assessed throughout plan preparation.

- 2.10. The European Directive (92/43/EEC) on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna (the Habitats Directive) protects habitats and species of European nature conservation importance. This Directive requires an Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be undertaken on proposed plans, which are likely to have a significant effect on one or more Natural 2000 sites either individually, or in combination with other plans or projects. The HRA process has been undertaken alongside the evolution of the Part 2 plan with the Report's recommendations being considered and taken into account in the Plan.

3 Public consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 Plan

- 3.1. The Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan set out the 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, policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the district, detailed development management policies to complement the Part 1 plan and replace the remaining saved policies of the Local Plan 2011 and allocates additional sites for housing.
- 3.2. Alongside the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan, the Council consulted on an Interim Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, and a suite of draft evidence base studies that supported the Part 2 plan.
- 3.3. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's SCI. This Statement should be read in conjunction with the Consultation Statement published in October 2017, which provides further detail on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan⁸.

Consultation Period and Process

- 3.4. The consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan took place between 9 March 2017 and 4 May 2017 for a period of eight weeks.
- 3.5. In line with the Regulations and the Council's SCI, the following activities were undertaken:
 - specific general consultation bodies were notified of the consultation and how to make representations in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
 - a formal notice was published in the Herald Series newspapers
 - Part 2 plan and supporting documents, representation forms, and details of how to comment were available to view and access at the Council offices, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, all district libraries, and during public events, and
 - the Part 2 plan and accompanying documents were made available on the Council website to view and access.

⁸ Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

- 3.6. In addition to statutory requirements, a range of communication methods were used to promote the consultation and at related events in accordance with the Council's SCI. Further details showing the communication methods used to promote the Preferred Options consultation on the Part 2 plan can be found in Appendix 2 of the Consultation Statement published alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.⁹

Consultation Responses

- 3.7. In total, 3698 formal representations were received on the plan by 573 respondents. All representations were available for public inspection at the Council offices during normal office hours and were available to view and access on the Council website using the consultation portal at:
<https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/portal/>.
- 3.8. Representations received covered all aspects of the Plan. To demonstrate compliance with the Regulations, this Statement provides a summary of the main issues raised by policy area from public consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan and how the comments received from this consultation have been considered by the Council for the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan. A concise summary of the key issues from the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan are set out in **Chapter 5**. A full summary of the key issues raised at Preferred Options can be found in the Consultation Statement, which supported the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan¹⁰.
- 3.9. A small number of comments, 18 in total, were not included in the summary of consultation responses set out in the Consultation Statement to support the Preferred Options Version (Regulation 18) of the Part 2 plan. These have been considered and included for completeness alongside the summary of consultation responses to the Publication Version (Regulation 19) of the Part 2 plan and are set out in **Appendix 3**.

⁹ Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at:
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

¹⁰ Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at:
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

4 Publication Version of the Part 2 plan

Publicity Period and Process

- 4.1. The publicity period on the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan sought comments only relating to matters of soundness, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF), as this Plan will be the version that is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 4.2. The publicity period for the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan took place between 11 October 2017 and 22 November 2017 for a period of six weeks.
- 4.3. The Council consulted on the following documents as part of this process:
 - Publication Version of Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Additional Sites and Detailed Policies and Appendices
 - Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
 - Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), and
 - Consultation Statement.
- 4.4. A number of evidence base documents were also published, including a series of Topic Papers, to present an overview of the evidence that was considered in drafting the Local Plan.
- 4.5. Public consultation on the Part 2 plan was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and met or exceeded the requirements as specified in the Council's SCI. The publicity period on the Part 2 plan included the following:
 - specific general consultation bodies were notified of the publicity period and how to make representations in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (**Appendix 1a**)
 - a formal notice was published in the Herald Series newspapers (**Appendix 2l**)
 - a Statement of Representations Procedure (**Appendix 2n**) and a Statement of Availability for Inspection (**Appendix 2o**) was available to view and access on the Council website
 - the Part 2 plan and supporting documents, representation forms, guidance notes and details of how to comment were all made available to view and access at the Council offices, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, all district libraries, and during public events (**Appendix 2g**), and
 - the Part 2 plan and accompanying documents were all made available on the Council website to view and access (**Appendix 2q**).

4.6. In addition to statutory requirements, a range of communication methods were used to promote the consultation, including at relevant events, in accordance with the Council's SCI. This is set out in **Appendix 2a** and included the following:

- consultees registered on the Council's Planning Policy consultation database were notified of the consultation and how to make representations¹¹ (**Appendix 2f**)
- the representation form was made available to view and access on the Council website and provided details on how to submit a representation/comment (**Appendix 2k**)
- a guidance note was produced to explain the publicity period, how to submit comments and to define technical planning terms (**Appendix 2t**)
- a short video clip was produced to explain the publicity period and how to submit comments. This was made available to view on the Council website during the six week publicity period (**Appendix 2r**)
- a Local Plan Update Bulletin was published on the Council website, and circulated to consultees registered on the online consultation database, which provided information about the publicity period (**Appendix 2h**)
- press releases were published in the local press (**Appendix 2m**)
- regular Twitter feeds were published (**Appendix 2p**)
- an events poster was distributed to venues (**Appendix 2i**)
- a website feature was published on the Council's homepage, effective from 11 October 2017 (**Appendix 2q**)
- Town and Parishes were notified in the form of an email and a briefing session; a further briefing was provided at the Town and Parish Forum (**Appendix 2b and 2d**)
- District Councillors were notified in the form of an email and a briefing session (**Appendix 2c and 2e**).

4.7. Three public events were held. These included public exhibitions followed by public meetings (**Appendix 2s**). Public events were held at the following locations:

- Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon
- Corn Exchange, Faringdon
- Harwell Village Hall, Harwell

4.8. The events were supported by District Councillors, Planning Officers and the Council's Community Engagement Officer. The events provided the public with further information on the Plan using display boards, maps, the Plan document and supporting documents. Details of the consultation and how to make representations were also provided, along with copies of the newsletter

¹¹ The Council informed consultees of the ways they could make representations to the Part 2 plan, including using the Council's dedicated consultation portal (Objective), downloading the comment form and emailing to the Planning Policy Team or posting a copy of the comment form to the Council offices

and guidance note. Planning officers provided technical support and guidance to specific questions and queries raised by the public and interested groups in relation to the policies and proposals set out in the Part 2 plan.

Consultation Responses

- 4.9. In total, 3,492 formal representations were received on the plan by 425 individual consultees and/or organisations (**Appendix 1b**). All representations are available for public inspection at the Council offices during normal office hours and are available to view and access on the Council website using the consultation portal at:

<https://consult.southandvale.gov.uk/portal/>

- 4.10. Representations received cover all aspects of the Plan. To demonstrate compliance with the Regulations, this Statement provides a summary of the main issues raised by policy area from the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan and how the comments received from this process have been considered by the Council to inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan. The summary of main issues from the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan are set out in **Chapter 5**.

5 Summary of Main Issues

- 5.1. The following chapters outline the main issues that have been raised throughout the preparation of the Part 2 plan, which have been categorised by policy area to align to the different areas of the Plan. This is reflected in Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which states that a summary of the main issues raised at both Regulation 18 (Preferred Options Version) and Regulation 19 (Publication Version) stages of the Plan and a statement of how issues raised at Regulation 18 have been considered in the Plan are required¹².
- 5.2. All the representations received from each stage of consultation have been summarised, considered and, where relevant, have influenced the Plan. The Consultation Statement to support the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan provides further detail of the main issues raised through the Preferred Options stage and how these main issues have influenced the Plan. Concise summaries of the main issues raised from this previous stage are provided within the following chapters, including how these have informed the plan. This is followed by an explanation of the outcome of the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan through highlighting the main issues raised.
- 5.3. All representations received from public consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan were categorised and summarised and are available to view in Appendix 3 of the Consultation Statement published alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.¹³
- 5.4. The section below sets out the main issues that have been raised following the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan and have been categorised for each policy area. A full summary of responses received to the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan are set out in Appendix 3 of this Statement.
- 5.5. In considering these consultation comments, the Council has proposed a small number of additional modifications to the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan for the purpose of improving clarity. These changes are illustrated within the 'Schedule of Additional Modifications' which is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan and includes a clear justification for the proposed change.¹⁴

¹² The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

¹³ Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

¹⁴ Vale of White Horse District Council (2018) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites – Schedule of Proposed Additional Modifications, available at <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

Policy Topic Area

- 5.6. The previous Consultation Statement had grouped the consultation responses by policy area. This approach is continued in this Statement to document the main issues raised. Along with summaries of the main issues raised through previous stages of consultation, this Statement also includes an explanation of the changes during the evolution of the Plan, which together provide an audit trail of how the policies and proposals have evolved.

Sub-Area Strategies

- 5.7. The Publication Version of the Part 2 plan augment the three sub-area strategies which are established in the adopted Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies. For each sub-area, there is an overarching Core Policy detailing the quantum of development required within the area and where appropriate any additional sites allocated by the Part 2 plan. Appendix A of the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan includes a Site Development Template for each site. Other Core Policies included within the Sub-Area Strategies, which update strategic policies set out in the Part 1 plan, where new information has become available since preparing the adopted Local Plan 2031 Part 1.
- 5.8. The main issues raised for each Sub-Area Strategy have been split by the overarching core policies. A full summary of the main issues raised at Preferred Options are included within the Consultation Statement published alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.¹⁵

¹⁵ Vale of White Horse District Council (2017) Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites: Publication Version – Consultation Statement, available at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

HOUSING NEED

Core Policy 4a: Meeting our Housing Needs

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.9. A large number of the comments received on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan related to the Council's approach to addressing the Vale proportion of unmet housing need for Oxford as agreed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board. Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council and West Oxfordshire District Council commented that it was unclear how the Part 2 plan addressed the affordable housing need of the unmet housing for Oxford. Oxford City Council sought an agreement is reached with the Council to enable an appropriate proportion of new affordable homes to be made available to people on the Oxford register and that the Part 2 plan should identify specific sites to contribute towards Oxford unmet needs.
- 5.10. Oxford City Council were supportive of the Plan's overall commitment to meet Oxford's unmet housing needs, but commented that the Council should consider how the Plan's spatial strategy relates to Oxford including connectivity to employment and other key urban resources.
- 5.11. A number of comments were received that related to the evidence supporting the 'working assumption' housing requirement for Oxford City's unmet housing need.
- 5.12. A number of comments were received relating to the Vale's housing requirement. In particular, some comments criticised national policy, such as guidance on five year housing land supply, setting high housing targets for authorities, and the methodology for preparing the Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).
- 5.13. A number of concerns suggested the housing needs for the Western Vale Sub-Area are not being met and should be revisited in the Part 2 plan. A number of objections were received on the grounds that the Plan allocates above the housing requirement, with no analysis of cumulative impact, impact on the North Wessex Downs AONB or impact on distinctive landscapes.
- 5.14. A number of comments supported the Council's approach to allocate a combination of small and larger sites in the Part 2 plan, and focussing additional growth in the South-East Vale Sub-Area to support economic growth and to assist the Council in planning for strategic infrastructure. Support was also received in relation to the flexibility of the Plan by allocating sites in Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area and the South-East Vale Sub-Area.

- 5.15. There were a number of comments received regarding the deliverability of larger sites included in the Part 1 plan and Part 2 plan, which risks delay, particularly in Science Vale where there is a significant need for housing.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.16. A number of changes were made to the accompanying text in relation to ‘unmet housing need for Oxford’ in Chapter 2 of the Part 2 plan:
- an additional paragraph was included relating to affordable housing for Oxford’s unmet need. Following bilateral discussions with Planning Policy Officers at Oxford City Council and a review of Oxford City Council’s response to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan, the Plan included a clear commitment that the Council will work with Oxford City Council to agree an approach to the allocation of affordable housing to contribute towards the affordable housing needs of Oxford City
 - the accompanying text to the Part 2 plan was updated to reflect that the Vale’s proportion of unmet housing need for Oxford is met by a combination of the Part 1 strategic allocations and Part 2 additional allocations and included a list of sites within this Sub-Area demonstrably close and accessible to Oxford
 - Chapter 2 was updated to confirm that the agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford, to be met within the Vale, is met wholly within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area
 - an additional footnote was included in Core Policy 4a: Meeting our Housing Needs, which provided further clarity on the updated windfall figures, and
 - an additional paragraph was included in the Part 2 plan that provided further clarity that no additional sites are proposed for allocation within the Western Vale Sub-Area.

Publication Version Main Issues

- 5.17. There were a number of comments received to Core Policy 4a: Meeting our Housing Needs, which questioned the Plan’s compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework, including paragraphs 158, 159 and 178 to 182 in relation to supporting sustainable development, compatibility with the presumption in favour of sustainable development and boosting significantly the supply of housing. Reference was made to paragraph 182 of the NPPF and the tests of soundness.
- 5.18. A number of comments considered that allocating seven sites within the Part 2 plan is insufficient to provide flexibility in housing supply and that the plan does not encourage the release of small to medium sized sites. It was

suggested that smaller sites were needed to maintain a supply of deliverable housing sites and that the plan is over reliant on larger sites. Comments cited the Government's Housing White Paper 'Fixing our Broken Housing Market' and the importance of diversifying the market and making more land available for homes in the right places by maximising brownfield sites, regenerating estates and releasing small and medium-sized sites.

- 5.19. There were a number of comments that cited the recent Government consultation on the proposed methodology for calculating housing need; stating that the new projections indicate that the housing need for the Vale will be lower than identified in the Oxfordshire SHMA and that the plan should be amended to reflect this.
- 5.20. A number of comments were received relating to housing delivery. Comments raised concerns with the Plan's reliance on larger sites. It was suggested that there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the Part 2 plan allocations will deliver within the plan period and there is optimistic lead in times and assumptions regarding delivery rates.
- 5.21. There were a number of comments received relating to the housing requirement and the validity of the Oxfordshire SHMA. It was suggested by a number of respondents that the plan is unsound as it plans for more housing than the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and the agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale.
- 5.22. A number of comments were received that related to the distribution of the housing requirement and the subsuming of the proposed Part 2 housing requirement of 1,000 dwellings as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan. It was suggested that the plan is inconsistent with the Spatial Strategy, in seeking to provide housing for Oxford on sites that are accessible and close to Oxford and the lack of housing being allocated within the Western Vale Sub-Area. Comments suggested that there is no justification to depart from the Part 1 Plan's Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy as there are other locations available for development adjacent to more sustainable settlements, including the Market Town of Wantage.
- 5.23. Comments were received relating to unmet housing need for Oxford. It was suggested that the Plan is unsound as there is no evidence of effective joint working on how to address unmet housing need for Oxford.
- 5.24. A number of comments raised concerns over the proposed change to the Council's windfall allowance and the reliance on housing delivery coming forward through Neighbourhood Development Plans and the distribution of the windfall allowance across the district.

- 5.25. There were a number of comments received that questioned the relationship between the adopted Part 1 plan and the purpose of the Part 2 plan. Comments suggested that the Part 2 plan was anticipated to be a small site allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) dealing with non-strategic sites and that the Part 2 plan should only seek to make a small number of allocations at a level which is more reflective with the strategic approach in the adopted Part 1 plan.
- 5.26. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of the Part 2 plan and highlighted the requirement in Core Policy 2 of the adopted Part 1 plan in relation to Oxford's unmet need.
- 5.27. West Oxfordshire District Council commented that the Council has satisfied the Duty to Cooperate and strongly supported the approach taken by the Council to help address Oxford City's unmet housing needs, through Core Policy 4a in the Part 2 plan and to add this additional housing requirement to the District's housing target. West Oxfordshire District Council would like to see greater clarity in the Plan as to which specific sites within the Vale will contribute towards Oxford's needs to allow more effective monitoring of delivery and enable affordable housing requirements to be considered through the planning application process.
- 5.28. Cherwell District Council were supportive of the Council's approach to plan for unmet housing need for Oxford.
- 5.29. South Oxfordshire District Council highlighted that the identified unmet need figure is a working assumption and that the correct unmet need figure will not be known until Oxford City has an up to date Local Plan. South Oxfordshire District Council suggested the Council should make a commitment to review their local plan once the Oxford City Local Plan is adopted.
- 5.30. Oxford City Council supported the amendment to the Part 2 plan to make provision for Oxford's unmet needs solely within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area. Oxford City Council also supported the commitment in the Plan to deliver the 2,200 homes agreed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board, which reflected the approach to joint working between the Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxford City Council.
- 5.31. Oxford City Council sought clarification as to which sites would contribute towards unmet housing need for Oxford. A modification was suggested to the supporting text to provide additional clarity, to identify the proposed sites to help meet Oxford's unmet housing need and to contain a commitment to publish a housing trajectory to monitor delivery against the unmet housing need apportionment.

- 5.32. Oxford City Council raised an objection to the Part 2 plan due to the absence of a clear confirmation that the proposed affordable housing can be provided in a timely way and in sustainable locations near to Oxford. Oxford City Council were supportive of the commitment to the agreement of an approach between Vale and City housing and policy officers as set out in paragraph 2.25 of the Part 2 plan, but consider a formal agreement is needed between Vale of White Horse District Council and the City Council as part of a memorandum of understanding or other mechanism, setting out a clear process for the delivery of affordable housing that addresses Oxford's needs. Oxford City Council consider this should include details matters such as an allocations policy, tenure mix, unit size and eligibility.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.33. The Council is satisfied that the Plan is consistent with national policy, guidance and legislation and meets the tests of soundness. The Part 1 plan fully meets the Objectively Assessed Need identified for the Vale and was found sound through Examination. The Part 2 plan seeks to fully meet the agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford, to be addressed within the Vale, as identified by the Oxfordshire Growth Board. The Council is satisfied that the Part 1 plan and Part 2 plan significantly boost the supply of housing.
- 5.34. The agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford, to be addressed within the Vale, is met within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area, in addition to the housing need for Vale within this sub-area, as identified through the Part 1 plan process. The agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford, to be addressed within the Vale, is met through a combination of Part 1 and Part 2 sites, with at least 2,200 homes provided on sites that are demonstrably close and accessible to Oxford.
- 5.35. The Publication Version of the Part 2 plan included a clear commitment that the Council will work with Oxford City Council to agree an approach to the allocation of affordable housing to contribute towards the affordable housing needs of Oxford City. A Statement of Common Ground has been produced between the Council and Oxford City Council to support the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.36. The Council has published a short addendum to the Housing Topic Paper, alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan, for the purposes of improving clarity relating to the updated housing requirement figures for each Sub-Area as set out in the relevant core policies of the Part 2 plan.

ADDITIONAL SITES AND SUB-AREA STRATEGIES

Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area Strategy

- 5.37. The Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area Strategy includes Core Policy 8a that identifies the following Part 2 plan allocations:
- Dalton Barracks
 - North of East Hanney
 - North-East of East Hanney
 - East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (within Fyfield and Tubney Parish), and
 - South-East of Marcham.
- 5.38. Comments and main issues raised for each of these sites are detailed below. Two sites were removed from the Plan following the Preferred Options consultation and these are also briefly explained below. Detailed comments on the deleted sites are set out in the Consultation Statement that accompanied the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan and the Site Selection Topic Paper, which sets out the site selection process in detail.
- 5.39. A summary of comments received in relation to the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks can be found under 'Core Policy 8b: Dalton Barracks Comprehensive Development Framework' and a full summary can be viewed at **Appendix 3**.

Core Policy 8a: Additional Site Allocations within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.40. A number of the comments received to the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan suggested there was insufficient assessment to inform the site allocations and that these allocations were inconsistent with the Plan's spatial strategy.
- 5.41. There were a few comments that raised concerns over the deliverability of the allocation at Dalton Barracks within the Plan period. Some comments suggested that further housing should be allocated at Dalton Barracks, in order to reduce housing allocations, including at Marcham and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor.
- 5.42. An objection was raised by Oxfordshire County Council to future growth proposed in Marcham due to the proximity to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) located within Marcham and because the site partly overlaps with the proposed route of the South Marcham Bypass.

- 5.43. A number of objections were received relating to further development at East Hanney on the grounds that the village has a limited level of community services, facilities and infrastructure, the Inspector's Report of the Part 1 plan and recent appeal decisions recognised the character of East Hanney and this should be taken into account in the Part 2 plan, as well as other related constraints including flooding and traffic.
- 5.44. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of the site allocations at East Hanney as they are relatively well located for public transport and due to the expansion of the existing primary school.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.45. In response to the objection raised by Oxfordshire County Council, the proposed allocation to the North-East of Marcham was removed from the Part 2 plan. The proposed allocation to the South-East of Marcham was also reduced from 120 to 90 dwellings.
- 5.46. In relation to the deliverability of the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks, the Council continue to work constructively with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to prepare a comprehensive development framework for the site. Dialogue between the Council and the DIO has confirmed the availability of this site and for the site to be released for development no later than 2024. The Council is satisfied that 1,200 homes can be delivered on the site within the plan period up to 2031.
- 5.47. The Council has followed a comprehensive approach to site selection, informed by technical evidence and collaborative working with key stakeholders. The Council's approach to site selection is set out in the Site Selection Topic Paper.

Publication Version Main Issues

- 5.48. A number of comments were received that suggested alternative sites within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area for consideration as allocations within the Part 2 plan, including at the Market Town of Abingdon-on-Thames, the Local Service Centre of Botley, the Larger Villages of Appleton, Drayton, East Hanney, Radley, Steventon, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Wootton and the Smaller Villages of Shippon and Longworth. These sites were described to be sustainable locations for development and more suitable and sustainable than the sites included for allocation in the Part 2 plan. Comments also highlighted the importance of providing sufficient sites to provide flexibility, support housing delivery and contribute to boosting significantly the supply of housing within the district.

- 5.49. A number of comments raised a concern relating to the housing requirement for Core Policy 8a, as no justification has been provided by the Council for updating the policy, which is adopted in the Part 1 plan. Comments questioned why an additional 2,020 homes were added to the Part 2 plan, when the agreed quantum of unmet need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale was 2,200.
- 5.50. There were a number of comments received relating to the Spatial Strategy and the distribution of housing within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area. Comments suggested that sites included for allocation in the Part 2 plan, such as at East Hanney and Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor are distant to meet housing needs for Oxford. It was suggested that the selection of sites was flawed and that sustainable sites located within the Green Belt had been selected against unsustainable sites outside the Green Belt. A number of objections were raised to this policy as the Plan's approach was considered contrary to the Spatial Strategy set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.
- 5.51. A number of comments were received relating to the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks due to uncertainty as to when the site will be released for development and there are known constraints on the site that will affect its delivery. Comments raised concerns relating to coalescence between existing settlements e.g. Shippon and access and highways. A number of comments supported this allocation, including the need to assist with delivering much needed affordable housing in this area and the use of previously developed land.
- 5.52. There were a number of comments received in relation to the two proposed allocations at East Hanney. Specific comments included access and highway impacts, environmental health, flood risk and drainage, housing density, historic character, landscape character and community services and facilities. It was suggested that the village of East Hanney has expanded rapidly in recent years, as a result of speculative developments, and that existing community services and facilities would be unable to accommodate the planned growth in this area. Comments highlighted recent appeal decisions at Steventon Road and at Summertown which were dismissed by the Secretary of State as they were of a scale that was disproportionate to the village. A number of comments suggested that the Council had failed the Duty to Cooperate, due to limited assessment of the issues raised by East Hanney Parish Council and its residents, and not being in accordance with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.53. A few comments were received relating to development at Marcham. Specific comments raised concerns that further development at Marcham would have an impact on the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). It was suggested the assertion that impacts on air pollution would be minimal was not based on

robust evidence. Oxfordshire County Council supported the reduction in the number of homes allocated to this site, following their previous objection to the allocation in the Preferred Options Version, as small scale development will have a much reduced impact on the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Highways England acknowledged the reduction in the number of homes proposed at Marcham and have withdrawn their objection.

- 5.54. A number of comments were received relating to the proposed allocation to the east of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor. It was suggested that this allocation was unsound as the Council had failed to consult with the Parish and the existing infrastructure in the area is inadequate to support this planned growth. Comments highlighted inaccurate and misleading analysis of this site through the site selection process, including landscape, ecology, historic environment and access and highways. Comments suggested that this allocation would increase congestion and cause harm to the environment.
- 5.55. Oxford City Council welcomed the changes to the Plan, which sought to make provision for Oxford's unmet need solely within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area, recognising the importance of spatial relevance and connectivity to Oxford and the need for sustainable locations to address Oxford's unmet need.
- 5.56. Oxford City Council commented that further explanation is required in the Part 2 plan 1,100 affordable dwellings will be delivered on the sites located in the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area to contribute to Oxford's needs. A modification was suggested by Oxford City Council that further details are provided on nomination rights and appropriate policies to promote a balanced mix of property types and sizes in the supporting text or through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxford City Council.
- 5.57. Cherwell District Council supported the Plan's approach for allocating additional site allocations within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area to meet Oxford's unmet housing need, through Core Policy 8a, but would like to see more detail in the Housing Trajectory to show how the agreed apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing needs for the Vale will be monitored.
- 5.58. Oxfordshire County Council welcomed the Council's approach to allocating sufficient sites to fully accommodate the agreed apportionment of Oxford's unmet housing need as agreed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board and in line with the Memorandum of Cooperation. OCC had no objection in principle to the Plan's strategy of allocating the agreed apportionment to the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area and providing the housing through a combination of strategic allocations in the adopted Part 1 plan and emerging Part 2 plan. OCC sought a minor amendment to the supporting text to provide

clarity that the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area has the greatest potential for frequent and reliable public transport, cycling and walking linkages. OCC were supportive of the commitment from the Council to work jointly with Oxford City in relation to the allocation of affordable housing.

- 5.59. West Oxfordshire District Council supported the Plan's approach, through Core Policy 8b and Core Policy 13a, to remove the Dalton Barracks site from the Green Belt to contribute towards either Oxford City's unmet housing needs or towards the Vale's own development needs.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.60. The Council is satisfied that the proposed site allocations within the Part 2 plan are fully consistent with the Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy included in the adopted Part 1 plan. The Council is seeking to meet the identified Objectively Assessed Need in full and the identified quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale in full.
- 5.61. The Council agrees that it is not possible to precisely define whether sites fall within a Vale housing need or an Oxford housing need. However, the Council does consider that it is appropriate that at least 2,200 homes should be provided for Oxford, while continuing to deliver the quantum of housing need for Vale in each of the three Sub-Areas.
- 5.62. The Publication Version of the Part 2 plan included a list of site allocations within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area that are demonstrably close and accessible to Oxford. This approach has been agreed in a Statement of Common Ground between the Council and Oxford City Council for the unmet need to be met by a combination of Part 1 strategic allocations and the Part 2 additional allocations within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area, acknowledging that this sub-area has the most frequent and reliable public transport linkages to Oxford, offering a good spatial relationship to Oxford.
- 5.63. Regarding the deliverability of the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks. A Statement of Common Ground has been published between the Council and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), which confirms that the site can be released sooner than 2029 and that 1,200 homes can be delivered on the site within the plan period up to 2031. This Statement of Common Ground is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.64. The Council has followed a comprehensive approach to site selection informed by technical evidence and collaborative working with key

stakeholders. The Council's approach to site selection is set out in the Site Selection Topic Paper.

- 5.65. The Council has published a short addendum to the Housing Topic Paper, alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan, for the purposes of improving clarity relating to the updated housing requirement figure for this Sub-Area set out in Core Policy 8a of the Part 2 plan.

North of East Hanney

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.66. The majority of the comments received relating to this site concerned constraints including flooding, infrastructure, landscape character, traffic (particularly on the A338), the impact on the Conservation Area and the loss of biodiversity. A number of comments also raised a concern that the existing school at East Hanney is unable to accommodate the planning housing growth.
- 5.67. There were general objections received relating to this site on the grounds that; the development would not be in keeping with the character of the existing village, there were known significant constraints on the site such as flooding, there is little support from the community for this site and existing facilities at East Hanney are struggling to meet the demand.
- 5.68. Thames Water commented that the water and wastewater network may not be capable to meet the demand of the new development and that developers should be encouraged to work with Thames Water to ensure this constraint is overcome.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.69. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan were considered and have informed the masterplanning process. Overall, the Council considers that East Hanney is an appropriate location for development with a good range of services and facilities and with good access to Abingdon-on-Thames and Wantage, as well as to Oxford. The developments proposed at East Hanney are of a scale appropriate to a settlement the size of East Hanney and are considered to be well related to the existing built form of the settlement.
- 5.70. The Site Development Templates were updated to reflect some of the consultation responses, for example to include additional requirements to ensure development proposals provide a sufficient buffer zone for the existing watercourse that runs to the east of the site and to require a junction capacity

assessment for the site. This took into account comments from Environment Agency and Oxfordshire County Council.

Publication Version Main Issues

- 5.71. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council and included:
 - the A338 is a busy main road and is currently at capacity at peak hours
 - there is a limited bus service to travel from east to west and to access services and facilities through the village
 - access to community services and facilities is limited, including education provision and health care provision
 - site is an important part of the character and setting of East Hanney.
- 5.72. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council relating to:
 - biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, in particular the site would harm local biodiversity and ecology
 - landscape and character, in particular the site would extend the village into open countryside and the proposal will not respect the existing character of the village, the setting of the adjacent Conservation Area and would impact on views to the countryside, and
 - flood risk and drainage, in particular the site is located within an area of flood risk, known for historic flooding.
- 5.73. The Environment Agency commented that the site area does not appear to be hydraulically linked to a watercourse and that the area of Flood Zone 2 is a result of a low point on the site in the hydraulic modelling.
- 5.74. Historic England were supportive of the requirements set out in the Site Development Template to ensure development proposals conserve and, where possible, enhance the adjacent Conservation Area through appropriate design and careful landscaping
- 5.75. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of this site as it relates well for public transport and due to the expansion of the primary school, which could accommodate the proposed growth.
- 5.76. Stagecoach were supportive of this site due to public transport link for access to Oxford, Abingdon-on-Thames, Wantage and Grove through existing bus services S8 and S9.
- 5.77. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible.

Thames Water has commented that the water and wastewater network capacity in this area may be unable to support the demand anticipated from development and that local upgrades to existing infrastructure may be required.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.78. The Council consider that East Hanney is a relatively sustainable location for development, with a good range of services and facilities and with good access to Abingdon-on-Thames and Wantage, in particular, as well as to Oxford. The development proposed at East Hanney is of a scale appropriate to the settlement and is considered to be well related to the existing built form of the settlement. The Site Development Templates ensure that the proposals delivers a high quality extension to the village which is in keeping with the rural character and integrates with the centre of the village.
- 5.79. The Council would like to highlight that the outcomes of the appeal decisions to the south of Summertown, East Hanney and south of Steventon Road, East Hanney found the principle of development at East Hanney acceptable, but was dismissed on other grounds.
- 5.80. The Council is content that the proposed development at East Hanney will not lead to any significant highway impacts and that the site has access to relatively good public transport. The Council note the site proposal is supported by Oxfordshire County Council as the lead Highway Authority and local bus operators, who consider that development will help to improve bus frequency.
- 5.81. The Council is satisfied that appropriate contributions will be made to facilitate expansion of the primary school and it is notable that the development is supported by Oxfordshire County Council.
- 5.82. An additional modification is proposed at paragraph 2.47 of the Part 2 plan to improve clarity. This also reflects comments made by the Environment Agency that a small area of land within the red line boundary of the proposed allocation to the North of East Hanney is located within Flood Zone 2, as a result of a low point on the site in the hydraulic modelling. This is set out in the Schedule of Additional Modifications published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.83. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been updated to reflect comments made by Oxfordshire County Council. The IDP is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

- 5.84. The Council has prepared Statements of Common Ground with a number of key stakeholders including statutory consultees, infrastructure providers and site promoters, which confirm their acceptance of the proposed development site.

North-East of East Hanney

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.85. A number of the comments received relating to this site raised concerns such as the limited connectivity with adjacent and permitted sites, isolation from existing facilities to the west of the village due to difficulties in crossing the A338, known historic flooding on the site and at the village and ecological importance.
- 5.86. The Environment Agency commented that the Site Development Template should include a requirement to recognise the ditch/watercourse that is of ecological importance to protected species such as the water vole.
- 5.87. Thames Water commented that the water network capacity in this area may not be capable of supporting the demand from new development and that local upgrades may be required.
- 5.88. There were a number of other general objections received, which raised concerns including limited community services and facilities to accommodate growth, the site is outside the village envelope and would not reflect the character of the village and the absence of evidence and proper assessment of the site through Sustainability Appraisal in relation to testing reasonable alternatives.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.89. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan relating to specific constraints were considered and have informed the masterplan that has been developed for the site. As explained above, the Council consider that East Hanney is a suitable location for development and has undertaken a comprehensive approach to site selection.
- 5.90. The Site Development Templates were updated to reflect some of the consultation responses, for example how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed, to ensure the site is appropriately designed to reflect the rural setting and character of East Hanney, and to include an additional requirement for developers to undertake an ecological survey, in response to comments made by Environment Agency on the site.

Publication Version Main Issues

- 5.91. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council and included:
 - access to community services and facilities is limited, including health care and education provision
 - lack of connectivity through adjacent sites to access the village to the west
 - current evidence produced by the Council indicates that the A338 is at capacity, particularly the Steventon Road junction
 - limited bus service to Oxford, Abingdon-on-Thames and Wantage, and no access to key employment centres at Didcot, Milton or Harwell
 - crossing the A338 to access community services and facilities is difficult
- 5.92. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council in relation to biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, in particular the site would harm local biodiversity, which is not being replaced.
- 5.93. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council in relation to landscape and landscape character, in particular the site extends the village into the open countryside and the proposal will not respect the existing character of the village and the adjacent Conservation Area.
- 5.94. A number of comments were received, including from East Hanney Parish Council in relation to flooding, in particular the Council has not followed a robust site selection process, including sequential test and the assessment of reasonable alternatives and that the village has been subject to known incidents of flooding in recent years.
- 5.95. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of this site as it relates well for public transport and due to the expansion of the primary school, which could accommodate the proposed growth.
- 5.96. Stagecoach supported this allocation due to the proximity of the site to bus services to Oxford, Abingdon, Wantage and Grove and further development in this location would be likely to increase the frequency of existing bus services.
- 5.97. Thames Water raised no particular concerns relating to wastewater infrastructure, but commented that the water network capacity in this area may be unable to support development and local upgrades to existing water network infrastructure may be required.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.98. The Council consider that East Hanney is a relatively sustainable location for development, with a good range of services and facilities and with good access to Abingdon-on-Thames and Wantage, in particular, as well as to Oxford. The Council would like to highlight that Oxfordshire County Council were supportive of this site due to connectivity with public transport and opportunities for expanding the primary school.
- 5.99. The development proposed at East Hanney is of a scale appropriate to the settlement and is considered to be well related to the existing built form of the settlement. The Site Development Templates ensure that the proposals delivers a high quality extension to the village which is in keeping with the rural character and integrates with the centre of the village.
- 5.100. The Council would like to highlight that the outcomes of the appeal decisions to the south of Summertown, East Hanney and south of Steventon Road, East Hanney found the principle of development at East Hanney acceptable, but was dismissed on other grounds.
- 5.101. The Council has prepared Statements of Common Ground with a number of key stakeholders including statutory consultees, infrastructure providers and site promoters, which confirm their acceptance of the proposed development site. Statements of Common Ground have been published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.102. A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) has been undertaken for the site allocation in the Part 2 plan and this has informed the site selection process. The Council would like to highlight that neither Oxfordshire County Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, or the Environment Agency raised any concerns about the deliverability of the site allocation. A Statement of Common Ground has also been published between the Council and the Environment Agency which confirms the parties agree the SFRA provides a robust, up to date evidence base of flood risk for the district.

East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (within Fyfield and Tubney Parish)

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.103. A number of objections were received in relation to this site that raised concerns with the cumulative impact of growth in the adopted Part 1 plan and emerging Part 2 plan within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area. The allocation would result in coalescence between the villages of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Fyfield.

5.104. There were a number of objections received including harm to the landscape character and heritage, particularly the Corallian Ridge, the Ridgeway and the Conservation Area; limited health care and education provision and local employment opportunities. A number of comments raised concerns that the site is disproportionate in scale to the existing village of Fyfield and would provide an isolated community that is distant from Oxford.

5.105. Oxfordshire County Council commented that there is a significant risk that cumulative housing growth in this area would exceed the potential capacity of John Blandy Primary School without making a new school sustainable. Oxfordshire County Council would expect the proposal to contribute to off-site secondary and Special Education Needs school capacity and off-site primary and nursery school capacity, if a new school is not required.

5.106. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water commented that the wastewater network and water capacity in this area may not be capable to support the demand for new development. Local upgrades to the existing drainage infrastructure may be required and strategic water supply infrastructure upgrades are likely to be required.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.107. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan for this site allocation, relating to specific constraints were considered and have informed the masterplan that has been developed for the site.

5.108. Specific points raised through the consultation are addressed through an update to the Site Development Templates, which set out how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed. The Site Development Template was updated to include an additional requirement for the developer to provide pedestrian and cycle links, including pedestrian crossings, reflecting comments made by Oxfordshire County Council.

5.109. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan included measures to address issues relating to contributions towards education provision and waste water treatment and water supply capacity.

5.110. The Council produced a Landscape Character Assessment that has informed the development proposal to ensure that it incorporates appropriate landscaping that reflect the character of the area through appropriate design and management. The Site Development Template set out a number of site

specific requirements including the need to avoid being visually intrusive to sensitive views, including from the North Vale Corallian Ridge.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.111. A petition was received by the Council from residents from the parish of Fyfield and Tubney that consisted of 301 signatories. 90% of residents from Fyfield, Netherton, and Tubney objected to this allocation on the following grounds:

- selection of this site is inconsistent with national policy in respect of sustainability, heritage or land use
- selection of this site is not justified as the evidence base is flawed, biased and conflicts with the Council's policies and objective, including Core Policy 3: Settlement Hierarchy in the adopted Part 1 plan
- selection of this site is not positively prepared as it is not sustainable due to social and environmental harm to the village of Fyfield and Tubney
- selection of this site is not effective as it is not financially viable to support infrastructure requirements and mitigation, and
- selection of this site is not legally compliant as the Council has failed to follow national policy.

5.112. A number of comments were received relating to the allocation East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor including access and highways, biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, access to employment opportunities, matters related to environmental health, flood risk and drainage, heritage and landscape character.

5.113. Oxfordshire County Council suggested an amendment to the Site Development Templates to ensure that developers not only consider potential options to alleviate current traffic flows through the centre of Kingston Bagpuize, but also undertake the necessary works further to a Section 278 agreement with OCC. OCC also commented that the Site Development Template should make specific reference to Frilford Lights Junction.

5.114. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water commented that the water and wastewater network capacity in this area may be unable to support the demand from the proposed development; upgrades to existing drainage infrastructure and strategic water supply infrastructure are likely to be required.

5.115. Historic England were supportive of the requirements set out in the Site Development Templates to ensure development proposals consider the

sensitive approach to Kingston Bagpuize House and Kingston Bagpuize Park and to respect eastern edge of the site by Aelffrith's Dyke.

5.116. A number of comments were received relating to housing needs, which questioned the site's inclusion within the Part 2 plan, given that it had not been identified by the Council as being close and accessible to Oxford to make a contribution towards meeting Oxford's unmet housing need.

5.117. There were a number of comments or objections received in relation to infrastructure provision. Specific comments included:

- costs set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) need to be revised to take into account the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- existing infrastructure at Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Fyfield is inadequate to accommodate committed and proposed growth
- existing health care and education provision e.g. White Horse Medical Practice and Faringdon Community College are close to capacity

5.118. Oxfordshire County Council commented that this allocation would require a new primary school. OCC raised a concern that further work is required to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and Regulation 123 List in relation to education provision.

5.119. Stagecoach were supportive of this allocation as the site is already well-served by public transport due to the No. 66 bus service and the existing No.15 service between Witney and Abingdon.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.120. It is acknowledged that whilst the development falls within the parish of Fyfield and Tubney, the development adjoins the settlement of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, which is classified as a larger village and is considered to be a sustainable location for development with good services and facilities and public transport. The Council has followed a comprehensive approach to site selection informed by technical evidence and engagement with key stakeholders.

5.121. The Council has worked in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council to prepare technical evidence to support plan preparation, including an Evaluation of Transport Impact (ETI) Study. The ETI assessed the cumulative impact of growth on the strategic highway network, including the A34, A415 and the A338.

5.122. An additional modification is proposed to the Site Development Template relating to access and highways to reflect comments made by OCC. This

modification will help to improve clarity and ensure that the developer undertakes the necessary works further to a Section 278 agreement with the County Council. This change to the Site Development Template is reflected in the Schedule of Additional Modifications that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.123. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been updated to reflect comments made by Oxfordshire County Council and other infrastructure providers. The IDP is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.124. The Council has prepared Statements of Common Ground with a number of key stakeholders including statutory consultees, infrastructure providers and site promoters, which confirm their acceptance of the proposed development site. Statements of Common Ground have been published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

South East Marcham

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.125. There were a number of comments received relating to the allocation South East of Marcham. Specific comments raised an issue that future development at Marcham would affect the existing transport infrastructure and local air quality within the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). No funding is currently identified for the Marcham bypass.

5.126. A number of objections were received relating to this site including, risk of flooding, limited community services and facilities in the village such as education, health care and recreation, wastewater infrastructure unable to cope with additional growth at Marcham and traffic on existing transport network, including the A415 and A34.

5.127. An objection was raised by Oxfordshire County Council to future growth proposed in Marcham due to the proximity to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) located within Marcham and because the site partly overlaps with the proposed route of the South Marcham Bypass.

5.128. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water commented that the water and waste water network may not be able to support the demand of the new development and that developers should be encouraged to work with Thames Water to ensure this constraint is overcome.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.129. In response to the objection raised by Oxfordshire County Council the allocation to the North-East of Marcham for 400 dwellings was removed from the Part 2 plan. The allocation to the South East of Marcham was also reduced from 120 dwellings to 90 dwellings to ensure land is available to be safeguarded for the longer-term provision of a south Marcham bypass.
- 5.130. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan were considered and have informed the masterplan that has been developed for the site.
- 5.131. Specific points raised through the consultation were addressed through an update to the Site Development Templates, which set out how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed. The Site Development Template was updated to ensure the development proposal considers the potential impact on the Marcham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) including the need to undertake an air quality impact assessment and identify practical mitigation.
- 5.132. The template was updated to provide clarity that the developer will be required to contribute towards primary school provision, either with Marcham or at the nearby development at Dalton Barracks.

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- 5.133. A number of comments were received relating to this site with particular concerns over impact of development on air quality and pollution. Comments questioned the Council's evidence base in relation to air quality and that the additional growth proposed at Marcham would increase traffic movements and cumulatively impact on the Marcham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).
- 5.134. Oxfordshire County Council were supportive of the removal of the allocation to the North-East of Marcham, previously included as an allocation within the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan. OCC commented that this allocation would have less impact on the AQMA compared with the previous allocation but that there is still no prospect for funding of the Marcham Bypass during the plan period.
- 5.135. Highways England acknowledged the reduction in the number of homes proposed at Marcham and have withdrawn their objection.
- 5.136. Stagecoach were supportive of this allocation as the site is already well-served by public transport due to the No. 9 bus service linking to Abingdon and Oxford as well as Wantage and Grove.

- 5.137. Environment Agency commented that the Water Cycle Study provides no assessment to determine if growth at Appleton Sewage Treatment Works will result in non-compliance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.
- 5.138. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water commented that the water capacity network may be unable to accommodate growth from this site. Local upgrades to water network infrastructure may be required. Thames Water has also commented that waste water infrastructure is not considered to be a concern, provided foul water is discharged appropriately.

Removed sites

- 5.139. North-East of Marcham was identified as a potential additional site allocation within the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan. Subsequent to public consultation on the Preferred Options Version, the consultation responses were considered and the Council decided to remove this allocation from the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan. The main reason for this site's removal was the objections from Oxfordshire County Council and Highways England due to the proximity to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) located within Marcham. It is noted that Highways England have since withdrawn their objection and OCC have acknowledged the impact of 90 dwellings will be substantially reduced in comparison to 520.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.140. The Council has continued to work in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council and prepared joint evidence assessing highway impacts associated with the Part 2 plan. Following an objection from Oxfordshire County Council to the Preferred Options Version to the scale of development at Marcham, the Council has significantly reduced the scale of the proposed allocation from 520 dwellings to 90. Oxfordshire County Council have noted that the reduced allocation would have less of an impact on the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). It is also noted that Highways England have since withdrawn their objection.
- 5.141. The Council has prepared Statements of Common Ground with a number of key stakeholders, including statutory consultees, infrastructure providers and site promoters, which confirm their acceptance of the proposed development site. For example, a Statement of Common Ground has been prepared between the Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

5.142. The Council produced an Addendum to the Water Cycle Study to support the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan, working collaboratively with Environment Agency and Thames Water. A Statement of Common Ground between the Council and Environment Agency is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.143. This Statement of Common Ground addresses the concerns raised by the Environment Agency, related to the allocation of 90 dwellings on land to the South-East of Marcham. This Statement confirms that both parties agree the Water Cycle Study provides a robust, up to date evidence base for assessing the proposed growth on water resources and supply and wastewater collection and treatment.

5.144. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been updated to reflect comments made by Oxfordshire County Council and other infrastructure providers. The IDP is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Core Policy 8b: Dalton Barracks Comprehensive Development Framework

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.145. A number of general comments were received relating to Core Policy 8b and the allocation at Dalton Barracks, including the need to deliver appropriate infrastructure for the site including transport, education and health care provision.

5.146. Environment Agency commented that the boundary of the site should be redrawn to exclude areas of Flood Zone 2 and 3. Oxfordshire County Council commented on transport assessment and provision, education, footpaths and cycleways.

5.147. Thames Water commented that studies will be required by the developer to understand the impact on the local water and waste networks.

5.148. A number of general objections were received relating to Core Policy 8b including:

- the allocation would merge the settlements of Shippon and Whitecross
- development of the site should be strictly limited to the existing brownfield land. There should be no need to release the site from the Green Belt
- significant traffic congestion in the area, both on local roads and also the A34
- lack of infrastructure, including education and healthcare provision

- site is unlikely to deliver 1,200 dwellings in the plan period. There was a lack of evidence demonstrating how this will be achieved
- contamination on the site is likely to delay delivery
- the cumulative impact of development here and in Marcham will be significant
- development of the site should be strictly limited to the existing brownfield land.
- development of the site will negatively impact upon the nearby Special Area of Conservation, SSSI and local nature reserves, and
- Oxford City should be challenged further to develop brownfield sites in Oxford.

5.149. There were a number of comments received in support of Core Policy 8b and the allocation at Dalton Barracks, including the provision of a country park and the principle and opportunity to create a new Garden Village. Highways England were supportive provided development comes forward in line with the site specific requirements identified in Appendix A.

5.150. Natural England welcomed the country park as an opportunity to offset the impact on the SAC, however project level transport and air quality calculations should be included as a policy requirement in the Site Development Template.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.151. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan for this site allocation, relating to specific constraints were considered and have informed the approach to planning for this site.

5.152. Specific points raised through the consultation were addressed through an update to the Site Development Templates, which set out how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed. Additional requirements were included within the Site Development Template for the developer relating to the provision of new access, including cycle routes and a bridle path within the country park and contribute towards infrastructure improvements, including bus frequency enhancements through the site to ensure services to Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford.

5.153. A requirement was also included within the Site Development Template for the developer to provide project level transport and air quality calculations, reflecting actions from the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) and comments made from Natural England.

5.154. The Council produced an Abingdon-on-Thames/Oxford Sustainable Transport Corridor Study to identify opportunities for public transport, walking and cycling improvements and to ensure they are maximised and fully integrated

with proposals for Dalton Barracks. Figure 2.4 was included in the Part 2 plan, which identified key opportunities for sustainable transport improvements.

- 5.155. The site boundary for the proposed allocation was amended to ensure that land between Dalton Barracks and Whitecross are retained within the Green Belt. This ensures the separation between Dalton Barracks and Abingdon-on-Thames, Whitecross and Wootton will all be retained.
- 5.156. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan included measures to address issues relating to education provision, health provision, waste water treatment and water supply capacity and infrastructure improvements.

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- 5.157. There were a number of comments received relating to the impact of coalescence with existing settlements, such as Shippon. It was suggested that the historic village of Shippon would be subject to coalescence, which is inconsistent with the Garden Village principles. A resident survey undertaken by St Helen Without Parish Council confirmed that 88% of the 120 residents surveyed did not want coalescence between Shippon and the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks. Comments suggested that the selection of this site was contrary to local policy e.g. Development Policy 29: Settlement Character and Gaps.
- 5.158. Historic England confirmed that, according to their records, there are no designated heritage assets on this site, but highlighted the historic centre of Shippon and its rural approach from the west. Historic England would prefer to avoid development on the southern part of the site to retain this rural approach. Historic England suggested a modification to criteria iv of the policy to provide adequate protection for the historic environment of Shippon as part of the positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, as required by paragraphs 126 and 157 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- 5.159. A number of comments were received relating to the provision of a country park for the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks including the lack of connectivity to existing settlements such as Wootton, Dry Sandford and Whitecross and that the location of the country park to the west of the development if not appropriately designed and will make no contribution to a green infrastructure network.
- 5.160. A number of comments were received relating to the Garden Village principles. Support for the principles was received from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), but commented

that further clarification is required as to how the principles will be development and incorporated, particularly in relation to sustainability.

- 5.161. Natural England welcomed the commitment in the Plan to produce a Comprehensive Development Framework for the allocation and the opportunity to provide a buffer for the Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Natural England commented that there is a potential to provide an extension to the adjacent nature reserves and this should be investigated and commented that opportunities to restore acid grassland, heathland and fen habitats should be taken in accordance with West Oxford Heights Conservation Target Area.
- 5.162. In relation to the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), Natural England highlighted the need to produce additional evidence to show that there will not be a hydrological impact from development at Dalton Barracks, either on Cothill Fen SAC or SSSIs at Dry Sandford Pit or Barrow Farm Fen. Potential cumulative effects with development at Marcham should also be considered in relation to hydrological impacts on Barrow Farm Fen SSSI.
- 5.163. The deliverability of the proposed allocation was a concern raised by a number of respondents, due to the uncertainty and availability of the release of the operational area of Dalton Barracks, which could affect the deliverability of this allocation by 2031.
- 5.164. A number of comments highlighted concerns to the whole extent of the site being included within the boundary of the allocation, the impact this would have on the Oxford Green Belt, visual impact, setting and rural character of the area and on existing residents in the area.
- 5.165. Some comments were received in support of this proposed allocation, the approach to producing a Comprehensive Development Framework and the site's status as an appropriate brownfield site for development. Oxfordshire County Council supported the removal of the site from the Green Belt and its allocation in the Part 2 plan for development, noting the exceptional circumstances. OCC commented that the full capacity for this site should be identified and tested in additional evidence.
- 5.166. There were a number of comments received relating to Green Belt, which suggested that the proposed allocation for 1,200 dwellings could be accommodated within the northern area of the brownfield site, without the need to remove land from the Green Belt for the period of this plan. It was suggested by a number of respondents that no exceptional circumstances had been demonstrated by the Council to remove land from the Green Belt for development and no justification to remove the village of Shippon from the Green Belt.

- 5.167. A number of comments were received relating to local transport infrastructure, which considered that the infrastructure identified for the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks is insufficient to support this level of growth. Comments raised concerns with the impact of additional traffic on the local road network, including Faringdon Road, Barrow Road, Wootton Road and through Sunningwell village, which were considered by a number of respondents to be routes heavily congested at peak times. A number of comments questioned the need to safeguard land for transport schemes in this area including the Park and Ride site at Lodge Hill and the proposed bus and cycle link, as this was considered contrary to national policy and advice provided by Oxfordshire County Council.
- 5.168. Highways England commented that they would welcome the opportunity to work with the Council and the site promoter to mitigate any traffic impacts that could impact on the Strategic Road Network.
- 5.169. Oxfordshire County Council commented that at least one primary school is expected to be delivered on this site within this plan period and that additional secondary school capacity will also be needed within the District. OCC highlighted that there is some existing capacity at Abingdon-on-Thames, but in the longer term there is an opportunity to deliver a new secondary school at Dalton Barracks.
- 5.170. In relation to utilities, Thames Water commented that the wastewater network capacity in this area may be unable to support the demand anticipated from development, and local upgrades to the existing drainage infrastructure is required. Thames Water also commented that the water supply network in this area is unlikely to be able to support the demand anticipated from this development. Thames Water suggested the inclusion of an additional requirement in the Site Development Template to support this site, to ensure that developers can demonstrate that there is adequate water supply capacity to serve the development and not lead to problems for existing or new users.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.171. The Council consider that the Dalton Barracks site, including Abingdon Airfield, is a sustainable location for development, consisting of predominately brownfield (previously developed) land and likely to cause only limited harm to the purposes of the Green Belt. The site is located close to Oxford and Abingdon with good connectivity to these locations and beyond and with significant potential for highly sustainable connections in the future. The Part 2 plan includes a policy commitment to prepare a Comprehensive Development Framework for the site, to be adopted as Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), in due course to ensure the site is planned for comprehensively,

maximising opportunities for creating a highly sustainable community and following Garden Village principles.

- 5.172. An additional modification is proposed to the supporting text at paragraph 2.62 to improve clarity and to acknowledge the historic centre of Shippon and its rural approach from the west along Barrow Road. This reflects comments made by Historic England during Regulation 19 stage of the Part 2 plan, which sought a modification to criteria iv of Core Policy 8b. A Statement of Common Ground has been produced between the Council and Historic England, which confirms this additional modification to the supporting text will provide further clarity and this matter can also be appropriately addressed through the Comprehensive Development Framework that will be published as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 5.173. A Statement of Common Ground has been published between the Council and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), which confirms that the site can be released sooner than 2029 and that 1,200 homes can be delivered on the site within the plan period up to 2031. This Statement of Common Ground is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan. This is also reflected in the updated Housing Trajectory that accompanies the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.174. A commitment is included within the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan to prepare a Comprehensive Development Framework for Dalton Barracks, to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which will provide more detailed guidance to inform proposals for development on the site. The Council would like to highlight that initial work has already commenced on the preparation of this SPD, with initial engagement undertaken between the Council and other key stakeholders to help shape this SPD going forward. The Council has also published an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan, which reinforces the commitment to prepare an SPD for the proposed Part 2 plan allocation at Dalton Barracks.
- 5.175. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been updated to reflect comments made by Oxfordshire County Council and other infrastructure providers. The IDP is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Core Policy 13a: Oxford Green Belt

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.176. There were a number of alternative parcels of land suggested for release from the Green Belt, including at the Market Town of Abingdon-on-Thames, the Local Service Centre of Botley and a number of Larger and Smaller Villages located within the Vale.

5.177. A number of comments were received relating to the Green Belt Study to support the site allocation at Dalton Barracks. Oxford City Council commented that this Study failed to reconsider sites at Botley and Cumnor which are considered to be reasonable alternatives. Other comments suggested the need for the boundary of the allocation to move to the west, leaving the rural setting and character of Whitecross and the village of Shippon within the Green Belt.

5.178. A number of comments were received relating to the selection of the site allocation at Dalton Barracks, as there has been no justification or evidence that exceptional circumstances exist to warrant removing further land around Dalton Barracks out of the Green Belt. The removal of the site from the Green Belt was considered to be contrary to Core Policy 13 in the Part 1 plan and inconsistent with national policy.

5.179. A number of comments were received that stated that the Council should consider the implications of the Housing White Paper in relation to justifying exceptional circumstances for amending Green Belt boundaries, in particular the need to demonstrate they have examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting their identified requirements.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.180. A number of changes were undertaken to Core Policy 13a and the accompanying text of the Part 2 plan:

- a minor change was made to the policy to provide further clarity that the boundary of the Oxford Green Belt had been amended to reflect the additional site allocation at Dalton Barracks.
- a Green Belt Study was produced to support Core Policy 13a in the Part 2 plan and to demonstrate exceptional circumstances to justify the amendment to the Green Belt boundary at Dalton Barracks. This study assessed the potential development sites considered in the preparation of the Part 2 plan, including for Dalton Barracks and surrounding land to demonstrate that the removal from the Green Belt for development at this location would have limited impact on the function of the Green Belt.
- the accompanying text was updated to reflect that the area proposed for release does not extend beyond the existing Dalton Barracks site. The openness between Abingdon-on-Thames and Shippon, Shippon and Wootton and between the proposed new development and Whitecross are maintained. The changes to the Green Belt boundary were included in Figure 2.3 of the Part 2 plan
- the site boundary was amended to ensure that land between Dalton Barracks and Whitecross are retained within the Green Belt, and

- the accompanying text was updated to reflect that the settlement of Shippion continues to be inset to the Green Belt.

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- 5.181. There were a number of comments and objections received relating to Core Policy 13a: Oxford Green Belt. Specific comments proposed alternatives for release from the Oxford Green Belt, for example at the market town of Abingdon-on-Thames, the Larger Villages of Radley and Wootton, and other villages such as Appleton and Dry Sandford. Comments suggested that the Council should allocate smaller sites for release from the Green Belt as they make little contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and would provide greater flexibility and assist with housing delivery in the short term.
- 5.182. A number of objections were received to Core Policy 13a relating to the exceptional circumstances demonstrated by the Council to remove a parcel of land from the Green Belt. Specific objections raised the following issues:
- case law has established that there is no test that Green Belt land is to be released as a last resort
 - the Council should amend Green Belt boundaries only when they can demonstrate they have examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting their identified requirements
 - meeting Objectively Assessed Need cannot constitute an exceptional circumstance for releasing parcels of land from the Green Belt for development
- 5.183. A number of objections were received to Core Policy 13a, in relation to the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks. Specific objections included:
- no justification or evidence provided by the Council that exceptional circumstances exist to warrant the removal of further land surrounding Dalton Barracks from the Green Belt
 - selection of this site is not justified and is inconsistent with national policy
 - sufficient brownfield land exists within the site to accommodate the proposed development and to provide capacity for further development
 - risk of coalescence between the Market Town of Abingdon-on-Thames and the villages of Wootton, Dry Sandford and Shippion, which is considered to be contrary to local policy (e.g. Core Policy 13)
 - the site is not specifically required to meet the Vale's proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need as allocations within the Part 1 plan would effectively meet this need
- 5.184. A number of comments were received in support of Core Policy 13a, which suggested the removal of land from the Green Belt for a proposed allocation

at Dalton Barracks would deliver sustainable development and will help to assist in meeting Oxford's unmet housing need in suitable and accessible locations. A few comments suggested that this parcel of land made limited contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt as set out in national policy.

- 5.185. West Oxfordshire District Council were supportive of this policy in removing a parcel of land at Dalton Barracks from the Green Belt for a proposed allocation to contribute towards Oxford City's unmet housing needs or towards the Vale of White Horse's own development needs.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.186. The Council has followed a comprehensive approach to site selection, as set out in the Site Selection Topic Paper. A suite of evidence base studies have been undertaken to inform the site selection process, including a green belt assessment of any site options located within the Green Belt. This study complements the Green Belt Review undertaken to inform the Part 1 plan prepared by the Council, along with a Green Belt Study, covering the Oxfordshire Green Belt as a whole prepared by the Oxfordshire Growth Board. The Council also published evidence to summarise the exceptional circumstances to justify release of the Dalton Barracks site from the Oxford Green Belt and is content that the site's release is both justified and has been sufficiently demonstrated. This evidence was published alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.187. The Council would also like to highlight that Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council were supportive of the approach in Core Policy 8b and Core Policy 13a to remove the site from the Green Belt so that it can contribute either towards Oxford City's unmet housing needs or towards the Vale's own development needs.

Core Policy 12a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

- 5.188. There were a number of comments received in relation to Core Policy 12a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area. Specific comments raised the following points:

Park and Ride site for accessing Oxford from the A420 corridor at Cumnor

- concerns raised that safeguarding of land for a park and ride site at Cumnor would impact on local air quality by encouraging further car use. It would impact on the Green Belt and cause noise pollution
- alternative site was suggested on land between Oxford Road and Cumnor Hill
- some support was received for the safeguarding of land for park and ride schemes, and
- Oxfordshire County Council supported the safeguarding of land for a park and ride site at Cumnor which is consistent with proposals in the Local Transport Plan 4 – Oxford Transport Strategy.

Park and Ride site for accessing Oxford from the A34 corridor at Lodge Hill

- concerns were raised that the safeguarding of land for a park and ride site at Lodge Hill is unnecessary due to proximity of other park and ride sites and good public transport network
- concerns were raised that it would impact on the Oxford Green Belt, there is a possibility of undermining the existing bus service and it would encourage further car use and impact on local air quality
- some support was received for the safeguarding of land for park and ride schemes, and
- Oxfordshire County Council supported the safeguarding of land for a park and ride site at Cumnor which is consistent with proposals in the Local Transport Plan 4 – Oxford Transport Strategy and is essential to the delivery of Rapid Transit Services.

Single carriageway north-bound bus lane between the Lodge Hill A34 Interchange and Hinksey A34 Interchange

- further clarification is required in relation to the design of the bus lane, and
- some support for a bus lane between the Lodge Hill A34 interchange and Hinksey A34 Interchange, with some comments seeking further clarification on whether it is a new carriageway or the conversion of an existing lane.

South Marcham Bypass linking the A415 to the west of Marcham and east of Marcham

- some support for a Marcham bypass to ease congestion, improve air quality, but concerns that there is no timescale or funding commitment for the provision of this infrastructure, and
- Oxfordshire County Council had no objections to the safeguarding of land in relation to minerals and waste and commented that the Plan

should make clear that there are no current proposals to deliver this bypass.

General comments

- additional schemes were suggested to be safeguarded for highway improvements. One comment requested land to be safeguarded for the B4044 Community Path
- a number of comments suggested an alternative site at Marcham Interchange should be safeguarded for a potential park and ride site rather than at Lodge Hill or at Cumnor
- Environment Agency raised concerns that the scheme for Marcham bypass is located within areas of fluvial flood risk and that an appropriate assessment of flood risk should be undertaken
- Highways England commented that they would like to be involved in further discussions with the Council on these schemes
- Oxfordshire County Council commented that the provision for safeguarding land for strategic footpath and cycle improvements, including to and from Dalton Barracks and the park and ride sites is included within Core Policy 12a, and
- a number of comments raised concerns that there is no timescale or funding commitment to provide the infrastructure for these schemes. Sustainable transport improvements should be in place before highway improvements.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.189. Strategic highway schemes safeguarded within the Part 2 plan (with one exception discussed below) were included at the request of Oxfordshire County Council, who have responsibilities for planning for highways as Highways Authority, and forms part of the current Local Transport Plan. The proposals have been informed by evidence prepared by Oxfordshire County Council.

5.190. While there were no specific changes to this policy and the accompanying text, the Site Development Template for Dalton Barracks was updated to reflect comments made by Oxfordshire County Council to include an additional requirement for the allocation at Dalton Barracks to provide significant new cycling and walking routes, including substantial improvements between Abingdon-on-Thames, Wootton and Cumnor.

5.191. An additional requirement was also included within the template to ensure that access to the A34 is investigated, along with pedestrian/cycle access to the proposed Park and Ride Sites at Lodge Hill and Cumnor, reflecting comments received from Oxfordshire County Council.

5.192. An additional scheme was included in Core Policy 12a to safeguard land for the provision of a public transport and cycle links between Dalton Barracks and the Lodge Hill Park and Ride site.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.193. There were a number of general objections received to Core Policy 12a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area, which suggested that the Plan places an emphasis on new road building, but little regard is given to the likely changes in transport technologies e.g. electric and autonomous vehicles. It was also suggested that the proposed growth in the area would result in additional delays on the local highway network and the proposed schemes would have limited effects as people will continue to use private motor vehicles over sustainable modes of transport.

5.194. Bike Safe sought the inclusion of the community path along the B4044 as an additional transport scheme within this policy, highlighting the support received from Oxfordshire County Council and local businesses.

5.195. Oxfordshire County Council raised an objection to the proposed scheme for a public transport and cycle link between Dalton Barracks and Lodge Hill Park and Ride, as insufficient evidence exists to support the scheme. OCC commented that the Sustainable Transport Study is insufficient and requires further work to determine the necessary sustainable transport interventions for planning for this site in the longer term.

5.196. There were a number of general comments received relating to this policy that neither objected or supported this policy. Specific comments included:

- Cherwell District Council highlighted Core Policy 12a and the land to be safeguarded through this policy
- West Oxfordshire District Council highlighted the strategic importance of road corridors such as the A415 which connects Witney with Abingdon-on-Thames and suggested that additional text is included in the Plan to support this matter
- Stagecoach welcomed the principle that detailed work has been undertaken to explore sustainable transport along the Abingdon-on-Thames to Oxford corridor

5.197. A number of comments were received in support of this policy. Oxfordshire County Council and Stagecoach supported the principle of this policy, but raised a number of concerns with respect to specific transport schemes. Oxfordshire County Council also highlighted that the safeguarding of land does not necessarily mean that there is a commitment to funding for some schemes.

5.198. Environment Agency raised a concern that the proposed safeguarded land for the Marcham Bypass is located within areas of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and should be subject to appropriate testing including the Sequential Test or a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.199. All of the proposed safeguarding for highway schemes included within the plan (with the exception of the proposed cycle/ bus link between Dalton Barracks and Lodge Hill) are included in the plan at the request of Oxfordshire County Council, who as Highways Authority, have responsibility for planning for highways. This is reflected in Statements of Common Ground with OCC and Highways England.

5.200. In relation to the proposed scheme for a public transport and cycle link between Dalton Barracks and Lodge Hill Park and Ride, the Council acknowledges OCC's comments that further work is required to determine the most appropriate approach for planning for public transport in the longer-term. This can be considered as part of the work informing the Dalton Barracks Comprehensive Development Framework. The Council will continue to engage constructively with Oxfordshire County Council and other key stakeholders to ensure that proposals for enhancing sustainable modes of transport in the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area are maximised.

5.201. An additional modification is proposed to the supporting text of Part 2 plan relating to comments made by the Environment Agency. This related to the area of land safeguarded for a proposed Marcham Bypass being located within Flood Zone 2 and 3. This concern is addressed in the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency and is set out in the Schedule of Additional Modifications to support the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Core Policy 14a: Upper Thames Strategic Storage Reservoir

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.202. A number of comments were received relating to the need for the policy to consider the impact of transport infrastructure and access, particularly to East Hanney and to consider the impact on the North Wessex Downs AONB. The Wiltshire, Swindon and Oxfordshire Canal Partnership commented that the policy should make reference to the need to provide a new route for the Wilts and Berks Canal in the event that the reservoir was to proceed.

5.203. A few objections were received to this policy as the area safeguarded included land that had recent planning permission for housing.

5.204. Support for this policy was received by Historic England and Thames Water.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.205. The area to be safeguarded for the possible future provision of the Upper Thames Reservoir was updated to exclude a recent planning permission at East Hanney. The supporting text was updated to recognise the need to provide a new route for the Wilts and Berks Canal in the event that the proposed reservoir were to proceed, reflecting comments made by the Wiltshire, Swindon and Oxfordshire Canal Partnership.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.206. A number of objections were made regarding this policy, with the following mains issues raised:

- the policy has not met the relevant requirements of Section 39 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and is inconsistent with national policy as it does not contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- the relevant reasonable alternatives have not been assessed in the Sustainability Appraisal
- the proposal would pose a threat to the flood risk of East Hanney, Steventon and south of Abingdon-on-Thames
- the proposal would remove area of Grade 2 and 3a agricultural land
- the Council has not referred to any new appropriate evidence since the adoption of the Part 1 plan, which justifies the expansion of the safeguarded area
- the Council could maintain the safeguarding even if Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) does not identify an operational requirement for a reservoir in this location
- safeguarded area includes land that has recent planning permission and land that is being promoted for development through the Local Plan process

5.207. BBOWT has also raised concerns that the safeguarded area contains priority habitats and could affect a Local Wildlife Site and Cothill Fen SAC. BBOWT also commented that the proposals for a new reservoir should be based on assessed need for increasing water supply.

5.208. Support for this policy was received from Historic England and Thames Water.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.209. Core Policy 14: Strategic Water Storage Reservoirs as set out in the adopted Local Plan 2031 Part 1 was found to be soundly based following Local Plan Examination. The Part 2 plan proposes only to amend the area covered by Core Policy 14 at the request of Thames Water. The Council would like to highlight that the safeguarded area was amended for the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan, to reflect land that had recent planning permission for housing.
- 5.210. The Council would like to highlight that land safeguarded for a proposed reservoir at Longworth is now removed from the Part 2 plan, following latest evidence produced by Thames Water, which confirms the site should no longer be safeguarded.
- 5.211. It is pertinent to note that Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019 (WRMP), has been recently published for public consultation, which confirms that the Upper Thames Reservoir remains their preferred option, should a large storage reservoir solution be found to be necessary in the longer-term. Further details of their appraisals and options considered may be found within the management plan.
- 5.212. The Council highlights that it is for Thames Water and the process of their Water Resources Management Plan 2019 to determine these matters. The Part 2 plan policy simply safeguards the land, should a decision be taken through the WRMP that a reservoir is needed. Any proposal for a reservoir in the future, should this be found to be necessary, will be subject to detailed scrutiny and legal processes appropriate for infrastructure of this scale.
- 5.213. A Statement of Common Ground has been prepared between the Council and Thames Water, which confirms Thames Water support for Core Policy 14a to provide an appropriate update to safeguard land from inappropriate development, which could prejudice the delivery of a future reservoir on site. The Statement also confirms the deletion of the safeguarded land for a reservoir to the north of Longworth from the Plan.

South-East Vale Sub-Area Strategy

5.214. The South-East Vale Sub-Area Strategy includes Core Policy 15a that identifies the following additional site proposals:

- North-West of Grove, and
- Harwell Campus.

5.215. Comments and main issues raised for each of these sites are detailed below. One site was removed from the Plan following the Preferred Options consultation and this is also briefly explained below. Detailed comments on the deleted sites are set out in the Consultation Statement that accompanied the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan and the Site Selection Topic Paper, which sets out the site selection process in detail.

5.216. A summary of comments received in relation to the proposed allocation at Harwell Campus can be found under 'Core Policy 15b: Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework' and a full summary can be viewed at **Appendix 3**.

Core Policy 15a: Additional Site Allocations in the South-East Vale Sub-Area

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.217. There were a number of comments received in relation to Core Policy 15a: Additional Site Allocations in the South-East Vale Sub-Area. Specific comments raised the following points:

Site Selection

- there were a number of comments received in relation to the location of the housing allocations, including highlighting the outcome of the Inspector's Report for the Part 1 plan that removed 1400 dwellings in the Science Vale area, and
- there is a difference between the South-East Vale Sub-Area housing requirement and the Science Vale housing requirement which equates to a total of 600 dwellings. It was suggested that the Council should pursue a strategy that seeks to deliver this remaining requirement as sustainable settlements elsewhere within the South-East Vale Sub-Area.

Oxford City's unmet housing need

- Oxford City Council commented that there is uncertainty as to whether Oxford's unmet housing need is met in this sub-area as no sites have been identified in the Plan that are near to Didcot Parkway.

Site allocation at Harwell Campus

- there were a number of objections received in relation to the allocation at Harwell Campus on the grounds that the allocation is in conflict with Saved Policy E13 of the Local Plan 2011 and there are alternative sites that are more suitable that should be identified
- there were a number of objections received in relation to the lack of evidence to demonstrate the need for a work-live-play community to support the Harwell Campus allocation and therefore exceptional circumstances have not been demonstrated by the Council, and
- there were a few comments that supported the allocation at Harwell Campus including from the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Site allocation at North-West of Grove

- there were a few objections received in relation to the allocation North-West of Grove on the grounds over delivery in the area and of the adjoining sites. Two alternatives were suggested at Grove Park and further development at Monks Farm.

5.218. An objection was raised by Oxfordshire County Council to the allocation to the West of Harwell Village on grounds relating to traffic impact and access, in particular increasing vehicle flows at the Grove Road and High Street Junction and the provision of safe access to the site.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.219. A number of changes were undertaken to Core Policy 15a and the accompanying text in relation to:

- the accompanying text provided further clarity that the allocation at Harwell Campus includes land already allocated for development. A footnote was included in the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan, which referred to the Campus as being currently allocated for employment through Core Policy 6 in the Part 1 plan and Saved Policy E7 of the Local Plan 2011
- the accompanying text to Core Policy 15b was updated to provide clarity that the additional allocation proposed at Harwell Campus is

specifically proposed to help meet the identified business and local economic needs of the Campus and the Council published an Exceptional Circumstances Report

- the accompanying text was updated to provide clarity that none of the additional sites in the Part 2 plan within this Sub-Area are allocated to specifically address unmet housing need for Oxford
- a footnote was provided in Core Policy 15a, which provided clarity that the Sub-Area housing requirement is updated in line with changes to the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area to reflect the residual necessary to meet the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale, and
- in response to the objection raised by Oxfordshire County Council the allocation to the West of Harwell Village for 100 dwellings was removed from the Part 2 plan.

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5.220. A number of comments were received that identified alternative sites within the South-East Vale Sub-Area for consideration within the Part 2 plan. This included sites at East Hendred, Chilton, Milton Heights, at Grove to the east of the A338, South of Harwell Campus and Sutton Courtenay. Comments described these sites as being suitable locations for development, highlighting the importance of providing sufficient sites to provide flexibility, to support housing delivery and to contribute towards significantly boosting the supply of housing within the district. A few comments suggested other alternatives sites outside of the North Wessex Downs AONB or Oxford Green Belt, which provide an opportunity to bring forward development without leading to impacts on these designated areas.

5.221. A number of comments were received in relation to the housing requirement for the South-East Vale Sub-Area, in particular, comparison was made to the figures set out in Core Policy 5: Housing Supply Ring-Fence in the adopted Part 1 plan. It was suggested that more housing should be allocated within the South-East Vale Sub-Area given the importance of this sub-area to the Plan's spatial strategy in supporting significant housing, employment and infrastructure delivery.

5.222. A number of comments supported the role and importance of Science Vale and its potential for economic growth and ensuring sufficient housing comes forward to unlock this economic potential.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.223. The Sub-Area Strategies provide spatial focus for the Plan and ensure it makes appropriate provision for housing across each part of the district. The

role of the South-East Vale Sub-Area was established within the Part 1 plan and forms the main focus for supporting economic growth, and so accommodates the majority of the Vale's housing need, along with supporting job growth and infrastructure delivery.

- 5.224. The approach set out in Core Policy 5: Housing Supply Ring Fence of the adopted Part 1 plan, does not prevent the Council from planning for more housing within the South-East Vale Sub-Area, which for the most part, overlaps with the Ring-Fence.
- 5.225. The additional sites proposed for allocation in the Part 2 plan within this sub-area are proposed for site specific reasons and are not intended to contribute towards unmet housing need for Oxford.

North-West of Grove

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- 5.226. There were a number of comments in support of the allocation North-West of Grove. However, a few comments raised concerns that this site is not considered to be deliverable within the plan period, particularly as it is dependent on the delivery of site allocations at Monks Farm and Grove Airfield. A few comments suggested that this site is not necessarily needed to assist the delivery of the Grove Northern Link Road as there is already housing planned to fund this infrastructure.
- 5.227. There were general objections to this allocation including that more infrastructure is required to support the level of growth proposed in this area.
- 5.228. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water had commented that the water and waste water network may not be able to capable to support the demand of the new development and that developers should be encouraged to work with Thames Water to ensure this constraint is overcome.
- 5.229. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of the allocation at North-West of Grove. Key comments include the following:
 - the Site Development Template should refer to the need to integrate the site with developments at Grove village, Grove Airfield, Monks Farm and potentially Grove Railway Station, and
 - the additional new housing at North-West Grove during the plan period will help to build the business case for a railway station at Grove.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.230. The allocation to the North-West of Grove was increased from 300 dwellings to 400 dwellings. The allocation would help to facilitate the masterplanning for this area of Grove, along with the northern parts of the Saved Local Plan 2011 Grove Airfield allocation and the Part 1 plan allocation at Monks Farm.
- 5.231. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan for this site allocation, relating to specific constraints were considered and have informed the masterplan that has been development for the site.
- 5.232. Specific points raised through the consultation were addressed through an update to the Site Development Templates, which set out how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed. The Site Development Template included a requirement that developers will need to ensure that the site maximises connectivity with existing settlement of Grove and to the neighbouring allocations at Monks Farm and Grove Airfield.
- 5.233. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan included measures to address issues relating to waste water treatment and water supply capacity. The more detailed issues regarding the development of the site would be incorporated into the masterplan for the site.

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- 5.234. A number of comments were received in relation to the deliverability of the allocation North-West of Grove, as this site is due to come forward later in the plan period and seems to rely on the delivery of infrastructure, e.g. Grove Northern Link Road (GNLR) and is said to be dependent on the delivery of Grove Airfield and the Part 1 allocation at Monks Farm.
- 5.235. Oxfordshire County Council commented that matters raised from public consultation on the Preferred Options Version were now addressed in the Publication Version. OCC were broadly supportive of the increase of the allocation from 300 to 400 homes and suggested that a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) could be prepared to assist with the comprehensive approach to masterplanning for this area. OCC also commented on two level crossings to the east of the allocation, which are Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and will need to be investigated further.
- 5.236. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible.

Thames Water commented that local upgrades to the water and wastewater network would be required to support development in this area.

5.237. Grove Parish Council were supportive of this allocation.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.238. The proposed allocation within the Part 2 plan at North-West of Grove provides an opportunity to assist with infrastructure delivery in Grove and facilitate more effective and long-term masterplanning.
- 5.239. This site is not expected to deliver until much later in the plan period. The Council consider this would have no impact on the Plan's ability to support the identified housing requirement.
- 5.240. It is notable that Oxfordshire County Council are supportive of this allocation. The Council has no particular objection to preparing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to provide additional guidance for masterplanning for development at north and west Grove.

Core Policy 15b: Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework

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5.241. There were a number of comments received in relation to Core Policy 15b: Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework. Specific comments raised the following points:

- there were a number of objections received in relation to land north of Icknield Way on the grounds that respondents disagreed with development of housing to the north which is located within the North Wessex Downs AONB
- there were a number of objections received on the grounds that development at Harwell Campus will have an impact on the North Wessex Downs AONB, landscape, wildlife and historic assets. The comments also note the removal of an allocation at Harwell Campus from the Part 1 plan by the Inspector
- the lack of evidence provided by the Council to support development at Harwell Campus in particular impact on the AONB and providing a live-work-play community for employees of the Campus
- there are a lack of exceptional circumstances demonstrated by the Council to allocate this site
- a number of comments supported the allocation at Harwell Campus and the concept of a live-work-play community

- Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) support the allocation at Harwell Campus
- Natural England welcomed Core Policy 15b but advised that a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) should be undertaken to ensure that information is available to inform the site allocation, and
- Historic England commented that the policy should include a firmer requirement for development proposals to take into account the historic environment in the framework.

5.242. There were a number of comments that supported the allocation at Harwell Campus, including support from Highways England. Specific comments agreed with the work-live-play community on the Campus but suggested that additional evidence is needed to support this. The commitment by the Council to produce a future Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was particularly supported.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.243. The Council produced additional evidence working in partnership with the Campus, to demonstrate exceptional circumstances for delivering residential development at Harwell Campus. This included specific need for housing on the Campus and demonstrating that there would be no harm to the North Wessex Downs AONB.

5.244. The responses to the consultation on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan for this site allocation, relating to specific constraints were considered and have informed the masterplan that has been developed for the site.

5.245. Specific comments raised through the consultation were addressed through an update to the Site Development Templates, which set out how the site should be planned to ensure site specific constraints are adequately addressed. The Site Development Templates were updated to reflect comments provided by Oxfordshire County Council on the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan. This included additional requirements related to the provision of a new primary school on-site and contribution towards increasing secondary school capacity at Didcot and Wantage.

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5.246. A number of comments were received in relation to Core Policy 15b: Harwell Campus Comprehensive Development Framework, that raised concerns such as the exceptional circumstances for the allocation, housing need, landscape character, access and highways and infrastructure.

5.247. A number of comments were received in relation to the exceptional circumstances for the allocation at Harwell Campus, in particular the evidence prepared by the Council. Specific comments raised the following concerns:

- selection of this site does not meet the test for exceptional circumstances set out in national policy
- Inspector's Report to the Part 1 plan removed site allocations to the north and east of Harwell Campus from the plan; the inclusion of this site within the North Wessex Downs AONB at Harwell Campus makes the Plan unsound
- the need for a 'work-live-play community' has not been demonstrated
- proposed allocation is on land designated for employment use; employment allocation was justified based on Harwell Campus being a world-class location for science and technology
- housing allocation would cause a significant loss to employment land
- alternative sites e.g. north of East Hendred and at Wootton, exist outside the North Wessex Downs AONB, which could be used to meet the housing need
- public interest test and exceptional circumstances required by national policy are not satisfied as the Council has considered only the economic interest, and not environmental and social aspects, and
- selection of the site is inappropriate and unjustified and would be harmful to AONB objectives.

5.248. There were a number of comments received in support for the proposal. Comments supported a live-work-play community at the Campus and recognised that locating housing at the Campus would promote social and environmental benefits, sustainable transport opportunities and help to support the Science Vale strategy and Strategic Economic Plan's vision for the area.

5.249. Oxfordshire County Council acknowledged the Exceptional Circumstances report which provides evidence for the proposed allocation of this land within the North Wessex Downs AONB and confirmed there would be no loss of economic growth.

5.250. Oxfordshire County Council were broadly supportive of the allocation at Harwell Campus, provided the loss of land from the Enterprise Zone would not impact on the scale of job growth and noted that evidence is published to confirm there would be no loss of economic growth. Oxfordshire County Council commented that there is a need for a primary school to be delivered and funded by the developer.

5.251. The boundary of the employment site was a concern raised among a number of respondents, which suggested that the site allocated in the Part 1 plan is not the same site boundary as proposed for housing in the Part 2 plan.

Comments referred to the inclusion of land north of Icknield Way. It was also considered by a number of respondents that this site is not predominantly brownfield land as it includes a large area of biodiverse land, established trees and Icknield Way. Reference to this statement should therefore be removed from the Part 2 plan. It was suggested that there were conflicting policies and proposals for Harwell Campus in the saved policy E7 of the Local Plan 2011, Core Policy 6, Core Policy 15 in the adopted Part 1 plan and Core Policy 15a, Core Policy 15b and Appendix C in the Part 2 plan.

5.252. There were a number of comments and objections received in relation to landscape character and impact on the North Wessex Downs AONB. Specific comments raised the following issues:

- selection of this site is not justified and is inconsistent with paragraphs 115 and 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- site is part of the rural character of the Hendred Plain in the North Wessex Downs AONB
- density of the site will impact on the views to open countryside
- light and noise pollution associated with development will diminish the landscape and affect the AONB and its setting
- site would be perceived as an isolated urban development in the AONB and is part of the typical rural character of the Hendred Plain
- if approved, this would be the largest allocation within the AONB in the UK, setting a precedence for future allocations, which undermines national policy, and
- loss of allocated employment land would restrict Harwell Campus' ability to meet economic demand and it is likely to need to expand into open AONB land in the future.

5.253. In relation to the historic environment, Historic England welcomed the reference to a requirement for an Historic Buildings and Historic Environment Assessment in this policy, but suggested a modification to this policy that sought a firmer requirement for development proposals to conform to the framework, rather than being guided by it.

5.254. There were a number of comments received in relation to biodiversity and Green Infrastructure, which suggested that this proposed allocation would result in a net loss of biodiversity and that the site contains two rare plant species e.g. White Helleborine and Yellow Bird's nest, common toads, common lizards and two species of bats. Comments considered that there were no specific habitat protection or mitigation measures identified in Core Policy 15b.

5.255. OCC also suggested a modification to Core Policy 15b to ensure development proposals comply with the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) prepared for the Campus and contribute to infrastructure requirements in an

appropriate manner in accordance with the Comprehensive Development Framework.

5.256. Thames Water supported the general requirements set out in the Site Development Template relating to utilities, specifically the requirement for developers to enter into discussion with Thames Water as early as possible. Thames Water commented that the water network capacity in this area is unlikely to be able to support the demand anticipated from this development and strategic water supply infrastructure upgrades are likely to be required to ensure sufficient capacity is brought forward ahead of the development. Thames Water commented that a detailed drainage strategy would need to be submitted with a planning application.

5.257. Oxfordshire County Council acknowledged that the Council has published appropriate evidence to indicate that the proposed loss of land will not lead to lower job growth, and highlighted the Statement of Common Ground produced between Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Harwell Campus Partnership to support the Comprehensive Development Framework.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.258. Harwell Campus is a nationally and internationally significant centre for research and innovation, located within the Science Vale and the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is at the heart of the Council's strategy as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan to promote Science Vale as a world-class location for science and technology-based enterprise and innovation. The Campus needs to evolve from a Science and Innovation Park to a world class campus environment offering a work-live-play community.

5.259. The land proposed for development at Harwell Campus is already allocated for employment through Core Policy 6 of the adopted Part 1 plan and saved policy E7 of the Local Plan 2011, therefore the principle of development of this land already exists.

5.260. The Council considers there is an exceptional case to justify development within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), to create a new Innovation Village at Harwell Campus designed to provide bespoke housing to meet the specific needs of the employees working both at the Campus and within Science Vale.

5.261. The Council has demonstrated the exceptional circumstances required to develop land within the AONB as stated within the Harwell Campus Exceptional Circumstances Report published in October 2017 alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.262. The Council has undertaken extensive studies to ensure the site at Harwell Campus can be delivered within the plan period. The Council is working with the Campus, key stakeholders and the site promoters to ensure the site is developed before 2031. The Council has also worked with the Campus to identify exceptional circumstances to demonstrate a need for housing on the Campus and this is reflected in a Statement of Common Ground between the Council and Harwell Campus Partnership.

5.263. A commitment is included within the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan to prepare a Comprehensive Development Framework for the Campus, to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which will provide more detailed guidance to inform proposals for development on the site. The Council would like to highlight that initial work has recently commenced on the preparation of this SPD, with initial engagement undertaken between the Council and other key stakeholders to help shape the SPD going forward.

5.264. A Statement of Common Ground produced with the Harwell Campus Partnership and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, also confirms their support for the proposed allocation at Harwell Campus. It is also pertinent to note the parties also agree that the land required for the Innovation Village on the Enterprise Zone would not adversely impact on achieving the employment growth at Harwell Campus, as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.

Core Policy 16b: Didcot Garden Town

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.265. Comments were received in support of Core Policy 16b: Didcot Garden Town, in particular support for the design principles. However a few comments raised concerns over the loss of green space, housing quality and transport links and the implementation and delivery of the Didcot Garden Town.

5.266. A few comments also suggested that the principles should include the need to improve the public transport network and the promotion of social interaction and recreation.

5.267. Historic England commented that the principles for the Didcot Garden Town should include an additional principle to conserve and enhance the historic environment and heritage assets.

5.268. Highways England were particularly supportive of the principles for the Didcot Garden Town in seeking to reduce reliance on motorised vehicles and moving towards active and public transport. South Oxfordshire District Council supported collaboratively working with the Council on the Didcot Garden Town project and the inclusion of a policy in the Part 2 plan.

5.269. Natural England welcomed the principles for the Didcot Garden Town, but would like to see a strategic approach to green infrastructure and the development of ecological networks and a commitment to deliver a net gain in biodiversity.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.270. A change was made to the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan Principles to seek opportunities to improve access to sport and physical activities; enhance green and blue infrastructure networks; to make effective use of natural resources and to enhance cycling and pedestrian links between the Garden Town, surrounding villages and natural assets. An additional principle was included, which ensured the Garden Town conserves and enhances heritage assets.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.271. There were a few objections received in relation to Core Policy 16b, as the masterplan area included the Milton Interchange Services at Milton, which has outline planning permission for roadside services. One comment criticised the policy's failure to identify sites for housing.

5.272. A number of general comments were received in relation to Core Policy 16b: Didcot Garden Town. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) commented that the area falls within the aerodrome height and birdstrike safeguarding consultation zones for RAF Benson. There were a number of comments that raised concerns relating to the deliverability of the Didcot Garden Town proposals.

5.273. A number of comments were received in support of the masterplan principles in reducing the reliance on vehicles and moving towards active and public transport. MEPC supported this policy in seeking to accommodate the growth of Didcot, and the inclusion of Milton Park within the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan Area.

5.274. Environment Agency commented that the masterplan principle relating to 'Landscape and Green Infrastructure' should include a reference to Core Policy 40: Sustainable Design and Construction and Core Policy 43: Natural Resources in the adopted Part 1 plan, to ensure specific attention is brought to water efficiency in new development proposals.

5.275. Support for this policy was received from Historic England and South Oxfordshire District Council.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.276. The Part 2 plan includes in policy the Didcot Garden Town Principles that have been developed through a comprehensive process including consultation and engagement with key stakeholders and residents. The Council would highlight that the Part 2 plan does not make any proposals for Didcot Garden Town per se, or seek to demonstrate they are deliverable or undeliverable. It is envisaged that a separate Development Plan Document (DPD) will be prepared for the Didcot Garden Town area, which will be subject to all appropriate planning and legislative requirements. This commitment is reflected in the Statement of Common Ground with South Oxfordshire District Council. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan is updated to include further detail on the timescales for the delivery of the Didcot Garden Town DPD.

Core Policy 18a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highways Improvements within the South-East Vale Sub-Area

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.277. There were a number of comments received in relation to Core Policy 18a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the South-East Vale Sub-Area. Specific comments raised the following points:

Dedicated access to/from A34 to Milton Park

- the proposed access would only benefit employees of Milton Park
- impact on Milton Village and Steventon should be considered, including preservation of Milton Manor
- consultation should be undertaken with the Parish Council, landowners and interested parties, and
- support for the safeguarding of land for infrastructure improvements will result in greater accessibility to Milton Park.

Provision for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the A34 at Milton Heights

- Oxfordshire County Council commented that a further area of safeguarding is sought to ensure that the pedestrian/cycle route extends to the junction of the A4130 allowing for continued link through the Backhill Lane tunnel, and
- one comment provided support for the safeguarding of land for the provision a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the A34 at Milton Heights.

General comments

- Environment Agency commented that it is inappropriate to safeguard land in Flood Zones 2 and 3 and a Sequential Test and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment should be provided as evidence, and
- South Oxfordshire District Council commented that a Memorandum of Understanding is produced regarding planning for development and the delivery of strategic highway infrastructure improvement that cross administrative boundaries.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.278. A change was undertaken to Core Policy 18a relating to the area safeguarded for the Milton Heights Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge. This area was updated to extend to the junction of the A4130 allowing for a continued link through to Backhill Tunnel, reflecting comments and latest evidence provided by Oxfordshire County Council. The updated map was included in Appendix B of the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.279. Two general comments were received in relation to Core Policy 18a: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Highway Improvements within the South-East Vale Sub-Area. Specific comments included the following:

- Wantage and Grove Campaign Group suggested that additional land should be safeguarded for a transport interchange near Wantage and Grove, and
- Oxfordshire County Council highlighted their support for this policy.

Dedicated access to/from A34 to Milton Park

5.280. A number of objections were received to this specific transport scheme, in particular the inclusion of land at Drayton Park Golf Club within the safeguarded area. Concerns were raised relating to the impact on the business and function of the golf course, the loss of recreational space, loss of wildlife, including protected species, and the lack of consultation with owners or members of the golf club through the preparation of the Part 2 plan. It was suggested that the Council has provided no evidence to demonstrate that an additional slip road would address future issues at Milton Interchange.

5.281. A small number of objections were received as this particular transport scheme would impact on the nearby Grade I Listed Building at Milton Manor and would result in increased noise pollution for residents for Milton.

5.282. Three comments were received in support of this transport scheme, including South Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council and MEPC, owners of the employment site at Milton Park.

Provision for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the A34 at Milton Heights

5.283. One general comment was received in relation to this specific transport scheme, which suggested additional land should be safeguarded between Wantage and Grove and the key employment sites at Harwell and Didcot.

5.284. Oxfordshire County Council were particularly supportive of this scheme and confirmed that funding has been secured for this piece of infrastructure.

Thames River Crossing between Culham and Didcot

5.285. A small number of objections were received to this specific transport scheme. Sutton Courtenay Parish Council highlighted that this proposal had not considered recent studies in relation to congestion in the area around Sutton Courtenay. One comment suggested that the Council has taken limited consideration to heritage constraints, including scheduled monuments.

5.286. Environment Agency raised concerns that some of the land safeguarded for this transport scheme is located within areas of Flood Zone 2 and 3 and that further work would be required in the form of a Sequential Test and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

5.287. Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council were particularly supportive of this specific transport scheme. OCC noted the amendments to the existing safeguarded area. South Oxfordshire District Council supported this specific scheme and highlighted the importance for the cross-border package of highway improvements.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.288. All of the proposed safeguarding for highway schemes included within the plan (with the exception of the proposed cycle/ bus link between Dalton Barracks and Lodge Hill) are included in the plan at the request of Oxfordshire County Council, who as Highways Authority, have responsibility for planning for highways. This is reflected in Statements of Common Ground with OCC and Highways England.

5.289. An additional modification is proposed to the supporting text of the Part 2 plan relating to comments made by the Environment Agency, which raised an issue of soundness to Core Policy 18a. This specifically related to the area of

land safeguarded for a proposed Didcot-Culham River Crossing as it is located within Flood Zone 2 and 3. This concern is addressed in the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency and is set out in the Schedule of Additional Modifications to support the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.290. An additional modification is proposed to Appendix B of the Part 2 plan, relating to land safeguarded for improved access to A34 near Milton Park. The map is amended to reflect latest advice from the Highways Authority and Highways England and is included as an additional modification in the Council's Schedule of Additional Modifications that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Core Policy 19a: Re-opening of Grove Railway Station

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.291. There were a few comments received in relation to Core Policy 19a: Re-opening of Grove Railway Station. Specific comments raised the following issues:

- there was general support for the policy but concerns raised that there is no commitment by Network Rail to deliver a new Station
- Network Rail supported the principle of improving connectivity, but have reservations as to how this will be practicably achieved without additional track capacity
- Oxfordshire County Council would like to see land safeguarded for pedestrian and cycle links. Further work is needed to refine the area of land that needs to be safeguarded, and
- Environment Agency commented that it is inappropriate to safeguard land in Flood Zones 2 and 3 and a Sequential Test and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment should be provided as evidence.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.292. A change was undertaken to Core Policy 19a in relation to the area safeguarded for the re-opening of Grove Railway Station. A refined area was safeguarded to reflect the latest feasibility work provided by Oxfordshire County Council. The updated map was included in Appendix B of the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.

Publication Version Main Issues

5.293. A number of objections were received in relation to Core Policy 19a: Re-opening of Grove Railway Station, which suggested that there was a lack of

robust evidence provided by the Council to support the proposed safeguarded sites for a station at Grove, including in relation to design and deliverability.

5.294. Environment Agency raised concerns that some of the land safeguarded for this scheme is located within areas of Flood Zone 2 and 3 and consider that further work would be required in the form of a Sequential Test and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

5.295. A few comments supported this specific transport scheme, including Grove Parish Council.

5.296. Oxfordshire County Council supported the principle of this policy and highlighted that a modification may be required to the Plan if more detailed work results in amendments to the boundaries of the safeguarded land.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.297. Safeguarding for Grove Station was included within the adopted Part 1 plan. The proposed update to the safeguarding area is included in the plan at the request of Oxfordshire County Council. The Vale of White Horse District Council support Oxfordshire County Council's long-term commitment to plan for a new station at Grove. The Council recognises that further detailed feasibility studies are required in order to determine the most suitable location for a station at Grove and would highlight that work is currently being undertaken in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council and other key stakeholders. This collaborative working is addressed in the Statement of Common Ground between the Council and OCC, which is published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

5.298. An additional modification is proposed to the supporting text of the Part 2 plan relating to comments made by the Environment Agency, which raised an issue of soundness to Core Policy 19a. This specifically related to the area of land safeguarded for the re-opening of Grove Railway Station as it is located within Flood Zone 2 and 3. This concern is addressed in the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency and is set out in the Schedule of Additional Modifications to support the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Western Vale Sub-Area Strategy

5.299. The Western Vale Sub-Area Strategy includes Core Policy 20a, which updates the housing requirement for this Sub-Area to reflect the residual necessary to meet the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale. The Part 2 plan does not identify an additional site allocations within the Western Vale Sub-Area.

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5.300. There were a number of comments that raised concerns that the housing needs for the Western Vale Sub-Area are not being met and should be revisited in the Part 2 plan. A number of alternative sites were proposed at the Market Town of Faringdon and some of the larger villages located within the Western Vale Sub-Area.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.301. An additional paragraph was included in the Part 2 plan that provided further clarity that no additional sites are proposed for allocation within the Western Vale Sub-Area.

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5.302. A number of comments were received that identified alternative sites within the Western Vale Sub-Area for consideration for allocation within the Part 2 plan. This included sites at Faringdon, Longcot, Shellingford, Shrivenham, Stanford in the Vale, Uffington, to the west of Wantage and Wescot. Comments described these sites as being sustainable locations for development and highlighted the importance of providing sufficient sites to provide flexibility, to support housing delivery and to boost significantly the supply of housing. Some comments considered this sub-area a suitable location for development to support unmet housing need for Oxford and the South-East Vale Sub-Area.

5.303. One comment raised a concern that the Part 2 plan is inconsistent with national policy and not in compliance with the Duty to Cooperate as it does not take into account the relationship of this sub-area with Swindon and the wider Swindon Borough, which provides employment to residents in the Western Vale Sub-Area.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.304. The Council considers that the Part 2 plan is fully consistent with the Part 1 plan, including the Settlement Hierarchy and Spatial Strategy. The Council is seeking to ensure that the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford, to be addressed within the Vale, is met within the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area and that at least 2,200 homes are demonstrably close and accessible to Oxford.
- 5.305. The Council does not consider that the Western Vale Sub-Area is sufficiently close or accessible to Oxford to be a suitable location for housing to meet the Oxford need.
- 5.306. A Statement of Common Ground has been produced between the Council and Swindon Borough Council that addressed a number of cross-boundary strategic matters including strategic growth along the A420 and Swindon's Objectively Assessed Need and Housing Requirement. The Statement confirms that both parties agree there is currently no evidence to demonstrate that the needs arising from Swindon cannot reasonably be met within Swindon's own housing market area and that planned growth in the Part 2 plan will make a positive contribution to highway improvements on the A420 strategic corridor as set out in the A420 Route Strategy prepared by Oxfordshire County Council.

DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities

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5.307. Some comments were received relating to self-build and custom-build, in particular the Plan should consider including a policy to deliver the need/demand from the Self and Custom Build Register.

Development Policy 1: Space Standards

5.308. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the policy is not supported by up-to-date evidence,
- the policy fails to consider the implications of the Housing White Paper
- the policy will be difficult to implement
- support for this policy was received from South Oxfordshire District Council

Development Policy 2: Sub-Division of Dwellings

5.309. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the policy will be difficult to monitor as proposals of this nature do not always require planning permission, and
- the policy should consider parking provision and loss of green space.

Development Policy 3: Residential Annexes

5.310. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- concerns for the monitoring and implementation of the policy, and
- the need to consider adequate on-site parking.

Development Policy 4: Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside

5.311. Specific comments suggested that this policy should refer to the need for proposals to take into account character and to consider noise and vibration levels.

Development Policy 5: Rural Workers' Dwellings

5.312. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the policy should consider the need to ensure that the occupancy condition is permanent, and
- support for this policy in providing a positive development strategy for the redevelopment of rural buildings and supporting growth in agriculture and local food production.

Development Policy 6: Re-use of Buildings for Dwellings in the Open Countryside

5.313. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the policy should consider the need for development proposals located within the Green Belt to comply with Core Policy 13 in the adopted Part 1 plan
- the policy should consider rural character and noise and vibration levels, and
- Historic England commented that this policy should include the need for development proposals to retain features of architectural or historical merit.

Development Policy 7: Community Services and Facilities

5.314. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the policy does not provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate growing populations, and
- this policy should include the need to consider the provision of burial plots and appropriate access.

Development Policy 8: Public Houses

One comment was received relating to this policy, which suggested it should also apply to other uses.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.315. There were a number of changes undertaken to the Development Policies related to the ‘Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities’ theme in the Part 2 plan:

- an additional policy was included in the Part 2 plan, which seeks to encourage the provision of Self and Custom Building housing to reflect local interest and demand from the Council’s Self-Build and Custom-Build Register
- minor changes were made to the accompanying text to Development Policy 3: Sub-Division of Dwellings to provide clarity regarding development

- proposals involving Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) and Permitted Development Rights
- a minor change was made to the accompanying text of Development Policy 4: Residential Annexes to ensure the design and access of an annexe is appropriate
 - a minor change was made to Development Policy 6: Rural Worker's Dwellings, which requires development proposals to submit a financial appraisal, where appropriate
 - a minor change was made to the accompanying text of Development Policy 7: Re-use of Buildings for Dwellings in the Open Countryside to provide clarity that proposals will need to comply with Core Policy 13 in the Part 1 plan where they are located within the Oxford Green Belt
 - the policy related to space standards was refined to reflect the evidence supporting the Council's Housing Delivery Strategy, and
 - a minor change was made to Development Policy 8: Community Services and Facilities to include a local standard that is applied to village and community halls, reflecting local evidence in the Local Leisure Facilities Report.

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Development Policy 1: Self and Custom-Build

5.316. There were a few comments received related to this policy and included:

- a concern that without a clear requirement for developers to reserve plots within development proposals, the identified need will not be met
- this policy is not consistent with national policy, which seeks to increase the provision of self and custom build housing, and
- there is insufficient evidence provided by the Council to support and justify this policy.

5.317. South Oxfordshire District Council were particularly supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 2: Space Standards

5.318. There were a number of comments received related to this policy, and included:

- the policy should provide sufficient flexibility to cater for changing circumstances
- insufficient evidence has been provided by the Council to justify this policy, and
- the policy could be used to impose standards to proposals at reserved matters stage, impacting on viability and delaying the delivery of schemes.

5.319. South Oxfordshire District Council were supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 3: Sub-Division of Dwellings

5.320. One comment was received relating to Development Policy 3: Sub-Division of Dwellings, which suggested that the process of Local Development Orders (LDO) would enable the sub-division at a scale without the need for planning permission.

Development Policy 4: Residential Annexes; Development Policy 5: Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside

5.321. No main issues were raised relating to these policies.

Development Policy 6: Rural Workers' Dwellings

5.322. Some comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the policy should be more specific and provide further detail on how this policy would be enforced, and
- the plan should consider making provision for rural dwellings for agricultural workers.

Development Policy 7: Re-use, Conversion and Extension of Buildings for Dwellings in the Open Countryside

5.323. Some comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the policy should be more flexible to ensure the council maintains a housing supply, particularly for rural areas
- current policies in the Local Plan limit opportunities for developing on unallocated sites
- the policy is inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework objective to enhance and maintain the vitality of rural communities, and
- an additional policy should be included in the Plan to support the redevelopment of redundant or disused farm buildings.

5.324. Historic England were particularly supportive of this policy as part of a positive strategy for the conservation, and enhancement of the historic environment as required by paragraphs 126 and 157 of the NPPF.

Development Policy 8: Community Services and Facilities

5.325. A few objections were received relating to this policy as it was considered unacceptable to not deliver social infrastructure on housing development sites

5.326. Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) were supportive of this policy and welcomed continued working with the Council to ensure appropriate health facilities are delivered alongside development.

5.327. There were a number of comments received relating to the provision of specialist accommodation for meeting the needs for older people. Specific comments suggested that the Council should plan for an ageing population by including policies to enable the downsizing of homes and to identify specific site allocations in the Local Plan to deliver older person's accommodation.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.328. The Council consider the Development Management policies relating to Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities in the Part 2 plan are consistent with national policy, guidance and legislation and provide additional detail to support the district-wide policies as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.

5.329. The Council is satisfied that Development Policy 1: Self Build provides a positive framework to assist with delivering housing of this type and is considered consistent with the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council's Joint Housing Delivery Strategy. South Oxfordshire District Council is supportive of this policy.

5.330. The Council is satisfied that the space standards policy is consistent with national policy and guidance, and have prepared an up to date Housing Delivery Strategy that sets out a need and evidence to support the Nationally Described Space Standards being met within the Vale. The standards have been tested through the Local Plan Viability Study and were found to be robust.

5.331. The Council is satisfied that the Plan provides an appropriate strategy to provide specialist accommodation for meeting the needs for older people. Core Policy 26 of the adopted Part 1 plan identifies the need for housing to be designed to meet the changing needs of the district's residents throughout their lives. Development policies are included in the Part 2 plan to provide additional detail to the district-wide policies as set out in the adopted Part 2 plan and support specialist accommodation, for example the provision of annexes, space standards and the sub-division of dwellings.

Supporting Economic Prosperity

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Development Policy 9: Ancillary Uses on Employment Land

5.332. Specific comments related to this policy included:

- the permission of ancillary uses on employment sites could result in the loss of employment use, and
- Local Development Orders (LDOs) should not be used for other uses on employment land.

Development Policy 10: Community Employment Plans

5.333. Specific comments related to this policy raised concerns that there are insufficient local employment opportunities which give rise to more commuters and congestion.

5.334. Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership supported the principle of this policy, but required clarification as to when a CEP would be likely to be required by the Council.

Development Policy 11: Rural Diversification and Equestrian Development

5.335. Specific comments relating to this policy included:

- the policy should protect and/or enhance existing bridleways
- the policy should ensure development proposals comply with Core Policy 13 when they are located within the Oxford Green Belt, and
- the Part 2 plan is silent on supporting the development of farm buildings for agricultural purposes, which is inconsistent with national policy.

Development Policy 12: Changes of Use of Retail Units

5.336. Specific comments relating to this policy raised concerns that it will provide an opportunity for developers to change primary and secondary retail frontages to residential use. One comment suggested that Kings Walk, Wantage should be included within the Retail and Town Centre Study.

5.337. One comment supported the inclusion of Limborough Road, Wantage as a proposed Primary Shopping Frontage.

Development Policy 13: Village and Local Shops

5.338. There was one comment received relating to this policy, which suggested that existing facilities are struggling to meet the demand and highlighted that existing facilities are closing.

Development Policy 14: Retail Parks

5.339. Specific comments relating to this policy sought a definition of 'bulky goods', as this could provide an opportunity for developers to change the use of retail to other uses at Botley Retail Park, which is inconsistent with local policy.

5.340. One comment supported the principle of the policy but commented that the use of bulky goods is not supported by national policy.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.341. There were a few changes undertaken to the Development Policies related to the 'Supporting Economic Prosperity' theme in the Part 2 plan:

- Development Policy 13: Changes of Use of Retail Units was refined to closely align with the local evidence as set out in the Retail and Town Centres Study and included separate sub-policies to provide further clarity, and
- a change was made to Development Policy 11: Community Employment Plans to reflect continued engagement with the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and South Oxfordshire District Council and local evidence produced by the LEP.

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Development Policy 10: Ancillary Uses on Employment Land

5.342. There was one objection to this policy, which sought flexibility to enable ancillary uses to come forward on land adjacent or in close proximity to existing employment sites.

5.343. One comment was received supporting this policy for ancillary facilities within employment sites, including Milton Park to ensure the continued sustainable development of employment sites.

Development Policy 11: Community Employment Plans

5.344. One objection was raised to this policy relating to Community Employment Plans (CEPs) being required for all development proposals and the policy

being applied to a low threshold. Another comment was received supporting this policy.

Development Policy 12: Rural Diversification and Equestrian Developments

- 5.345. An objection was raised to this policy due to the lack of consideration for agro-ecology, forest gardening and permaculture. One comment was received supporting this policy, with a particular emphasis on equine businesses, horse-riders and the enhancement and the protection of Public Rights of Way network.

Development Policy 13: Change of Use of Retail Units

- 5.346. An objection was raised to this policy, which sought an amendment to the primary and secondary shopping frontages in Wantage to include an additional retail unit that had been granted planning permission.
- 5.347. Historic England were supportive of this policy in creating a positive strategy for the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in accordance with national policy.

Development Policy 14: Village and Local Shops

- 5.348. No main issues were raised relating to this policy.

Development Policy 15: Retail Parks

- 5.349. A few objections were raised to this policy relating to the reference to 'bulky goods' within the policy. This was suggested to be inconsistent with national policy and guidance. Other comments were received in support of the policy.
- 5.350. There were a few general comments received relating to the theme 'Supporting Economic Prosperity' which highlight the Council's priorities for ensuring a strong and sustainable economy and for promoting Science Vale as set out in paragraph 3.57 of the Part 2 plan.

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- 5.351. The Council considers that the Development Management policies in the Part 2 plan relating to Supporting Economic Prosperity are consistent with national policy, guidance and legislation and provide additional detail to support the district-wide policies as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.
- 5.352. The Council is content that Development Policy 11: Community Employment Plans in the Part 2 plan provides sufficient flexibility and that the aims and

objectives of this policy are consistent with the priorities of the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. It is notable that Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership were supportive of this policy.

Supporting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility

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Development Policy 15: Access

5.353. Some comments were received relating to a failure of the policy to consider access by foot, bicycle or public transport. Highways England were supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 16: Transport Assessment and Travel Plans

5.354. Some comments were received related to this policy but raised concerns that this policy requirement should be considered on a site by site basis or a higher threshold should be identified.

5.355. Oxfordshire County Council commented that there should be a requirement for a sustainable transport strategy to accompany the Transport Assessment or Design and Access Statement, with particular reference to OCC's Walking and Cycling Design Guide.

5.356. Network Rail commented that transport assessments should be sought to quantify the impact on the rail network.

5.357. There were a few comments that supported the policy. Highways England were supportive of the policy but would like the scope of the transport assessment to be agreed with them.

Development Policy 17: Public Car Parking in Settlements

5.358. A number of comments were received relating to this policy for development proposals to consider provision for bicycle parking.

5.359. Oxfordshire County Council commented that the policy should consider the provision of segregated pedestrian walkways within car parks to ensure that car parking and ancillary uses do not obstruct pedestrians and cyclists, as required under the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 and national policy.

Development Policy 18: Lorries and Roadside Services

5.360. Some comments were received relating to this policy, which raised concerns that the policy should consider including a wider range of services at Milton Interchange and to promote the option of alternative uses on other sites.

5.361. Oxfordshire County Council commented that the policy does not identify suitable areas for lorry parking, particularly for the Milton Services site.

5.362. Highways England were supportive of this policy and welcomed ongoing collaboratively working with the Council in relation to lorries and roadside services.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.363. There were a few changes undertaken to the Development Policies related to the 'Supporting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility' theme in the Part 2 plan:

- a minor change was made to Development Policy 17: Transport Assessments and Travel Plans to ensure Transport Assessments and Travels Plan are undertaken in accordance with Oxfordshire County Council guidance, including the Walking and Cycling Design Guide
- a minor change was made to Development Policy 17: Transport Assessments and Travels for development proposals to consider opportunities to support electric and/or low emission vehicles, and
- a minor change was made to the Adopted Policies Map in relation to Milton Interchange Services as set out in Development Policy 19: Lorries and Roadside Services. The boundary was updated to remove the area that falls within the Milton Park Enterprise Zone. The updated map was included in Appendix B of the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan.

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Development Policy 16: Access

5.364. There were a few comments received relating to this policy and included:

- it is not considered sound to allow development to be occupied until the access arrangements and infrastructure are delivered
- the policy is too prescriptive as this detail is sufficiently covered by Core Policies 7,33 and 37 in the adopted Part 1 plan.

5.365. Highways England and Oxford Bus Company were supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 17: Transport Assessments and Travel Plans

5.366. A few comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- insufficient attention has been paid to the ways in which service enhancements might be detrimental to services in existing settlements,
- the detail in the policy is sufficiently covered by local and national policy, and
- the reference to electric and low emission vehicles should be removed from the policy
- the Plan should include a policy on Electric Vehicle charging points and encourage the take up of Electric Vehicles and for Travel Plans and Transport Assessment to require the provision of Electric Vehicles and charging points
- the policy is inconsistent with national policy and guidance as the policy should apply a higher threshold for the need for a travel plan to be identified.

5.367. Highways England and Oxford Bus Company were supportive of Development Policy 17: Transport Assessments and Travel Plans

5.368. One comment was received relating to both Development Policy 16 and 17, which suggested that this policy should ensure development proposals can demonstrate a shift from private cars and link to the local sustainable transport networks through routes set out in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Development Policy 18: Public Car Parking in Settlements

5.369. A few comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the policy should be amended so that town centre parking and other development proposals require the provision of parking for Electric Vehicles
- an additional policy should be included in the Part 2 plan to improve the quality and quantity of public parking in town centres and local centres and on the edge of market towns and to safeguard land for such provision, and
- the policy should include a requirement for any change of use in the town centres to contribute to improvements of public parking provision where the proposal is likely to encourage more cars.

Development Policy 19: Lorries and Roadside Services

5.370. A few comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- concerns that Milton Interchange is an inappropriate location for a lorry park, given its location as the gateway to Science Vale
- an amendment to Appendix M of the Part 2 plan to re-instate the Milton Interchange Services Area of part of the designation in accordance with saved policy TR10 in the Local Plan 2011
- the policy is unsound due to the removal of an area greater than Milton Park Enterprise Zone and sought a widening of uses that would be acceptable on this site, given the status of the Enterprise Zone and the Council's resolution to grant planning permission for B Class uses and roadside services, and
- an additional roadside service area should be considered at Chilton and evidence needs to be presented to justify the inclusion of road side services, and reasons for discounting alternative sites.

5.371. Highways England were supportive of this policy.

5.372. Oxfordshire County Council commented on the joint work that has been undertaken in preparing the Evaluation of Transport Impacts (ETI). OCC commented that, given its strategic nature, their Oxfordshire Strategic Transport Model (OST) does not specifically address local areas and commented that further work is needed to address this and other wider, more strategic matters relating to the cumulative impact of growth.

5.373. OCC also commented that further work was required on infrastructure evidence, relating to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and offered to share data to help to derive costs.

5.374. West Oxfordshire District Council highlighted the major connections between Witney and Abingdon and Witney and Faringdon and the interaction between economies of the two districts, recognising that the concentration of future economic growth is along Oxfordshire Knowledge Spine.

5.375. One comment was received that suggested an alternative transport scheme, the B4044 Community Path, should be safeguarded in Core Policy 12a of the Part 2 plan as this would be in accordance with national policy and would be effective in addressing transport impacts of planned strategic development and to promote a shift towards active travel.

5.376. A number of comments were raised relating to the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and the impact of certain route options on the landscape character of the Vale, in particular the Oxford Green Belt at Abingdon-on-Thames. Comments suggested that the Plan should include more detail on the Expressway, relating to possible route and that the Plan is unsound as it has failed to examine the full implication of the Expressway proposal on the Vale and the proposals set out in the Part 2 plan.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.377. The Council consider the Development Management policies in the Part 2 plan relating to Supporting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility are consistent with national policy, guidance and legislation and provide additional detail to support the district-wide policies as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.
- 5.378. The Council is satisfied that Development Policy 16: Access is consistent with national policy and guidance and provides sufficient detail to support the relevant policies in the adopted Part 1 plan. It is notable that Highways England were supportive of this policy.
- 5.379. The Council is content that Development Policy 17 is consistent with national policy and guidance and provides additional detail to support relevant policies in the adopted Part 1 plan. The policy requires that Transport Assessments and Travels Plan are prepared in line with Oxfordshire County Council guidance, including guidance on thresholds. The Council would highlight that Highways England were supportive of this policy.
- 5.380. Development Policy 17 also includes a requirement for opportunities to support the take up of electric and/or low emission vehicles to be considered, in particular if part of mitigation identified in line with Development Policy 25: Air Quality. The Council continues to work proactively with Oxfordshire County Council and other relevant stakeholders to promote and actively seek sustainable modes of transport, as set out in Core Policy 33 of the adopted Part 1 plan.
- 5.381. An additional modification is proposed to the supporting text of the Part 2 plan at paragraph 2.126 reflecting comments made during Regulation 19 relating to the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. The proposed modification provides an update on the proposal relating to the environmental impacts associated with the different route options, and to reflect that construction would commence at the end of the next Road Investment Strategy. The Council agrees this change will help to improve clarity and is included within the Schedule of Additional Modifications that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

Protecting the Environment and Responding to Climate Change

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Development Policy 19: Public Art

5.382. A number of comments were received relating to the policy, which consider the policy should provide sufficient flexibility to assess development proposals based on their individual circumstances and should be closely aligned with the principles set out in the Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Development Policy 20: External Lighting

5.383. There were a few comments received that supported the principle of this policy. Specific comments raised concerns that this policy should be aligned to the original wording in Saved Policy DC20 of the Local Plan 2011 and should consider the North Wessex Downs AONB and its setting.

5.384. The Environment Agency were supportive of this policy and the accompanying text.

Development Policy 21: Advertisements

5.385. There were a few comments received relating to this policy. Specific comments raised an issue that this policy should consider the need for development proposals to take into account people with visual impairments.

5.386. Historic England were particularly supportive of this policy, in particular criteria iv in relation to the need for development proposals to take into account the historical significance of buildings and the character of the area.

Development Policy 22: Impact of Development on Amenity; Development Policy 23: The Effect of Neighbouring or Previous Uses on New Developments

5.387. Specific comments received relating these policies and included:

- the policies are unnecessary as there are a number of policies in the plan that cover this level of detail, and
- the policy should ensure that conditions and standards are appropriately enforced.

5.388. There were a number of comments received that supported the principle of these policies including Environment Agency and North Wessex Downs AONB Unit.

Development Policy 24: Noise Pollution

5.389. Some comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the policy should consider the effects on the wider environment and the tranquillity of rural areas, including the North Wessex Downs AONB, and
- the policy should ensure sufficient flexibility to take into account future changes to noise standards.

5.390. There were a few comments that supported this policy, including particular support from the Environment Agency to the policy wording and accompanying text.

Development Policy 25: Air Quality

5.391. Specific comments related to this policy raised concerns regarding existing Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and increased traffic associated with growth in the adopted Part 1 plan and emerging Part 2 plan. A comment suggested that this policy should include a clearer definition of 'near' in relation to air quality impacts associated within an AQMA.

5.392. There were a few comments that supported the policy including particular support from South Oxfordshire District Council and the North Wessex Downs AONB Unit.

Development Policy 26: Land Affected by Contamination

5.393. There were only a few comments received relating to land affected by contamination. One specific comment suggested that this policy is strengthened to ensure that development does not occur in areas that are subject to pollution.

5.394. There was particular support to the policy and accompanying text from the Environment Agency.

Development Policy 27: Waste Collection and Recycling

5.395. Specific comments related to this policy raised concerns that the policy should consider impact on visual amenity.

5.396. Oxfordshire County Council supported the principle of this policy but would like to see the policy encourage higher recycling and home composting and its associated environmental and financial benefits.

Development Policy 28: Settlement Character and Gaps

5.397. A number of comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011 should be retained and updated in the Part 2 plan, and
- there is insufficient evidence to justify this policy and it is too restrictive and inconsistent with national policy.

5.398. There were a few comments received from Town and Parish Councils that supported the principle of this policy.

Development Policy 29: Watercourses

5.399. Specific comments received relating to this policy included:

- the policy should require the submission of a landscape and ecological management plan
- the policy should make reference to the particular importance of chalk stream habitats towards the status and special quality of the North Wessex Downs AONB, and
- an objection to this policy was received as the inclusion of a 10m buffer zone had not been assessed in the Viability Study to support the Part 2 plan.

5.400. There were a number of comments received in support of the principle for this policy, including support from South Oxfordshire District Council, the Environment Agency and the North Wessex Downs AONB Unit.

Development Policy 30: Protection of Public Rights of Way, National Trail and Open Access Areas

5.401. There were a number of comments received relating to this policy, which suggested the policy should include the need for development proposals to consider opportunities to improve links between footpaths and rights of way for all users including cyclists, horse riders and people with physical disabilities

5.402. Oxfordshire County Council were supportive of the principle for this policy but would like to see health and well-being included as positive benefits associated with improvements to public rights of way, national trails and open access areas.

Development Policy 31: Wilts and Berks Canal

- 5.403. There were a number of comments received that supported this policy in creating opportunities for amenity value, leisure and recreation.
- 5.404. The Canal and River Trust supported this policy but would like to see a requirement in this policy to ensure development proposals contribute towards the restoration of the canal through planning obligations or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Development Policy 32: Open Space

- 5.405. A few comments were received relating to this policy and included:
- the policy is too restrictive and should allow for a flexible response to individual characteristics of each site and development proposal, and
 - the requirement to provide 15% of the residential area as public open space should be made explicit in this policy.

- 5.406. A few comments supported the principle of this policy. Sport England supported this policy but would like to see the wording more closely aligned with paragraph 94 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Sport England also had concerns with the use of quantitative standards in light of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations and pooling restrictions.

Development Policy 34: New Countryside Recreation Facilities

- 5.407. There were three comments received that supported the principle of this policy. One specific comment suggested that the policy should consider access for all users including equestrians, pedestrians, cyclists and people with physical disabilities.

Development Policy 35: Heritage Assets

- 5.408. Specific comments related to this policy raised concerns that this policy is considered unnecessary as sufficient detail is covered in Core Policy 39 of the adopted Part 1 plan and Development Policies of the Part 2 plan.
- 5.409. Historic England commented that the policy is sufficient for new development proposals to conserve and enhance the significance of the heritage asset, they do not necessarily need to satisfy all of the criteria.

Development Policy 36: Conservation Areas

5.410. There were a few comments received relating to this policy. One specific comment suggested that the accompanying text should refer to the Council's duty under Section 71 of the Act to undertake conservation area character appraisals.

5.411. There were a few comments that supported the principle of this policy recognising that it is important that development makes a contribution to enhancing the character and appearance of a settlement.

5.412. Historic England were particularly supportive of this policy as part of a positive and clear strategy for the conservation, enjoyment and enhancement of the historic environment.

Development Policy 37: Listed Buildings

5.413. Historic England were supportive of the principle of this policy, but suggested a number of amendments to provide further clarity and to ensure consistency with national policy and guidance, in particular paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Development Policy 38: Archaeology and Scheduled Monuments

5.414. There were only a few comments received relating to this policy.

5.415. Historic England supported the principle of this policy, but commented that the accompanying text should be refined for consistency with national policy and refers to Core Policy 39: The Historic Environment in the Part 1 plan. Historic England also suggested amendments to the accompanying text to provide further clarity.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.416. There were a number of changes undertaken to the Development Policies related to the 'Protecting the Environment and Responding to Climate Change' theme in the Part 2 plan:

- a minor change was made to Development Policy 20: Public Art to more closely align with the principles as set out in the Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
- a minor change was made to the accompanying text for Development Policy 21: External Lighting to ensure that development proposals take into account the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan in relation to light pollution and dark night skies

- a minor change was made to the accompanying text for Development Policy 25: Noise Pollution to ensure that development proposals also take into account Core Policy 44: Landscape of the Part 1 plan
- a minor change was made to Development Policy 28: Waste Collection and Recycling to encourage development proposals to use sustainable waste management initiatives
- Development Policy 29: Settlement Character and Gaps was updated to reflect local evidence as set out in the Landscape Character Assessment. The policy included additional criteria to assess development proposals that are located between settlements, including; the individual effects of the proposal; cumulative effects of existing and other proposed development and the loss of environmental or historical assets that contribute towards a settlement's distinct and local identity
- an additional paragraph was included in Development Policy 32: Wilts and Berks Canal and accompanying text, which encourages development proposals to contribute towards improvement or restoration of the canal and appropriate mitigation
- a minor change was made to Development Policy 33: Open Space and Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities to closely align with paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- a minor change was made to Development Policy 33: Open Space to provide clarity that 15% of the residential area for development proposals should be laid out as public open space
- a minor change was made to Development Policy 35: New Countryside Recreation Facilities to ensure that development proposals do not harm the North Wessex Downs AONB and/or its setting, and
- a minor change was made to the accompanying text for Development Policy 38: Listed Buildings to more closely align with paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to proposals involving the demolition of a listed building.

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Development Policy 20: Public Art

5.417. There were several comments received relating to this policy, which suggested that this policy is unnecessary as the Design Guide SPD provides sufficient level of detail. One comment suggested that this policy should be more flexible and aligned to the wording of the Design Guide SPD.

Development Policy 21: External Lighting

5.418. No comments were received relating to Development Policy 21: External Lighting.

Development Policy 22: Advertisements

5.419. Historic England was particularly supportive of Development Policy 22: Advertisements as part of the positive strategy for the conservation, enjoyment and enhancement of the historic environment as required by paragraphs 126 and 157 of the NPPF.

Development Policy 23: Impact of Development on Amenity; Development Policy 24: The Effect of Neighbouring or Previous Uses on New Developments

5.420. One comment questioned the necessity of these policies as it is unclear how they would be assessed and the detail repeats other policies within the Part 2 plan.

Development Policy 26: Air Quality

5.421. A few comments were received to this policy, which suggested that it is unreasonable for the policy to require development proposals within close proximity to existing or potential AQMAs to demonstrate mitigation in the design of a proposal. It was suggested that this requirement is omitted from the policy.

5.422. South Oxfordshire District Council were particularly supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 27: Land Affected by Contamination

5.423. One comment was received to this policy, which suggested that an additional requirement should be included in the policy to ensure that housing and other development proposals sensitive to sources of pollution are kept apart from polluting uses, and for proposals on or adjacent to historic landfill sites to be appropriately mitigated.

Development Policy 28: Waste Collection and Recycling

5.424. A few comments were received relating to this policy and included:

- the policy should require adequate space for bin collection on kerbs without obstructing footpaths or cycleways, and
- the policy is considered unnecessary as sufficient level of detail is already provided in the Council's Waste and Planning Guidance.

Development Policy 29: Settlement Character and Gaps

5.425. There were a number of comments received to this policy. A few comments suggested that this policy is too restrictive in bringing forward sustainable

greenfield sites. A few comments suggested amendments to the policy to more closely align with Saved Policy NE10 of the Local Plan 2011, regarding urban fringes and to clarify the definition of ‘physical and visual separation’ in the policy.

5.426. A few comments supported this policy, including from Historic England.

Development Policy 30: Watercourses

5.427. There were a few comments received to this policy, which suggested that this policy should include a requirement to ensure that development occurring outside of an existing settlement provides a 50m buffer strip from the top of each bank.

5.428. The Environment Agency were supportive of this policy, but suggested a number of amendments to the supporting text to:

- provide clarity that large rivers, brooks, streams and ditches are defined on the Main River Map for England and that development proposals should consider improving access to watercourses for users, subject to biodiversity sensitivities
- provide clarity that if the watercourse flows through a development, the buffer zone should be on both sides of the watercourse, and
- ensure that development proposals include an undeveloped buffer zone, where adjacent to or encompassing a watercourse.

5.429. Historic England and South Oxfordshire District Council were particularly supportive of this policy.

5.430. In relation to water quality, the Environment Agency commented that the supporting text should be amended to provide further clarity that a Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment is a quantitative assessment of water bodies, including flow and hydrological regime, as well as an assessment of water quality and ecology.

Development Policy 31: Protection of Public Rights of Way, National Trails and Open Access Areas

5.431. A number of comments were received supporting this policy. One comment suggested that this policy should also apply to the Icknield Way Trail and other promoted routes such as the Oxford Green Belt Way and the d’Arcy Dalton Way.

Development Policy 32: Wilts and Berks Canal

5.432. A number of comments were received supporting this policy including Historic England, The Canal and River Trust and the Wiltshire, Swindon and Oxfordshire Canal Partnership.

5.433. Sport England commented that this policy should support sporting activities associated with canals, such as fishing and canoeing.

Development Policy 33: Open Space

5.434. A number of comments were received to this policy and included:

- the policy should be more flexible to allow for local circumstances, and
- the policy should allow the level of contributions to facilities to be based on a demonstrable need depending on the aspirations of the local community.

Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities

5.435. A few comments were received relating to this policy, which suggested that the policy should allow the level of contributions to facilities to be based on a demonstrable need, depending on the aspirations of the local community and that it was unclear how provision of new facilities would be funded.

5.436. South Oxfordshire District Council and Sport England were particularly supportive of this policy.

Development Policy 35: New Countryside Recreation Facilities

5.437. Historic England were supportive of this policy.

5.438. Sport England commented that the policy should include a recognition of sporting activities associated with the countryside, including climbing, mountain biking and sailing.

Development Policy 36: Heritage Assets

5.439. There were a few comments received to this policy. One comment suggested that it is unnecessary for development to enhance the significance of heritage assets and this requirement should be omitted from the policy.

Development Policy 37: Listed Buildings

5.440. There were a few comments received to this policy. One comment suggested this policy does not cover sufficient level of detail previously included within the Saved Policies of the Local Plan. For example, applications for listed

building consent and planning consent that affects the setting of listed buildings on or adjacent to the site.

Development Policy 39: Archaeology and Scheduled Monuments

5.441. There were a few comments received to this policy and included:

- the policy is not considered sound as it only applies to scheduled monuments, rather than all heritage assets, and
- An additional policy should be included in the Part 2 plan to ensure development proposals affecting heritage assets are subject to a programme of investigation, recording and analysis.

5.442. Historic England were particularly supportive of Development Policies 36 to 39 as part of the positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment, and a clear strategy for enhancing the historic environment as required by paragraphs 126 and 157 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

5.443. Historic England commented that the Local Plan should have a more robust evidence base to support the strategic policies contained within the adopted Part 1 plan and development policies contained within the emerging Part 2 plan. Historic England would like to see more Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans prepared by the Council, as well as a character assessment of the historic towns within the Vale.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.444. The Council consider the Development Management policies in the Part 2 plan relating to the theme Protecting the Environment and Responding to Climate Change are consistent with national policy, guidance and legislation and provide additional detail to support the district-wide policies as set out in the adopted Part 1 plan.

5.445. Some additional modifications are proposed to the supporting text of the Part 2 plan reflecting comments made by Environment Agency relating to water quality and watercourses. An additional modification is proposed to paragraph 3.184 of the Part 2 plan to provide clarity that the Water Framework Directive assessment is a quantitative assessment of water bodies, including flow and hydrological regime as well as water quality and ecology.

5.446. An additional modification is also proposed to paragraph 3.236 of the Part 2 plan to provide clarity that watercourses are defined on the Main River Map for England, the term ordinary watercourse also applies to ditches and that watercourses and their corridors are important for enhancing biodiversity across the district.

- 5.447. Other additional modifications are proposed to paragraphs 3.242 and 3.244 to provide clarity that proposals to improve access to watercourses for all users will also depend on their biodiversity sensitivities and that where a watercourse flows through a development, a buffer zone should be provided on both sides of that watercourse. An additional modification is also proposed to paragraph 3.246, bullet point 2, to improve clarity relating to buffer zones.
- 5.448. Another concern raised by the Environment Agency has been addressed through a Statement of Common Ground. An additional modification is proposed in the Part 2 plan to provide further clarity relating to the role and purpose of the addendum to the Water Cycle Study prepared by the Council, Environment Agency and Thames Water that forms part of the evidence base to support the Part 2 plan.
- 5.449. A concern raised by Historic England at Regulation 19 relating to Development Policy 30: Watercourses, in particular the need to consider the historical significance of the watercourse, has been addressed through a Statement of Common Ground. The Statement confirms that an additional modification to the supporting text at paragraph 3.243 would help to improve clarity.
- 5.450. The proposed modifications mentioned above are set out in the Schedule of Additional Modifications that supports the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

DELIVERY AND CONTINGENCY

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- 5.451. There were a number of comments received relating to monitoring, in particular housing delivery. Some comments considered there was an absence in the Plan for monitoring, delivery phasing and timely action if there was a failure in delivery.
- 5.452. Oxford City Council commented that the Plan should include a trajectory for the delivery of sites to meet Oxford's unmet need.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.453. An additional policy, Core Policy 47a: Delivery and Contingency, was included in the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan that set out a Monitoring Framework to identify how the Council will monitor the effectiveness and implementation of the Plan for each Core Policy and Development Policy.

5.454. A Housing Trajectory was also published alongside the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan, which demonstrates that the Vale's proportion of Oxford's unmet need is added to the district's housing requirement from the supply year of 2019/2020.

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5.455. There were a few comments received relating to Core Policy 47a: Delivery and Contingency, including:

- the policy is not effective as it only applies to the forecast level of economic growth and does not consider an option of not meeting this expectation
- absence of phasing for the proposed allocations and a balanced approach to monitoring the plan's implementation is not effective and unsound
- if development exceeds forecast figures for economic growth, or if there is an economic downturn, risk that development will be left incomplete, and
- the Council should establish frequent formal audits of job growth against housing delivery and stop permissions if job growth falls short of expectation.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.456. The Council is satisfied that the monitoring indicators set out in the Monitoring Framework are appropriate and proportionate to ensure that the policies set out in the Part 2 plan are monitored effectively.

5.457. The actions set out within the Monitoring Framework to support the Plan are consistent with the actions contained in the Monitoring Framework for to support the adopted Part 1 plan.

5.458. The policies set out in the Part 2 plan, once adopted, will be monitored on an annual basis as part of the Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR assesses the extent to which the adopted plan policies are being successfully implemented by the Council.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.459. The Council is required to conduct a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Plan during its preparation. The SA Report that accompanied the Preferred Options Version of the Part 2 plan demonstrated how the Draft Local Plan 2031 Part 2 had been assessed against the SA Framework.

5.460. There were a number of comments received relating to the Interim Sustainability Appraisal. Specific comments raised the following issues:

- the Report has failed to consider reasonable alternatives, including at East Challow, East Hendred, Wantage, Wootton
- the Plan should consider allocating additional sites in the Western Vale Sub-Area
- the Report should include a strategic assessment of the cumulative potential impacts on the Part 2 plan
- Natural England commented that sufficient evidence should be provided through the SA and HRA, to justify the site selection process and to ensure sites of least environmental value are selected, and
- Historic England commented that the Report should consider archaeological potential or interest, relating to the proposed housing allocations, with reference to the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record (HER) and the Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Character Assessment.

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5.461. A number of comments were received to the Sustainability Appraisal to support the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2. Specific comments focused on issues associated with the assessment of sites through the SA process including the failure to consider reasonable alternatives.

5.462. There were a number of objections received relating to the SA, including:

- the Report has failed to consider reasonable alternatives, including at East Hanney, East Hendred, Grove, Harwell Campus, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, Radley, Steventon, Wantage and Wootton
- the approach for the assessment of alternatives is unjustified, in particular the 50 dwelling threshold set out in the Site Selection methodology
- the assessment of the alternative site to the East of East Hanney was contrary to a recent appeal decision
- the assessment of the proposed allocation to the east of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, within the Parish of Fyfield and Tubney has

- failed to consider the impacts of development on the village of Fyfield, the Conservation Area and Kingston Bagpuize House
- the Report has not appropriately considered sites within the Oxford Green Belt, and
- the Report has not considered the cumulative effects of the Part 1 and Part 2 allocations, or other plans in the region.

5.463. A few comments were received that proposed a different strategy to those assessed within the SA, for example the Plan should consider additional housing allocations in the Western Vale Sub-Area, such as at East Challow.

5.464. One objection was received relating to the SA, due to the failure of testing alternatives to the safeguarded land for the Upper Thames Reservoir through this process. It was suggested that the Council has provided no justification for why this site is a preferred option.

5.465. A few comments were received that suggested the SA does not comply with SEA Regulations, including the failure to consider likely effects on the environment e.g. landscape quality and character, dark skies and light pollution and mitigation against the effects and impacts of climate change.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.466. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been prepared based on the most up to date evidence available and responses to the key stages of the Plan's preparation. The Council has worked with Historic England, Natural England, Highways England, Oxfordshire County Council and other stakeholders to ensure that constraints to development have been appropriately identified and assessed through the SA process.

5.467. The Site Selection Topic Paper and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) have considered in detail a range of alternative sites, including within the Green Belt. The Council consider that the approach taken to site selection, including through the SA process and the testing of reasonable alternatives, is robust and consistent with national policy and legislation.

5.468. The Council is satisfied that the proposed allocations as set out in the Part 2 plan represent an appropriate strategy to deliver the specific needs of the Part 2 plan. There is a sufficient supply of housing within the Western Vale Sub-Area to meet the district's own housing requirements up to 2031. The Council consider it is unnecessary or inappropriate to allocate additional sites in this sub-area.

HABITATS REGULATION ASSESSMENT

Preferred Options Version Main Issues

5.469. The Habitats Directive protects habitats and species of European nature conservation importance. The Directive requires an HRA to be undertaken on proposed plans, which are likely to have a significant effect on one or more Natura 2000 sites, either individually, or in combination with other plans or projects. A Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) was prepared alongside the evolution of the Part 2 plan to identify if any aspects of the plan, including development sites, may have a likely significant effect on designated European sites. Specific comments raised through the HRA to support the Preferred Options Version included the following:

- general concerns related to the impact of the Plan's proposals to biodiversity and Green Infrastructure
- concerns related to the impact of the Plan's proposals on the Cothill Fen Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and
- Natural England recommended project level HRA assessments to include air pollution and transport impacts, and to consider the impact on the Cothill Fen SAC.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan?

5.470. An additional requirement was included in the Site Development Template for the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks, to ensure the developer undertakes a project level HRA to include transport and air quality assessments to consider the impact on Cothill Fen SAC. This reflected comments made by Natural England.

5.471. The hydrological baseline data for Cothill Fen SAC was updated in the HRA to support the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan following consultation with Natural England and a review of a site specific hydrological assessment relating to the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks.

5.472. The HRA was updated to consider further the effects of the Plan's policies and proposals on Cothill Fen SAC and Oxford Meadows SAC, related to recreational pressure, hydrology and air quality. This reflected comments made by Natural England.

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5.473. There were a number of comments received relating to the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) at Regulation 19 stage to the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan. Natural England raised concerns relating to air quality and hydrology at Cothill Fen Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and

suggested that additional modelling should be undertaken to determine whether there will be an increase in traffic flows by more than 1000 AADT on the smaller roads around the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks.

- 5.474. Natural England highlighted the recent engagement with the Oxfordshire authorities to seek an approach to in-combination assessments of air quality at Oxford Meadows SAC in their Local Plans. Natural England acknowledged that work is ongoing to determine if there is a likely significant effect from the in-combination effects of planned growth across the County on the Oxford Meadows SAC, and how this can be mitigated. Natural England noted that it cannot currently be assumed that the current plan level measures will be sufficient to mitigate the impact. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) also highlighted these concerns, with particular reference to the proposed allocation at Dalton Barracks.
- 5.475. BBOWT welcomed the recognition in the HRA that the SANG proposed at Dalton Barracks must also be of a nature that is likely to attract visitors to utilise it rather than the nearby SAC. However, BBOWT did raise a concern that the planned growth would result in recreational impact on nature reserves surrounding Dalton Barracks.

How did the Consultation comments inform the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan?

- 5.476. The HRA has been updated to provide further clarity relating to the hydrological studies undertaken to date, which demonstrate that it is unlikely that flows would impact on the catchment of the SAC and nearby Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The work to date indicates that there will not be harmful impacts relating to air quality. However, the Council is working with Natural England, and other Oxfordshire authorities through the Oxfordshire Growth Board, to undertake additional work to consider traffic flows and cumulative impacts of growth on the Oxford Meadows SAC.
- 5.477. The Council recognises the potential for in-combination effects on the Oxford Meadows SAC as a result of cumulative growth across Oxfordshire. The adopted Part 1 plan sets out a number of measures that ensure that any potential effects can be mitigated. The Council has worked with Natural England and Cherwell District Council to assess the potential impact in more detail and the HRA has been updated to reflect the latest position. These matters have been addressed in further detail through the Statement of Common Ground between Vale of White Horse District Council and Natural England and the Statement of Common Ground with Cherwell District Council. Both Statements of Common Ground are published alongside the Submission Version of the Part 2 plan.

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Appendix 1a. List of parties consulted on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Organisation
20th Century Society
A K Harris Partnership
A2 Dominion
AB Planning & Development Ltd
Abingdon Alzheimer's Club
Abingdon and District Volunteer Centre
Abingdon Carbon Cutters
Abingdon Churches
Abingdon Green Party
Abingdon Library
Abingdon Town Centre Chaplaincy
Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council
Active Ten 20
Aecom
Age UK
Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque
Air Training Corps
Alexandrine Press
Allen Duff Property Consultant
Amec Foster Wheeler E&I UK (on behalf of National Grid)
Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure UK Ltd
Ancient Monuments Society
Appleford-on-Thames Parish Council
Appleton with Eaton Parish Council
Apt Planning Ltd (on behalf of Court Park Associates)
Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council
Arts Council
Ashbury Parish Council
Ashbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan
Association of Retired Persons over 50 (Wantage Group)
Aston Rowant Parish Council
Audley Retirement Limited
Barnes Coaches
Barratt Homes
Barton Community Association
Barton Willmore
Battlefields Trust
Baulking Parish Council

Organisation
Baydon Parish Council
BBC Radio Berkshire
BBC Wiltshire Sound
Beacon Housing Association Ltd
BEAL Consulting Engineers Ltd
Bell Cornwell LLP
Benson Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Berinsfield Fishing Club
Berkeley Homes
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
Bessesleigh Parish Meeting
Bewlay Homes
Bidwells
Bilfinger GVA
Binfield Heath Parish Council
Bix and Assendon Parish Council
Blewbury Parish Council
Bloor Homes
Bluestone Planning
BM & CK Veale
Botley Library
Bourton Parish Council
Bovis Homes Limited
Boyer Planning
Brian Barber Associates
Brightwell Baldwin Parish Meeting
British Hedgehog Preservation Society
British Telecom
Britwell Salome Parish Meeting
Bromford Housing Group
BrookStreet des Roches LLP
Buchanan (H) Ltd
Buckinghamshire County Council
Buckland Parish Council
Buckland Primary School
Buscot Parish Council
Bushbuy Ltd
Caldecotte Consultants
Campaign for a Sustainable Didcot
Campaign for Real Ale Ltd
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Cancer Research UK

Organisation
CAPSIA
Carter Jonas (on Behalf of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust)
Carter Jonas LLP
Catalyst Communities
Catesby Property Group
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
CBRE Ltd
Cerda Planning
Chalgrove Airfield Action Group
Chalgrove Parish Council
Challow Design
Charlton Residents Association
Charney Bassett Action Group
Charney Bassett Parish Council
Chave Planning
Cherwell District Council
Childrey Parish Council
Chiltern Railways
Chilton Parish Council
Cholsey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Cholsey Parish Council
Christadelphian Church
Church Close Residents' Association
Churches Together in Oxfordshire
Civil Aviation Authority
Clifton Hampden Parish Council
Clinical Commissioning Group Chiltern (CCG)
Coleshill Parish Council
Community First Oxfordshire
Compton Beauchamp Parish Council
Consensus Planning
Country Land and Business Association (CLA)
Countryside Properties UK Ltd
CPRE (Oxfordshire Branch)
CPRE Oxfordshire (Vale of White Horse Committee)
Crime Prevention Design Advisor Thames Valley Police (Design)
Croudace Homes Ltd
Culham Science Centre (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
Cumnor Parish Council
Cumnor Primary School
Cumnor Rise Road Resident's Association
Cushman & Wakefield

Organisation
Cuxham with Easington Parish Council
Cuxham with Easington Parish Meeting
D2 Planning
Dandara
Daniel Watney LLP
David Shaw
Defence Academy of the United Kingdom
Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MOD)
Defence Infrastructure Safeguarding
DEFRA
Deloitte LLP
Denchworth Parish Council
Denchworth Parish Meeting
Denchworth Village Committee
Denis Alston Design Associates
Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Department for Children, Schools and Families
Department for Communities and Local Government
Department for Constitutional Affairs
Department for Transport
Department of Culture, Media and Sport
Design Council (CABE)
Devine Homes PLC
DHA Planning
Didcot Chamber of Commerce
Didcot First
Didcot Girls' School
Didcot Green Spaces Association
Didcot Library
Didcot Town Council
Dijksman Planning LLP
Diocese of Oxford
Disability Rights Commission
Disability Sport England (Southern Region)
DK Planning & Development Ltd
Dow AgroSciences
DPDS Consulting Group
Drayton Parish Council
Drayton St Leonard Parish Council
DTZ
Earl of Plymouth Estates
Earth Trust

Organisation
East Challow Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
East Challow Parish Council
East Hagbourne Parish Council
East Hanney Parish Council
Eaton Hastings Parish Meeting
Edgars Limited
Education & Skills Funding Agency
EE
Elsfield Parish Plan Group
EM Burson and Sons
EMF Enquiries - Vodaphone & O2
English Golf Union
Entec on behalf of National Grid UK Transmission
Environment Agency
Everport Developments Ltd
Ewelme Parish Council
Eye and Dunsden Parish Council
Fairview Homes
Farcycles Association
Faringdon Association of Residents
Faringdon Community Bus Ltd
Faringdon Library
Faringdon LSP
Faringdon Newspapers
Faringdon Town Council
Fasset Ltd
Ferax Planning
Fernham Parish Meeting
Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council
Forestry Commission England
Frampton Town Planning Ltd
Freight Transport Association
Friends of Abingdon
Friends of North Hinksey
Friends of the Earth
Friends of Vale and Downland Museum
Frilford Parish Council
Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council
G L Hearn
G R Planning Consultancy Ltd
Garford Parish Meeting
Garsington Parish Council

Organisation
Gerald Eve LLP
GL Hearn Limited
Gladman Developments Ltd
Gloucestershire County Council
GMKC Ltd
Goosey Parish Meeting
Goring Neighbourhood Plan
Goring CE Primary School
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Gowling WLG
Grafton and Radcot Parish Meeting
Grass Roots Planning
Great Coxwell Parish Council
Great Milton Parish Council
Great Western Park Residents' Association
Green & Co
Greenpeace UK
Greensquare Group
Grove Library
Grove Parish Council
Grove Technology Park
GWR
Gypsy and Traveller Law Reform Coalition
HAB Housing
Hallam Land Management Limited
Hallidays Hydropower
HarBUG
Harcourt Hill Estate Resident's Association
Harmers Ltd
Harris Lamb Property Consultancy
Hartford Parish Meeting
Harwell Campus Bicycle Users Group
Harwell Parish Council
Health and Safety Executive
Henley and Mapledurham District of CPRE
Henley Town Council
Henley-on-Thames Parish Council
Hexon Planning Consultants Ltd
Highways England
Highworth Town Council
Hill Residential
Hinton Waldrist Parish Council

Organisation
Historic England
Home Office
Homes and Communities Agency
Hourigan Connolly
Hunter Page Planning Ltd
Igloo Planning
Independent Advice Centre
Indigo Planning Limited
Inglesham Parish Meeting
Ipsden Parish Council
Jane Randle Consulting
Jehovah's Witnesses
Jewish Synagogue
John Martin & Associates
Jones Day
Jones Lang LaSalle
JPPC Chartered Town Planners
JSB Planning
Keep Harwell Rural Campaign
Kennington Library
Kennington Parish Council
Kimberley Development
Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council
Kingston Lisle and Fawler Parish Council
Kingswell Hotel
Kit Davis and Co
Kodiak Land
Lambert Smith Hampton
Land Access and Recreation Association
Leavesley Group
Lechlade on Thames Town Council
Legal & Democratic Service South and Vale District Councils
Letcombe Bassett Parish Meeting
Letcombe Brook Project
Letcombe Regis Parish Council
Liberal Democrats (Oxford West and Abingdon Constituency)
Liberal Democrats (Wantage Constituency)
Lichfields
Linden Homes Thames Valley
Little Coxwell Parish Council
Little Wittenham Parish Council
Littleworth Parish Meeting

Organisation
Long Wittenham Parish Council
Longcot Parish Council
Longworth Parish Council
LRM Planning Ltd
Lucas Land and Planning
Lumley Jacobs
Lyford Parish Meeting
M3 (EU)
Mango Planning and Development Ltd
Manor Preparatory School
Marcham Community Group
Marcham Parish Council
Marine Management Organisation
Mark Hines Architects
Martin Robeson Planning
Mays Properties
McCarthy and Stone
MD High Barn Developments Ltd
MD Rico's Pizza Shack Ltd
MD TV Energy Ltd
MEPC Limited
Mike Gilbert Planning Ltd
Millgate Development Ltd
Milton Parish Council
Minscombe & Hinton Properties
Mono Consultants Ltd for Mobile Operators Association (MOA)
Moulsford Parish Council
Name of organisation required
Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners
National Express Ltd
National Grid
National Trust
Natural England
Nettlebed Parish Council
Network Rail
Newbury Buses
Nexus Planning
NFU South East
North Abingdon Local Plan Group
North East Abingdon Community Association
North Hinksey Parish Council
North Wessex Downs AONB

Organisation
NPower Renewables
Nuclear Safety, The Office for Nuclear Regulation
Old Botley Resident's Association
Open Access
Open Spaces Society
Origin3
Oxford and County Newspapers
Oxford and District Labour Party
Oxford Anglican Churches
Oxford Brookes University
Oxford Bus Company
Oxford Central Library
Oxford City Council
Oxford Civic Society
Oxford Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Oxford Innovation
Oxford Preservation Trust
Oxford University Press
Oxford West and Abingdon Conservative Association
Oxfordshire Ambulance NHS Trust
Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary
Oxfordshire Architectural & Historical Society
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind
Oxfordshire Association for Young People
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC)
Oxfordshire Carers Forum
Oxfordshire Chinese Community and Advice Centre
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Association (OCVA)
Oxfordshire Community Churches
Oxfordshire County Council
Oxfordshire Cycling Network
Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes
Oxfordshire Forestry Commission England
Oxfordshire Geology Trust
Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust
Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OLEP)
Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association
Oxfordshire Ramblers

Organisation
Oxfordshire WI Federation
Paul Butt Planning
PC Architects
Pegasus Group
Pegasus Planning
Perfectfield Limited
Persimmon Homes (Wessex)
Persimmon Homes (North London)
Persimmon Special Projects Western
Pinecrest Limited
Planning Aid England
Planning Potential
Plant Protection
Porta Planning LLP
Portchester Planning Consultancy
Pro Vision
Pro Vision Planning & Design
Progress Planning
PRP
Ptarmigan Land
Pusey Parish Meeting
Pyron Parish Council
Quod
Radio Oxford
Radley Parish Council
Rail Freight Group
Rapleys
Reades Lane Residents
Rectory Homes Ltd
Red Kite Development Consultancy
Residents Against Watlington Ring road
Residents of Fullamoor, Clifton Hampden
RG&P Limited
River Thames Society
Robert Hitchins Ltd
Roman Catholic Church in Faringdon
Royal British Legion (Berkshire County Office)
Royal Military College of Science
RPS Planning & Development
RSPB VWH Local Group
RSPCA
RWE National Power Plc

Organisation
Rydon Homes
SAFAG
Sandford on Thames Parish Council
Savills
Science and Technologies Facilities Council (STFC)
Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSE)
Secret Pizza Ltd
Secretary of State for Health
SF Planning Limited
Shakespeare Martineau
Sharba Homes Ltd
Shellingford Parish Meeting
Shiplake Parish Council
Shrivenham Parish Council
Simmons and Sons
Sirus Planning
Smith Jenkins
Smiths Gore
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
SOHA Housing
South Abingdon Residents Association
South Central Ambulance Service
South East Waterways
South Hinksey Parish Council
South Moreton Parish Council
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council
South Oxfordshire Chronicle
South Oxfordshire District Council
South Region Bromford Group
South Stoke Primary School
Southern Gas Networks
Sovereign Vale
Sparsholt and Westcot Parish Council
Sport England
SSA Planning Limited
St Joseph Homes
St. Helen Without Parish Council
Stagecoach Oxford
Stagecoach Swindon
Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council
Stanford-in-the-Vale St Denys Church Voluntary Transport
Stanton Harcourt Parish Council

Organisation
Stanton House
Star Planning & Development
Steventon Parish Council
Stewart Lilly Associates Ltd
Stewart Ross Associates
Stockham Park and Local Area Residents Association
Strutt and Parker LLP
Sunningwell Parish Council
Sunningwell Parishioners Against Damage to the Environment
Sustrans
Sutton Courtenay Parish Council
Swindon Borough Council
Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Swindon Evening Advertiser
Swindon Star
Sworders
Tanner & Tilley
Tappins Coaches
Taylor Wimpey Southern Counties
Terence O'Rourke Limited
Tetlow King Planning
Tetsworth Parish Council
Thakeham Homes Ltd
Thame Town Council
Thames Business Advice Centre
Thames Properties
Thames Travel Ltd
Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Group
Thames Valley Police
Thames Water - Developer Services
Thames Water (Savills)
Thamesdown Transport Ltd
The Abingdon Bridge
The Castle Family
The Chiltern Society
The Coal Authority (Planning and Local Authority Liaison Department)
The Crown Estate
The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society
The Friends of Grove Library
The Friends of The Ridgeway
The Gardens Trust
The Georgian Group

Organisation
The Hanneys Flood Group
The Hendred Estate
The John Hampden Society
The Methodist Church
The National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
The Planning Bureau Ltd
The Ramblers Association
The Ridgeway National Trail
The Showmans' Guild
The Theatres Trust
The Woodland Trust
Thomas Merrifield Ltd
Three
Transformation Oxfordshire CCG
Trustees of S E Howse Deceased
Turley Associates
Turnberry Planning
Two Ten FM
UBW Minibus
Uffington Parish Council
UK Power Networks
UK Rainwater Harvesting Association
United
United Reformed Church
University of Oxford
Upton Parish Council
Vale of White Horse Community Mental Health Team
Vale of White Horse District Council
Vale of White Horse District Council Environmental Protection Team
Vale Open Access Group
Vale Youth Minibus Scheme
W Cumber and Son
Wales and West Utilities
Wallingford Town Council
Walsingham Planning
Wantage Community Church
Wantage Constituency
Wantage Library
Wantage Open Access
Wantage Town Council
Warborough Parish Council
Wardell Armstrong

Organisation
Waste Recycling Group
Watchfield Parish Council
Waterperry with Thomley Parish Council
Watlington Environment Group
WatOne Action Group
WebbPaton
West Challow Parish Council
West Hagbourne Parish Council
West Hanney Parish Council
West Hendred Parish Council
West Ilsley Parish Council
West Oxfordshire and Cotswold District Councils
West Oxfordshire District Council
West Waddy
Whitchurch On Thames Parish Council
Whitehorse Medical Practice
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, East Vale Branch
Wiltshire Council
Windrush Transport
Women's National Commission
Woodeaton Parish Meeting
Wool Bond Planning
Woolstone Parish Meeting
Wootton and Dry Sandford Youth Club
Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Wootton Parish Council
Worminghall Parish Council
Wycombe District Council
Wyevale Garden Centres Ltd
WYG Planning & Environment
Wytham Parish Meeting

Appendix 1b. List of parties that made representations during the publicity period for the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
1142673	Abingdon Air & County Show		
730231	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council		
879508	Arnold White Estates (AWE) Ltd	879505	Gardner Planning
1145537	Ashbury Parish Council		
1144482	BAPT Ltd	724777	TDH Estates Ltd
1145272	Baulking Parish Meeting		
1144923	Beaulieu Court Management Company Ltd		
1096948	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust		
1145054	Bike Safe	872479	Edgars Limited
1096329	Blanchard Enterprises	1096331	Strutt & Parker LLP
1022346	Bovis Homes Limited		
729140	British Waterways South West		
874560	Campaign to Protect Rural England		
1097666	Catesby Estates Ltd	1097667	Framptons
1100261	Catesby Property Group	1096086	Turley
1096815	CEG	1096817	Igloo Planning
852191	Cherwell District Council		
877876	Chilton Parish Council		
757957	CPRE		
728491	Culham Parish Council		
758199	Dandara Ltd,		
1097677	David Wilson Homes (Southern)	1097679	Turley
1143092	David Wilson Homes Ltd (Southern)	1143090	Strutt & Parker
729502	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MOD)	1144998	Carter Jonas LLP
729502	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MOD)		

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
404457	Dijksman Planning (UK) LLP		
1096101	Drivewalk Ltd	832055	Paul Butt Planning Ltd
1145048	Earl of Plymouth Estates Ltd	1145049	Litchfields
1145048	Earl of Plymouth Estates Ltd	1145367	Litchfields
861678	East Hanney Parish Council		
861678	East Hanney Parish Council	1145140	Mark Doodes Planning
756760	East Hendred Parish Council		
1143288	Edgars Limited	872479	
1099907	Education & Skills Funding Agency		
1144989	Environment Agency		
1144931/ 1144932	FCC Environment	1144929	Axis
730255	Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council		
828535	Fyfield and Tubney PC		
758065	Gallagher Estates and Gleeson Strategic Ltd	758063	Savills
1097815	Gallagher Estates and The Crown Estate	1097816	Turley
1144552	Gerald Eve LLP	1144555	
1097353	Gladman Developments		
1143220	Group Against Reservoir Development		
730259	Grove Parish Council		
1144910	GVA	1144911	
1096844	Harwell Campus Bicycle Users Group		
1097487	Harwell Campus Partnership	1145110	Carter Jonas LLP p
730260	Harwell Parish Council		
725305	Henley Golf Club		
928815	Highways England		
1144009	Hills Homes Developments Ltd	1144008	Hunter Page Planning
1145361	Hinton Group Ltd	1145360	Hunter Page Planning
634166	Historic England		
1144620	House Builders Federation	1144619	

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
1022463	J A Pye Oxford Ltd	724498	West Waddy
730263	Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council		
1143289	Lagan Homes Limited	872479	Edgars Limited
872591	Liberal Democrats, Oxford West and Abingdon		
776299	Linden Homes		
1142522	Longworth Parish Council		
1098047	LRM Planning Ltd	1097568	Taylor Wimpey
1096128	M3 (EU)		
1096672	Mays Properties Ltd	1096673	G R Planning Consultancy Ltd
1096895	MBC Estates Ltd	1096293	West Waddy ADP
751493	McCarthy and Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd	1145035	The Planning Bureau Limited
1099225	McLoughlin Planning	737353	Welbeck Strategic Land Ltd
1142539	Minscombe Properties	872228, 1019843	Ferax Planning
1095989	Mr J Duffield and W Cumber and Son (Theale) Limited	1142270	Savills
972888	National Grid	1142380	Amec Foster Wheeler
1022361	Natural England		
1142369	Network Rail		
872941	North Abingdon Local Plan Group		
1022242	North Abingdon Local Plan Group		
1097646	North Wessex Downs AONB		
850794	Oxford Brookes University		
1051321	Oxford Bus Company		
1142654	Oxford Bus Company		
1096872	Oxford City Council		
725864	Oxford Green Belt Network		
851026	Oxford Preservation Trust		
1094885	Oxford University Press		
1145259	Oxfordshire Badger Group		
902309	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	1142842	
928610	Oxfordshire County Council		

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
1096018	Oxfordshire Cycling Network		
1143360	Oxfordshire Cycling Network		
728736	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP)		
1094599	Persimmon Homes (Wessex)		
755900	Persimmon Homes Wessex Ltd		
1022426	ptarmigan Land Ltd	1022427	Barton Willmore
741313	Radley College	1145366	Barton Willmore
1096069	Redcliffe Homes Ltd		Paul Butt Planning Ltd
934607	Redrow Homes South Midlands		
1096854	RH Systems	1144378	Bell Cornwell LLP
1096915	Rockspring Barwood East Hanney Ltd	1022452	WYG Planning & Environment
1022473	Rosconn Group	737353	McLoughlin Planning
742134	S.P.A.D.E		
752742	SAFAG		
828637	SAFAG		
1143975	Savills	1142270	
1144168	Savills	1144167	
1144174	Savills	1144167	
1145064	Savills	765833	
1097637	Savills L and P Ltd, Mr R Smith, Director	724828	Lioncourt Strategic Land Limited
725553	Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution (SSE)		
1100197	South Oxfordshire District Council		
1141615	Sport England		
911353	St Helen Without Parish Council		
1098046	St Helen Without Parish Council		
725596	Stagecoach Oxford		

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
1145052	Strutt & Parker LLP	1096331	
1097491	Summix (Chilton) Development LLP	1097488	
1101566	Summix Ltd/Pye Homes	874611	Framptons Town Planning
785705	Sunningwell Parish Council		
1096204	Sunningwell Parishoners Against Damage to the Environment		
1095813	Sutton Courtenay Parish Council		
1021077	Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire	1097568	LRM Planning Ltd
1097559	Terence O'Rourke Ltd	1097558	MPEC Milton GP Limited
878369	Thakeham Homes Ltd		
1101890	Thames Water Utilities	1056377, 1144960	
727300	The British Horse Society		
879120	The Gow Family		
737350	The Lonsdale Estate	722577	JPPC
902666	University of Oxford	1097195	Barton Willmore
1145100	Vortal Properties	724654	Woolf Bond Planning
827932	Wantage and Grove Campaign Group		
782835	Wantage Deanery (Oxford Diocese)		
1096701	WebbPaton	737353	McLoughlin Planning
729061	West Berkshire Council, Planning and Transport Policy		
1100194	West Oxfordshire District Council		
1143881	West Waddy ADP	1143879	
1144780	West Waddy ADP	1144779	
1096810	Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited	1096811	Strutt & Parker LLP
872112	Wiltshire Swindon & Oxfordshire Canal Partnership		
1095853	Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee		

Person ID	Company/Organisation	Agent ID	Agent
730294	Wootton Parish Council		

Appendix 2a. Publicity methods used to promote the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Publicity method	Date
Prior to consultation launch date	
App 2b: Invite to Town and Parish Council Local Plan Briefing Session	24 August 2017
App 2c: Invite to District Councillor Local Plan Briefing Session	24 August 2017
District Councillor Local Plan Briefing Session	7 September 2017
Town and Parish Council Local Plan Briefing Session	19 September 2017
App 2d: Letter of notification to Town and Parishes for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2	5 October 2017
App 2e: Letter of notification to District Councillors for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2	5 October 2017
Printed copies of Plan distributed to District Councillors	10 October 2017
Launch date	
App 2f: Email / letter of notification to all consultees for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2	11 October 2017
App 2l: Formal notice published in the Herald Series newspapers	11 October 2017
App 2m: Press release to local newspapers	11 October 2017
App 2p: Twitter feed on Council Twitter page on launch date	11 October 2017
App 2g: Email / letter of notification to distribution points for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2	11 October 2017
App 2q, 2r and 2t: Webpage for the Publicity Period on the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan including YouTube video clip; Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publicity Period – Guidance Note	11 October 2017
Post launch date	
App 2p: Regular Twitter feeds on Council Twitter page and event promotion	11 October 2017 onwards
Main feature on Council website	11 October 2017 onwards
App 2i: Publicity materials for publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – poster	11 October 2017 onwards
App 2f and 2h: Email / letter of notification to all consultees for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2	17 October 2017
App 2j and 2s: Publicity materials for publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – presentation for public meetings; Event timetable for the Publicity Period	6, 14, 15 November 2017

Appendix 2b. Invite to Town and Parish Councillor Local Plan Briefing Session

From: Louise Rawlins

Bcc:

Subject: Invite to Local Plan Briefing Session - 19 Sept

Date: 24 August 2017 17:16:00

Parish clerk – please can you forward the email below to your parish members, many thanks, Louise

Dear Councillor

**Parish and Town Councillors' Briefing Session : Vale Local Plan – update
Tuesday 19 September 6.30-8pm, Auditorium, Abingdon & Witney College,
Abingdon Campus, OX14 1GG**

Tea and coffee from 6pm

Many thanks to all those who responded to our recent Local Plan consultation and for your participation in our events. We will be publishing the responses to the consultation tomorrow on our website - www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

We are now nearly ready to submit our draft Local Plan for independent examination. Before we do, we have a legal duty to carry out a 6-week publicity period, which will run from Wednesday 11 October until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November. This publicity period is different from previous consultations, as we have to ask specific questions relating to the legality of the plan.

As we are expecting a high turnout, we are limiting places to two representatives per parish council; if you have a neighbourhood planning group you may wish one of these to be a representative from this group.

If you are unable to send a representative to the briefing, we will be circulating a copy of the presentation slides. We will also be holding public events during the publicity period, which you are welcome to attend. Details will be circulated in due course.

Booking your place

To book a place at the briefing, please email the name, email address and contact number of the person attending to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk by **Friday 8 September**.

Please let us know if your representative has any specific needs and we will do our best to accommodate them. If you require any further information, or would prefer to speak to us to book your place, please call the Customer Service Team on 01235 422600.

We look forward to welcoming you to the session.

Kind regards

Andrew Maxted

**Planning Policy Project Lead
Vale of White Horse District Council**

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Appendix 2c. Invite to District Councillor Local Plan Briefing Session

From: [Planning Policy Vale](#)

Bcc:

Subject: Invite to Local Plan Briefing Session - 7 Sept

Date: 24 August 2017 17:11:00

Dear Councillor

District Councillors' Briefing Session: Vale Local Plan – update Thursday 7 September 6.00-7.30pm, Meeting Room One Council Offices, Milton Park

Many thanks for all your support with our recent Local Plan consultation. We will be publishing the responses to the consultation tomorrow on our website - www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

In preparation for the next stage of our Local Plan we are holding the above briefing session. Please accept our apologies for the short notice we are giving for this meeting, however we are keen to meet with you prior to the scrutiny meeting on 20 September and the plan details being in the public domain.

At the briefing session we will update you on our plans for the 6-week publicity period, which will run from Wednesday 11 October until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November. This publicity period is different from previous consultations, as we have to ask specific questions relating to the legality of the plan.

We are also holding a parish and town council briefing session on Tuesday 19 September and we will be sending invites today to all parishes.

Booking your place

To book a place at the briefing, please email the name and contact number of the person attending to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk by **Friday 1 September**.

Please let us know if you have any specific needs and we will do our best to accommodate them. If you require any further information, please call the Customer Service Team on 01235 422600.

We look forward to welcoming you to the session.

Kind regards

Andrew Maxted
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Appendix 2d. Letter of notification to Town and Parishes for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

From: Planning Policy Vale

Bcc:

Subject: Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period

Date: 05 October 2017 10:46:00

Email to: Vale of White Horse Town and Parish Councils

(Apologies if you received a previous version of this email which was sent in error)

Dear Councillor

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period

As you are aware we are launching a six week publicity period on the Local Plan 2031 Part 2. This will run from **Wednesday 11 October until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017.**

Exhibitions and public meetings

We are hosting public events across the district to help explain the publicity period and how to comment. The events include an exhibition from 4-6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7-8.30pm and will be held at the following dates and times:

- **Monday 6 November: Abingdon College**, Abingdon Campus, OX14 1GG *
- **Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange**, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
- **Wednesday 15 November: Harwell Village Hall**, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

***N.B** Venue change from information contained in Vale News

We are producing posters to promote the events and would be obliged if you could display the posters on your village notice board. We will email you the posters next week, please let us know if you would like a printed version by emailing planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

How to view the information

To help explain the publicity period and how to comment, we have prepared a guidance note and short video.

The plan, evidence documents, guidance note, video and comment form will be available from **11 October** at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 Please let us

know if you would like printed copies of the guidance note by emailing planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

A hard copy of all the documents will be available during opening hours at the locations listed at the end of this email and at our public events.

The publicity period will feature on our website and our Twitter account; if your town or parish has a website or social media account please feel free to share the information.

How to comment

Responses can be made from **11 October until 5pm on 22 November 2017** by:

- using our online consultation system via www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 (registration is required);
- downloading the comment form from www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 and emailing it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk;
- collecting a comment form from one of the locations listed below and posting it to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB;
- attending one of our public events.

If you have any questions, please contact the planning policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Thank you in advance for your assistance and we hope to see you at one of our events.

Kind regards

Louise

Louise Rawlins
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Abingdon-on-Thames
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Didcot

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Grove
Kennington
Wantage

Council offices

135 Eastern Ave., Milton Park, Milton
Abbey House, Abingdon
Council office opening hours - from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays

Louise Rawlins
Community Engagement Officer
Planning
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils
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Visit us at: www.southoxon.gov.uk and www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Appendix 2e. Letter of notification to District Councillors for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

From: Planning Policy Vale

Bcc:

Subject: Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period

Date: 05 October 2017 10:02:00

Email to: Vale of White Horse District Councillors

Dear Councillor

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period

As you are aware we are launching a six week publicity period on the Local Plan 2031 Part 2. This will run from **Wednesday 11 October until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017.**

A copy of the plan will be couriered to your home address on 10 October. To help explain the publicity period and how to comment, we have prepared a guidance note and short video. A copy of the guidance note will be within the pack we are sending to you.

Exhibitions and public meetings

We are hosting public events across the district to help explain the publicity period and how to comment. The events include an exhibition from 4-6.30pm followed by a public meeting from 7-8.30pm and will be held at the following dates and times:

- **Monday 6 November: Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, OX14 1GG***
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- **Wednesday 15 November: Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX**

***N.B** Venue change from information contained in Vale News

How to view the information

The plan, evidence documents, guidance note, video and comment form will be available from 11 October at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

A hard copy of all the documents will be available during opening hours at the locations listed at the end of this email.

How to comment

Responses can be made from **11 October until 5pm on 22 November 2017** by:

- using our online consultation system www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 (registration is required);
- downloading the comment form at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 and emailing it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk;
- collecting a comment form from one of the locations listed below and posting it to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB;
- attending one of our public events.

If you have any questions, please contact the planning policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

We hope to see you at one of our events.

Kind regards

Adrian Duffield
Head of Planning

Vale of White Horse District Council

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Didcot
Faringdon
Grove
Kennington
Wantage

Council offices

135 Eastern Ave., Milton Park, Milton
Abbey House, Abingdon
Council office opening hours - from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays

Appendix 2f. Email/Letter of notification to all consultees for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 with attached Local Plan Update Bulletin

From: planning.policy=whitehorsedc.gov.uk@ms4.ssmx.net on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council
To: Louise Rawlins
Subject: Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period
Date: 11 October 2017 08:34:51

Dear John Smith,

Following consultation and gathering of evidence, we are nearly ready to submit our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 for independent examination.

Our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 sets out policies and locations for housing for the Vale of White Horse district's proportion of Oxford's housing need up to 2031, which cannot be met within the City boundaries. The document also contains policies for the part of the Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale and detailed development management policies to complement Local Plan 2031 Part 1. It replaces the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011 and allocates additional development sites for housing.

Before we submit our Plan, we are carrying out a six week publicity period, which will run from today until **5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017**.

The publicity period is different from the previous consultation, as the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 dictate that we ask specific questions relating to the soundness and legality of the Plan.

After the publicity period, we will submit the Plan to the Secretary of State, who will appoint a Planning Inspector to carry out an independent examination. The inspector will then examine the Plan, the evidence supporting it and the comments received, and make a decision on whether the Plan is "sound" and "legally compliant".

To help explain the publicity process in more detail, we have prepared a [guidance note](#) and [a short video](#).

We are also hosting public events across the district to help explain the publicity process and how to comment. The events will all provide the same information so please feel free to attend any event.

[Exhibitions and public meetings](#)

Exhibition 4-6.30pm followed by public meeting 7-8.30pm

Monday 6 November: Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG

Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA

Wednesday 15 November: Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

How to view the information

The Plan, evidence documents, guidance note, video and comment form are available on our [website](#)

Hard copies of the Plan, appendices and a selection of supporting documents will be available during opening hours at the locations listed at the bottom of this email.

How to comment

Responses can be made until **5pm on 22 November 2017** by:

using our [online consultation system](#) (registration is required);
downloading the [comment form](#) and emailing it to
planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk;
collecting a comment form from one of the locations listed below and posting it to
Planning Policy, VOWH 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB;
attending one of our public events.

For your comments to be considered, you must provide your name and address.
All responses received will be available for the public to view. If you respond on behalf of an organisation or agent we may display your name and contact details. If you respond as an individual we may display your name, but we will not display your contact details. All comments will be passed on to the Secretary of State.

Notification

You may also state in your response if you would like to be notified about the submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State, any recommendations resulting from an independent examination, and finally whether the Local Plan is adopted.

Thank you in advance for your participation and we hope to see you at one of our events.

If you have any questions, please contact the planning policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Kind regards

Adrian Duffield
Head of Planning

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Botley
Didcot
Faringdon
Grove
Kennington
Wantage

Council offices

135 Eastern Ave., Milton Park, Milton
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St. Aldates, Oxford City Council

Council office opening hours - from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays

From: planning.policy=whitehorsedc.gov.uk@ms1.ssmx.net on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council
To: Louise Rawlins

Subject: Vale of White Horse Local Plan Update Bulletin 8
Date: 17 October 2017 16:03:13

Dear John Smith,

Further to our email of 11 October regarding the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2, we have published our next Local Plan Update Bulletin. This includes details on how you can comment on the Publication Version of the Plan and provides details of our public events. This is available by clicking [here](#) and can also be viewed on our website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

We hope you find this information helpful.

If you have any questions, please contact the planning policy team on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Kind regards

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Appendix 2g. Email/Letter of notification to distribution points for the publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

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St Aldate's Chambers, Oxford City Council

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planning_policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
Tel: 01235 422600

Textphone users add 18001 before you dial

Our reference: LPP2 PP2031

6 October 2017

Dear Sir or Madam

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - publicity period

We are launching a six-week publicity period on the Publication Version of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 on Wednesday 11 October 2017.

We are arranging for the documents and copies of our guidance note to be couriered to you on 10 October. If your library is closed on that day then they will be delivered on your next opening day.

Copies of the representation form are enclosed with this letter.

Please can you ensure that all the documents are on display at your reception or front desk until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

The documents are for reference only and copies can be viewed online at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2.

Evidence documents and appendices have not been provided in paper form to you, these can be viewed online at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2.

If anyone has any questions relating to the consultations, please ask them to contact our Customer Service team on 01235 422600 or email planning_policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Please let us know if you require additional copies of the representation form or guidance note.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Duffield". A thin horizontal line extends from the end of the signature towards the bottom left.

Adrian Duffield
Head of Planning

Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Easton Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 4SB www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk



Enc: Representation form (20 copies)

Papers to be couriered:

Core and Supporting Documents

- Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Preferred Options
- Appendices
- Consultation Statement and appendices
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Habitats Regulation Assessment
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Policies Map
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) + SA non-technical summary
- Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities Topic Paper
- Duty to Cooperate Topic Paper
- Protecting the Environment and Responding to Climate Change Topic Paper
- Site Selection Topic Paper
- Supporting Economic Prosperity Topic Paper
- Supporting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility Topic Paper

Consultation Materials

- Guidance note (20 copies)

N.B: Evidence documents have not been provided in paper form, these can be viewed online at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2.

Appendix 2h. Vale of White Horse Local Plan Update Bulletin, October 2017

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

UPDATE BULLETIN 8 – October 2017

Vale of White Horse District Council

INTRODUCTION >

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

**VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN
LOCAL PLAN PART 2 PUBLICATION VERSION
PUBLICITY PERIOD**

We are nearly ready to submit our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Before we do, we have launched a six week publicity period.

The publicity period for the Publication Version of the Local Plan Part 2 went live on Wednesday 11 October and will run until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November.

We would like to thank everyone that responded to our previous Preferred Options consultation on the Local Plan undertaken in March 2017. This helped us to get us to the point we are at now.

We have taken into account and considered all the comments received from the consultation to help shape the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

This publicity stage is more formal than the previous consultation and you must respond if you wish to be involved in the examination.

Further information on this process can be found in our guidance note available at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

LOCAL PLAN PART 2 PUBLICITY PERIOD: DATES OF EXHIBITIONS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

A series of public events are organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Publication Version of the plan. These are open events and there is no need to book. Please find the event details below:

Date	Location
Monday 6 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
Tuesday 14 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street Faringdon, SN7 7JA
Wednesday 15 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

HOW TO COMMENT?

You can provide your comments until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 in the following ways:

- complete our [online questionnaire](#) (registration is required)
- download a comment form from our website and email it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- collect a comment form from one of the deposit points and post it to **Planning Policy, VoWH, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB**, or
- attend one of our [public events](#) listed above.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

UPDATE BULLETIN 8 – October 2017



LOCAL PLAN AND GENERAL UPDATE

LOCAL PLAN PART 2: DETAILED POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL SITES

Local Plan Part 2 sets out:

- policies and locations for housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need up to 2031, which cannot be met within the City boundaries
- policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District
- detailed development management policies to complement the Part 1 plan and replace the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011
- additional development sites for housing



LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

Hard copies of the Plan, appendices and a selection of supporting documents, including a series of topic papers are available at the following locations during their usual opening hours:

- our Council office at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB
- public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Botley, Didcot, Faringdon, Grove, Kennington, Wantage
- Abbey House, Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford City Council, St Aldate's

Further information can be found on our website at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

EVIDENCE BASE DOCUMENTS

We have also prepared a number of other evidence base documents to support the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 including the following:

- Consultation Statement
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Evaluation of Transport Impacts (ETI)
- Green Belt Study
- Green Belt – Exceptional Circumstances Assessment
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Harwell Campus Exceptional Circumstances Report
- Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
- Housing Trajectory
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
- Landscape Capacity Study
- Landscape Character Assessment
- Leisure Strategy (including playing pitches, leisure facilities and open spaces)
- Retail and Town Centre Study
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Sustainable Transport Study
- Water Cycle Study
- Viability Study

You may also find our series of topic papers helpful when considering your comments. The topic papers set out the processes undertaken and evidence considered to inform the sites and policies in the Local Plan 2031 Part 2. Copies of all our Local Plan documents and evidence base documents are also available to view and access on the Council website at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?



Appendix 2i. Publicity materials for publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – poster

The Vale's Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Publicity Period

Public events

Monday 6 November Exhibition 4-6.30pm Public meeting 7-8.30pm Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon	Tuesday 14 November Exhibition 4-6.30pm Public meeting 7-8.30pm Corn Exchange, Faringdon	Wednesday 15 November Exhibition 4-6.30pm Public meeting 7-8.30pm Harwell Village Hall, Harwell
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Our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 sets out:

- policies and locations for housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need which cannot be met within the City boundaries
- policies for the part of the Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale
- detailed development management policies to complement Local Plan 2031 Part 1, and
- it replaces the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011 and allocates additional development sites for housing.

Come along to our public events and meet with planning officers to discuss the proposals and find out how to comment.

We are inviting comments until 5pm on 22 November. For more information and to view the Plan and all other documents please visit our website. Hard copies of the Plan and a selection of supporting documents are available at all libraries and council offices in the district.

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2
01235 422600 planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

The logo for the Vale of White Horse District Council. It features a green square with a white silhouette of a horse's head and neck. To the right of the square, the words "Vale of White Horse" are written in a blue, serif font, with "District Council" in a smaller, lighter blue font below it.

Appendix 2j. Publicity materials for publicity period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – presentation for public meetings

The image shows two versions of a presentation slide for the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 publication period. Both versions have a dark blue header bar at the top and a light blue footer bar at the bottom. The header bar contains the Vale of White Horse District Council logo on the left and the word "Overview" in white text on the right. The footer bar features a stylized white horse silhouette on a teal background.

Local Plan 2031: Part 2
'Publication'
11 October to 22 November 2017

Overview

- 1. Introduction – Purpose of LPP2
- 2. Consultation Responses
- 3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need
- 4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town
- 5. Housing Supply
- 6. Development Policies
- 7. Next Steps

1. Introduction – Purpose of LPP2



Local Plan 2031: Part 1 was adopted in December 2016

- Provides a Strategic Policy Framework for the district up to 2031
- Fully meets the Vale's 'Objectively Assessed Housing' need
- Makes provision for 20,560 homes and 23,000 jobs
- Supports delivery of significant infrastructure package

Provides a much stronger policy framework for determining planning applications.



1. Introduction – Purpose of LPP2



Local Plan 2031: Part 2 – Purposes:

1. To address the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford to be addressed within the Vale
2. Support for Didcot Garden Town
3. Development Management Policies
(i.e. replace saved Local Plan 2011 policies)
4. Allocate 'additional' development sites



1. Introduction – Purpose of LPP2



A plan informed by evidence...

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
- Consultation Statement
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
- Evaluation of Transport Impacts (ETI)
- Sustainable Transport (Abingdon/ Oxford Corridor)
- Landscape – Site Assessments
- Landscape – Character Appraisal
- Green Infrastructure (GI)
- Development Viability
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)
- Water Cycle Study
- Retail and Town Centre Uses Update
- Leisure Strategy
- Green Belt Assessment of LPP2 Sites
- Exceptional Circumstances – Dalton Barracks
- Exceptional Circumstances – Harwell Campus

We have also produced 6 Topic Papers to summarise our process regarding the Duty to Cooperate, Site Selection Process and Development Management Policies

2. Consultation Responses



Headline Consultation Responses:

- Oxford City Council seek greater clarification on how we are addressing unmet need and making provision for Affordable Housing
- Oxfordshire County Council objected to development in Marcham and Harwell Village (air quality/ highways/ access)
- Deliverability of Dalton Barracks was questioned
- Concern over impact of development on Whitecross at Dalton Barracks
- Concern over impact of East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (in Fyfield and Tubney Parish) site on traffic



2. Consultation Responses



Headline Consultation Responses:

- Concern raised over lack of evidence to demonstrate 'exceptional circumstances' for development in the Green Belt and North Wessex Downs AONB
- Concern raised over the role of the Part 2 plan as it was going to allocate small sites, but now includes larger sites
- Traffic congestion is a concern, particularly on the A34 and A420
- Preference for upfront infrastructure delivery
- Call for a policy relating to Self-Build Housing

All comments summarised in the Consultation Statement



3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Housing Needs

- Vale's housing requirement = **20,560 dwellings**
- Policy commitment set out in Part 1 plan, Core Policy 2 for the Council to address Oxford's unmet need within two years after adoption of the Part 1 plan
- Oxford Growth Board have agreed how unmet need of **15,000 dwellings** should be apportioned between the Oxfordshire district's
- Vale's apportionment of Oxford's unmet needs (as agreed by Growth Board) = **2,200 dwellings**

Reflecting the above, from December 2018 the Vale's Housing Requirement = **22,760 dwellings**



3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Where is Vale's Unmet Need being met?

At 'Preferred Options' stage, we proposed:

- 80 % Abingdon-on-Thames/ Oxford Fringe Sub-Area
- 20 % South East Vale Sub-Area

In the 'Publication Version', we propose:

- 100 % Abingdon-on-Thames/ Oxford Fringe Sub-Area

This change responds positively to the consultation responses, in particular from Oxfordshire County Council/ Oxford City Council



3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Where is Vale's Unmet Need being met?

- Plan proposes to meet Oxford's unmet need through a combination of Part 1 and Part 2 sites
- We are ensuring that '**at least**' **2,200 homes** are demonstrably '**close to**' and '**accessible**' to Oxford.

Site	Local Plan	Allocation
North Abingdon-on-Thames	Part 1	950
North West Abingdon-on-Thames	Part 1	200
North West Radley	Part 1	240
South of Kennington (Radley Parish)	Part 1	270
Dalton Barracks	Part 2	1,200
Total		2,860

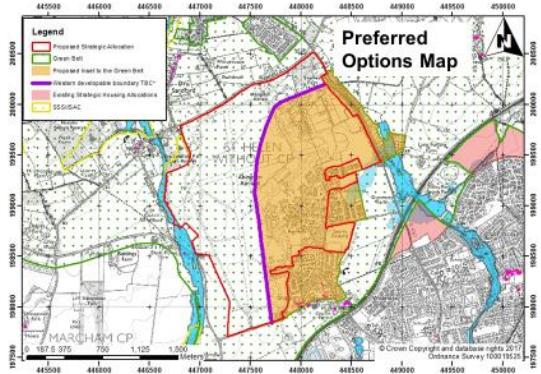


3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Site: Dalton Barracks

1,200 homes up to 2031 - potential for further homes in the longer term

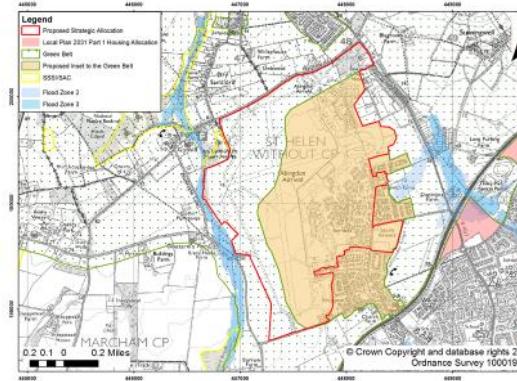


3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need

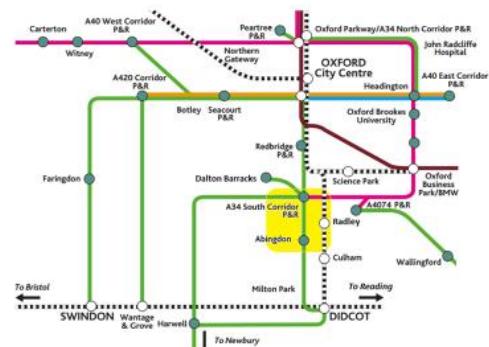


Site: Dalton Barracks

Updated Site Boundary informed by Exceptional Circumstances Assessment Report



3. Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area



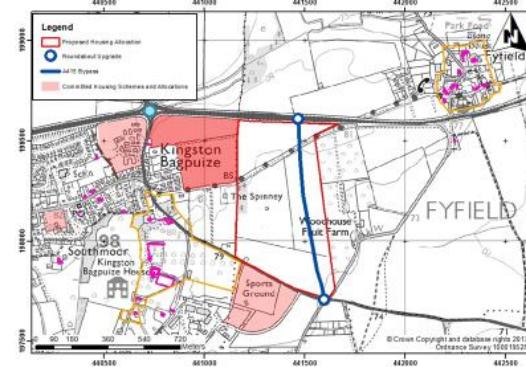
Dalton Barracks
Public Transport
Connectivity

3. Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area



Site: East Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (Fyfield and Tubney Parish)

600 homes up to 2031

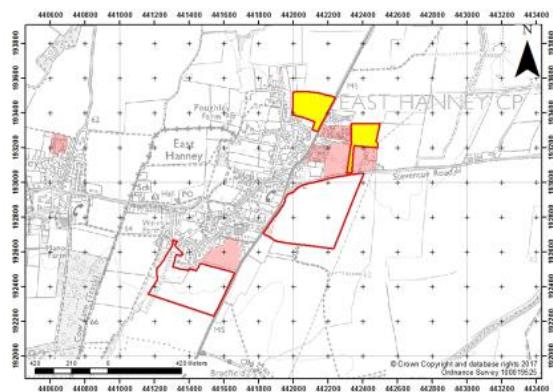


3. Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area



North West East Hanney

Up to 80 dwellings



East of East Hanney

Up to 50 dwellings

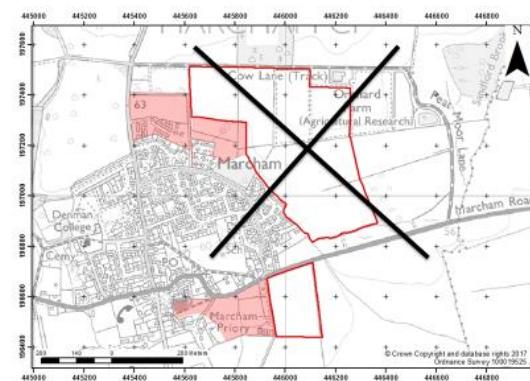


3. Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area



North East Marcham

Removed – 0 homes



South East Marcham

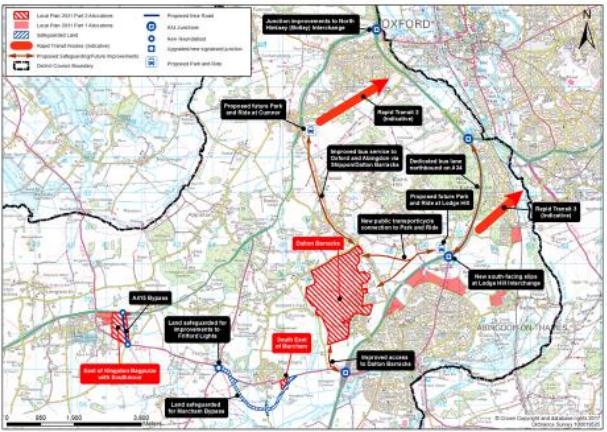
Up to 90 homes (reduced from 120 homes)



3. Addressing Oxford's Unmet Housing Need



Opportunities for Highway Improvements - Safeguarded Areas



4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



What are we proposing?

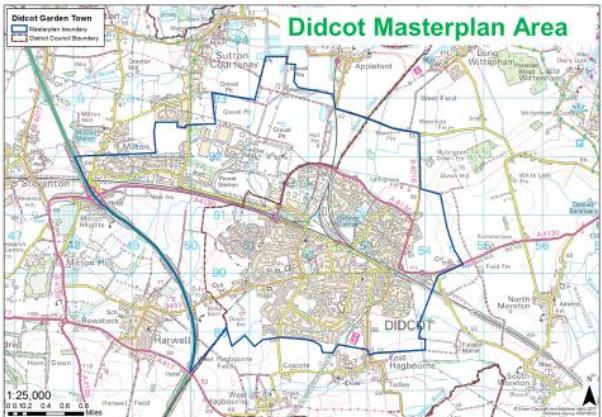
Local Plan 2031 Part 2 includes the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan Principles and embeds them into strategic policy.

The principles cover seven key planning themes and helps to ensure development around Didcot is planned for in a coordinated way.

The principles cover the following:

1. Design
 2. Local Character
 3. Density and Tenure
 4. Transport and Movement
 5. Heritage
 6. Landscape and Green Infrastructure
 7. Social and Community Benefits

4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



NB: This is not a development boundary...

4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



What are we proposing?

The Council are also seeking to allocate an additional **1,400 dwellings** within the South East Vale Sub-Area. This will:

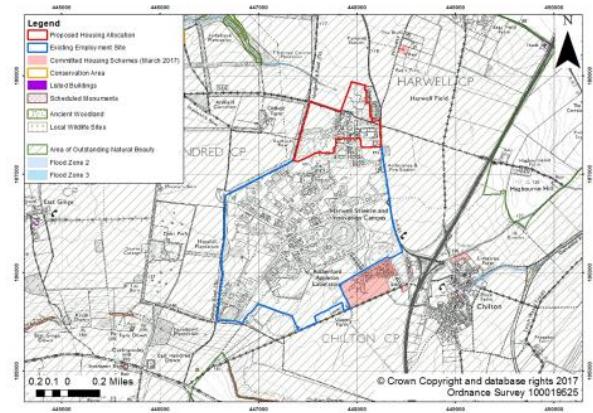
- Support delivery of housing/ employment balance within the Science Vale area
- Support delivery of Science Vale Strategic Infrastructure Package and further support achievement of sustainable development
- Support Oxfordshire LEP priority for accelerating housing delivery within the Oxfordshire 'Knowledge Spine' growth corridor, and
- Deliver bespoke housing types and tenures tailored specifically to meet the identified needs of the area.

It will also replace the 1,400 dwellings removed from the Part 1 plan.

4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



Site: Harwell Campus 1,000 homes up to 2031



4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



Why is this allocation different to those proposed through the Part 1 plan?

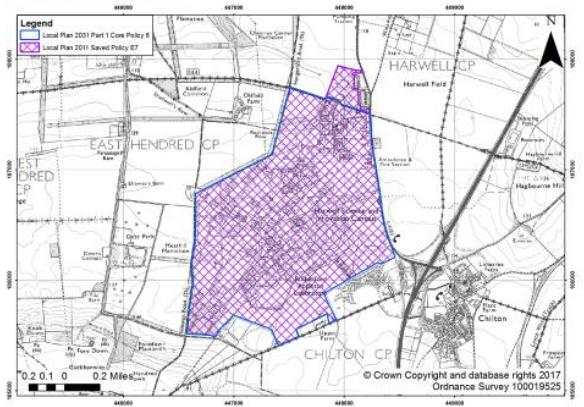
- Land area already allocated for employment
- Can still support employment growth
- Less impact on AONB (than employment) & easier to mitigate – Landscape and Visual Appraisal
- Supported by Campus, County Council and OxLEP – Statement of Common Ground
- Exceptional Circumstances set out in new Report



4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



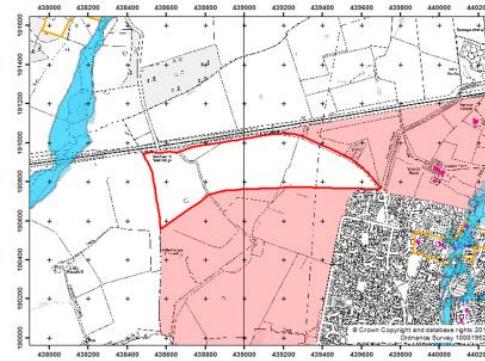
Harwell Campus: Existing Allocations



4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



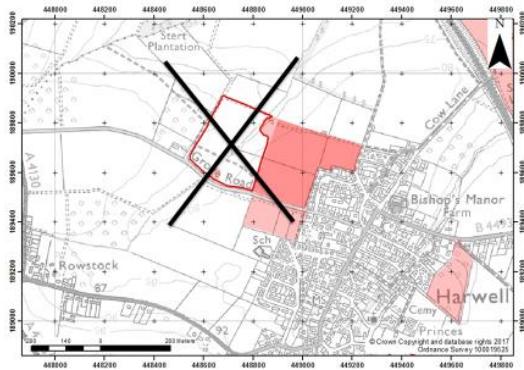
Site: North West Grove 400 homes up to 2031 (increased from 300 dwellings). Potential for further homes in the longer term



4. Supporting Science Vale and Didcot Garden Town



Site: West of Harwell
Removed - 0 homes



5. Housing Supply



Housing Supply: Ab/Ox Sub-Area

Category	Number of Dwellings
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)	7,512
Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2017)	2,051
Housing Supply (Apr 2017 to Mar 2031)	1,401
Known Commitments	1,401
Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	1,790
Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	2,020
Windfalls	308
Total remaining to be identified (at October 2017)	0

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5. Housing Supply



Housing Supply: South East Vale Sub-Area

Category	Number of Dwellings								
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)	12,150								
Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2017)	1,536								
Housing Supply (Apr 2017 to Mar 2031)	<table> <tr> <td>Known Commitments</td> <td>887</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations</td> <td>9,055</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations</td> <td>1,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Windfalls</td> <td>484</td> </tr> </table>	Known Commitments	887	Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	9,055	Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	1,400	Windfalls	484
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Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	9,055								
Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	1,400								
Windfalls	484								
Total remaining to be identified (at March 2017)	0								

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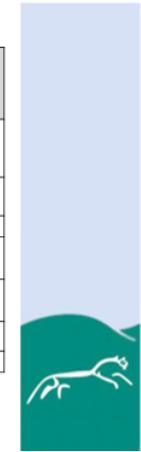
5. Housing Supply



Housing Supply: Western Vale Sub-Area

Category	Number of Dwellings								
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)	3,098								
Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2017)	1,085								
Housing Supply (Apr 2017 to Mar 2031)	<table> <tr> <td>Known Commitments</td> <td>773</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations</td> <td>1,650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Windfalls</td> <td>308</td> </tr> </table>	Known Commitments	773	Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	1,650	Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	0	Windfalls	308
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Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	0								
Windfalls	308								
Total remaining to be identified (at March 2017)	0								

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6. Development Policies



What are we proposing?

We are updating the Saved Local Plan 2011 Policies

The Development Management Policies provide guidance for day-to-day decision making and complement the Strategic Policies set out in Local Plan 2031: Part 1

Four thematic areas:

1. Housing
2. Employment
3. Transport
4. Environment



7. Next Steps



Publicity Period: **Wednesday 11 October till 5pm**
Wednesday 22 November

At this stage, all comments should refer to the soundness or legal requirements of the Plan.

To publicise the publicity period:

- **Three Public events** at Harwell, Faringdon and Abingdon;
- Creation of a **factsheet** to explain the Publicity Period in Plain English;
- Production of a very **short video clip** to explain the Publicity Period (3 minute max); and
- Local Plan Bulletin 8

All comments will go to the Planning Inspectorate.



7. Next Steps



- 'Preferred Options' consultation 9 March to 4 May 2017

- **'Publication' Oct/ Nov 2017**

- 'Submission' to Secretary of State **Feb 2018**

- Examination **Summer 2018***

- Adoption **Winter 2018***

* Subject to Planning Inspectorate



Appendix 2k. Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Comment Form

	Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publication Version Representation Form	Ref: (For official use only)
Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:		Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2
Please return by 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk		
<p>This form has two parts: Part A – Personal Details Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.</p>		
Part A		
1. Personal Details* <small>*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.</small>		2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Title (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Organisation representing (where relevant)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postal Town	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sharing your details: please see page 3		

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: (Please tick as appropriate)

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

4. (2) Sound

Yes

No

4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

No

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

(Continue on page 4 /expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on page 4 /expand box if necessary)

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish
to participate at the
oral examination

Yes, I wish to
participate at the
oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

Date:

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by Vale of White Horse District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan

I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates

Please do not contact me again

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

Alternative formats of this form are available on request. Please contact our customer service team on 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial) or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Please return this form by 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Appendix 2I. Formal notice published in the Herald Series newspapers



VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2 PUBLICITY PERIOD BETWEEN 11 OCTOBER AND 22 NOVEMBER 2017

Under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012, Vale of White Horse District Council is holding a publicity period on its Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

Hard copies of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 are available for inspection in the following places:

- council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB weekdays from 8.30am to 5pm (4.30pm Fridays) and Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3JD
- public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Botley, Didcot, Faringdon, Grove, Kennington and Wantage during normal opening hours. Library opening hours can vary so please check first.

The documents can be viewed at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

Responses can be made by :

- using our online survey at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2
- downloading the comment form and emailing it to: planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- posting a copy of the response form to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

We encourage those responding to use the prescribed comments form, which is available to download from our website and at locations identified for hard copy inspection.

The council will be holding exhibitions and public meetings across the district. Details of the events are available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

Please note for your comments to be considered, you must provide your name and address. All responses received will be available for the public to view. If you respond on behalf of an organisation or agent we may display your name and contact details. If you respond as an individual we may display your name, we will not display your contact details.

For any further enquiries, please email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or call 01235 422600.

Appendix 2m. Press release to local newspapers

Residents invited to comment on Vale's Local Plan Part 2

Vale of White Horse District Council has published part 2 of its Local Plan and invited residents to read it and send their comments in before 22 November.

The comments will then be submitted along with the Plan to the Secretary of State in the New Year. It will then be examined by a planning inspector later next year.

The council adopted part one of the Plan in 2016, which deals with the main strategic housing sites for the district, and identifies the main infrastructure that would be needed to support the new communities. Part 2 deals with more detailed policies the council will use to decide planning applications over the life of the plan.

Part 2 also includes some housing sites the council has allocated to help deal with the city council's inability to meet its need for houses.

During the development of both parts of the Plan, the council has received thousands of comments from residents and organisations, which have helped shaped the Plan. Anybody who wants to have their comments submitted to the Secretary of State, should comment at this stage, even if they have done so previously.

This is a more technical stage of the process and the planning inspector will give more weight to comments based on the technical "soundness" of the plan – the council has created a short video and a guidance note to explain what this means, to help residents provide effective comments.

The Plan, video, guidance note and details on how to comment are available at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

Cllr Roger Cox, cabinet member for Planning at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "We are very grateful for the comments we have had so far, which have helped us shape the Plan. This is now the final chance to have your say on part 2 of our Local Plan and I'd strongly encourage anybody who wants the planning inspector to read their comments to do so now."

The council is inviting residents to come along and find out more about the Plan at a series of drop-in events and public meetings throughout October and November at the following locations:

Exhibitions from 4 to 6.30pm followed by public meetings from 7 to 8.30pm

- Monday 6 November: Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
- Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
- Wednesday 15 November: Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

Appendix 2n. Statement of Representations Procedure



STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 (REGULATIONS 19 AND 35)

Title of Document:

Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (Publicity Period)

Subject matter and area covered

Vale of White Horse District Council is developing Local Plan 2031 Part 2, which together with its supporting studies and Local Plan 2031 Part 1, sets out our vision for Vale of White Horse up to the year 2031. The Part 2 plan sets out detailed development management policies to complement Local Plan 2031 Part 1 (replacing the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011) and allocates additional development sites for housing, including housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need up to 2031, which cannot be met within the City boundaries.

Periods for representations

The publicity period will run for a six week period from **Wednesday 11 October until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017**. Late responses cannot be accepted, nor can extensions be granted.

Address details for representations

The Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part 2, supporting documents and evidence papers are available to view and download at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2. If you do not have access to the internet, you can view the Local Plan, appendices and a selection of supporting documents at the following locations:

- VOWH council office at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB – weekdays from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 4.30pm Fridays
- public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Botley, Didcot, Faringdon, Grove, Kennington, Wantage during their usual opening hours; or
- Abbey House, Abingdon and Oxford City Council, St Aldates during their usual opening hours.

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- complete our [online questionnaire](#) (registration is required)
- download a form from our website and email it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- collect a form from one of the above locations and post it back to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

Please note that copies of all representations will be made available for the public to view (including your name, for individual representations, and address, for those making a representation on behalf of an organisation), and therefore cannot be treated as confidential.

Request to be notified



Using the representation form you can request to be notified about any of the following next steps:

- Submission of the Local Plan Part 2 for public examination by an independent inspector;
- Publication of the Inspectors recommendations; and
- The adoption of the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

Appendix 2o. Statement of Availability for Inspection



STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 (REGULATIONS 19 AND 35)

The publication version of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 is available for inspection along with appendices, a selection of supporting documents, guidance note and copies of the comment form between **Wednesday 11 October and 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017** at the locations listed below:

- Vale of White Horse District Council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB - 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 4.30pm Fridays
- public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Botley, Didcot, Faringdon, Grove, Kennington, Wantage during their usual opening hours; or
- Abbey House, Abingdon and Oxford City Council, St Aldates during their usual opening hours.

The plan, all evidence documents and links to the online comment form are also available to view and download at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2.

Further information:

Public exhibitions from 4-6.30pm followed by public meeting from 7-8.30pm will be held at:

- **Monday 6 November: Abingdon and Witney College**, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
- **Tuesday 14 November: Corn Exchange**, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
- **Wednesday 15 November: Harwell Village Hall**, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

Further enquiries:

Please email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or call 01235 422600

Appendix 2p. Example of Twitter feed

Vale of White Horse  @WhiteHorseDC

The official twitter account for the Vale of White Horse District Council. For information about our services please visit whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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Our first Local Plan Part 2 drop-in event takes place in Abingdon on Monday - whitehorsedc.gov.uk/news/2017/2017...



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#FridayFeeling @TheCCoalition and @nattrustjobs are Tweeting about this

#NationalSandwichDay @nationaltrust and @nattrustjobs are Tweeting about this

#BonfireNight2017

Appendix 2q and r. Webpage for the Publicity Period on the Publication Version of the Part 2 plan including YouTube video clip

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> have your say before we submit Part 2 for independent examination

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- ▶ Waste recycling centres (tips)

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Local Plan 2031 Part 2

The New Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies

The Old Local Plan 2011

Housing Supply Statement

Delivering Infrastructure

Neighbourhood Plans

Statement of Community Involvement

Supporting documents

Supplementary planning documents

Oxfordshire Growth Board

The Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites - Publication Version Publicity Period

Local Plan 2031 Part 1 was adopted in December 2016. The Part 1 plan sets out the 'spatial strategy' and strategic policies for the district to deliver sustainable development. It identifies the number of new homes and jobs to be provided in the area for the plan period up to 2031. It makes provision for retail, leisure and commercial development and for the infrastructure needed to support them.

The Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites complements the Part 1 plan and sets out policies and locations for housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need up to 2031, which cannot be met within the City boundaries. It contains policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District, and detailed development management policies to complement the Local Plan 2031 Part 1, which replace the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011. It also allocates additional development sites for housing.

Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publicity Period

Your final chance to comment

Following the Preferred Options consultation in March 2017 and the gathering of evidence, we are nearly ready to submit our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 for independent examination.

Before we do, we have launched a six week publicity period between Wednesday 11 October and Wednesday 22 November 2017. This is your final opportunity to comment and you must respond to this publicity period if you wish to be involved in the examination, even if you responded to the Preferred Options consultation undertaken in March 2017.

This publicity period is different from the Preferred Options consultation, as the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 dictate the specific questions we have to ask relating to the legality of the plan.

We have prepared a [guidance note \(1.0 MB\)](#) to help explain the consultation process in more detail. You can also view our short video:

How to comment on part two of our Local Plan - Vale of...

Downloads

[Statement of Availability \(53.1 KB\)](#)

[Statement of Representation \(52.4 KB\)](#)

[Public Notice \(46.9 KB\)](#)

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/local-plan/the-local-plan-2031-part-2>

We have prepared a [guidance note \(1.0 MB\)](#) to help explain the consultation process in more detail. You can also view our short video:

How to comment on part two of our Local Plan - Vale of...

Local Plan documents available at deposit points

- [Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publication Version \(3.6 MB\)](#)
- [Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publication Version Appendices \(7.8 MB\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(3.5 MB\)](#)
- [Non-technical summary of the Sustainability Appraisal \(1.6 MB\)](#)
- [Habitats Regulations Assessment \(1.0 MB\)](#)
- [Infrastructure Delivery Plan \(392.7 KB\)](#)
- [Consultation Statement \(2.9 MB\)](#)
- [Consultation Statement Appendix 3 - Summary of Consultation Responses \(3.7 MB\)](#)
- [Equality Impact Assessment \(1.3 MB\)](#)

Other evidence base documents, for example Landscape Capacity Study, Landscape Character Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Evaluation of Transport Impacts are available to view and access here.

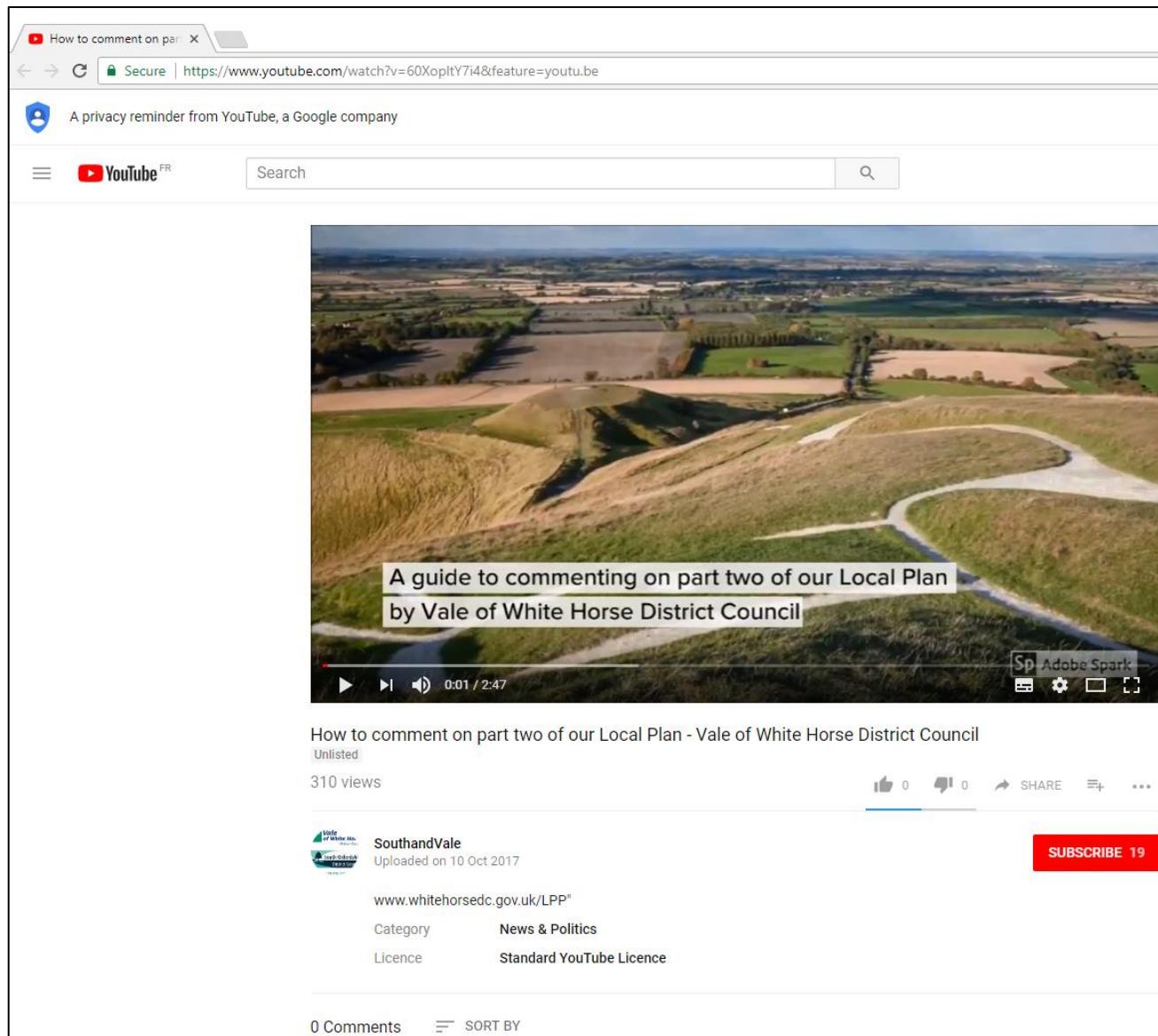
- [Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - Evidence Based Documents](#)

You may also find our series of topic papers helpful when considering your comments. The topic papers set out the processes undertaken and evidence considered to inform the sites and policies in the Part 2 plan. Copies of all our topic papers are available to view and access here.

- [Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - Topic Papers](#)

Viewing the documents

The Local Plan 2031 Part 2 and all evidence based documents can be viewed above. Hard copies of the Plan, appendices and a selection of supporting documents, including a series of topic papers, are available at the following locations during their usual opening hours:



Appendix 2s. Event timetable for the Publicity Period on the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – Events for Publicity Period – 2017

Event	Dates	Venue
Drop-in Exhibition and Public Meeting	Monday 6 November Exhibition 4pm-6.30pm Public meeting 7pm-8.30pm	Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus, Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
Town and Parish Forum – Presentation on Local Plan	Wednesday 8 November 6pm-9pm	The Beacon, Wantage
Drop-in Exhibition and Public Meeting	Tuesday 14 November Exhibition 4pm-6.30pm Public meeting 7pm-8.30pm	Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street, Faringdon, SN7 7JA
Drop-in Exhibition and Public Meeting	Wednesday 15 November Exhibition 4pm-6.30pm Public meeting 7pm-8.30pm	Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

Appendix 2t. Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Publicity Period – Guidance Note



Vale of White Horse
LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2
PUBLICITY PERIOD
GUIDANCE NOTE
OCTOBER 2017

We have designed this guidance note to help you respond to the publicity period on the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2. You can also view a video that explains how to comment on our website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

The plan and supporting documents are available to download via www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2. Hard copies of the documents and comment forms are available at the locations listed at the end of this guidance note, during their usual opening hours.

What's this stage about?

Thank you to everyone that responded to our previous consultation. Your feedback has been taken into consideration and has helped shape the Local Plan to get us to the point we are at now.

This publicity stage is more formal than the previous consultation on the Local Plan and you must respond if you wish to be involved in the examination. You need to provide comments on the prescribed form and submit it between **11 October and 5pm on 22 November 2017**. Please be advised that we cannot accept late responses, nor grant any extensions.

After the publicity period, we will submit the plan, evidence and responses received (also known as representations) directly to the Secretary of State, who will appoint a Planning Inspector to carry out an independent examination.

At this stage, the planning inspector dictates the questions we must ask within the comment form. This is because they will need to make a decision on whether our Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with **legal and procedural requirements, duty to cooperate** and whether the plan is "**sound**". You are free to comment on any aspect of the plan, but to have the greatest influence it is recommended that your comments relate to these points. These are explained further on the right.

Legal Compliance / Duty to Cooperate

When considering if the plan meets its legal requirements, the inspector will consider a number of issues including:

- **Local Development Scheme:** has the plan been prepared in accordance with the timetable set out in this document?
- **Consultation:** have the appropriate bodies been consulted and have we consulted in accordance with our Statement of Community Involvement?
- **National Policy and Legislation:** does the plan comply with national policy and legislation?
- **Sustainability Appraisal:** has an adequate Sustainability Appraisal been carried out?
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment:** has an adequate Habitats Regulations Assessment been carried out including Appropriate Assessment where necessary?
- **Duty to Cooperate:** has the plan been prepared in cooperation with other local authorities and prescribed bodies?

All of the above documents are available on our website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planning-policy. You will also find a series of topic papers which set out the processes undertaken and evidence considered to inform the sites and policies in our Local Plan. You may find it helpful to review these papers when considering your response. This includes one on the Duty to Cooperate, which summarises the process the council has followed to ensure the Local Plan is legally compliant.

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Soundness

The inspector will also consider whether the Local Plan is "sound" in accordance with [national policy and guidance](#). There are four key areas that contribute to this, including:

- **Has the plan been positively prepared?**

The plan must have been prepared to demonstrate the number of new homes and jobs we need to plan for and the associated critical infrastructure required. It also needs to address how we have met the needs of our neighbouring authorities, where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.

- **Is the plan justified?**

The plan must be based on robust and credible proportionate evidence. You can view all of the studies that we have used to guide us in our decision-making by visiting our evidence page on our website.

The plan must also include proof that we have involved our communities and key stakeholders. The easiest way of doing this is to review our [consultation summary report](#) on our website.

- **Is the plan effective?**

The plan should be deliverable over its period (by 2031) based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic priorities, such as unmet housing need and strategic road and/or rail networks.

- **Is the plan consistent with national policy and does it enable the delivery of sustainable development?**

If you feel that there is a justified local need, which means that we should depart from national policy, please provide evidence and make it clear in your comments what those local circumstances are.

Appearing at the examination

The comment form asks you to indicate whether you would like to participate at the oral part of the public examination.

The inspector will decide the format of how issues are heard. However, if you state that you wish to participate at the oral examination, then you have 'a right to be heard'. Alternatively, you may feel that your written representation is enough, which is perfectly acceptable and will carry the same weight as oral evidence.

To find out more about the examination process, you can search for The Planning Inspectorate's "delivering positive local planning" video on [YouTube](#).



How do I submit my comments?

You can submit your comments between 11 October and 5pm on 22 November 2017 in the following ways:

- Visit www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2 and follow the link to the online form (registration is required)
- Download a form from our website and email it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- Complete a form at one of our public events (see our website for details)
- Collect a form from the council offices and local libraries across the district and post it back to us at:
Planning Policy Team
Vale of White Horse District Council
135 Eastern Avenue
Milton Park
Abingdon
OX14 4SB

We hope this guidance note is helpful. If you have any questions or require this in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Appendix 3. Summary of Consultation Responses

Please see separate Consultation Statement Appendix 3 document for the Summary of Consultation Responses.

Alternative formats of this publication are available on request

These include large print, Braille, audio, email,
easy read and alternative languages

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