

# Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan - publicity period

## Response 1

### Respondent Details

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I fully support the Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan - any new development in the parish should be small-scale, in keeping with the area's rural character, avoid degrading key vistas in this unique landscape and encourage non-vehicle movements.

If appropriate, you can set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the plan able to proceed below. It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

No changes proposed

### Public examination

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No, I do not request a public examination

### Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 2

## Respondent Details

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The Leisure team supports the development of any sport and recreation facilities that would support the community in increasing opportunities to participate in sport and physical activity within the parish. There is a lot of community support to retain and improve existing open spaces, therefore considering removing the covenant on Wixes Piece which would allow ball games to be played could meet a local need to increase access to sport pitches.

Utilising any Section 106 and CIL contributions towards sport and leisure provision locally would be supported, as well as looking at how wider participation in sport and participation would be supported.

The plan supports active travel through ensuring opportunities for pedestrian routes and cycling routes are maximised.

Also identifying what could be done to reduce the impact from reports such as 'The impact of an Ageing Population report' which states an increase of loneliness and mental health problems in areas with an ageing population. Therefore anyway in which this can be addressed and reduced through local infrastructure would be supported.

## Public examination

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No, I do not request a public examination

## Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 3

## Respondent Details

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Please see attachment.

Q3. You can upload supporting evidence below:

- File: 190221 VoWH response to Ashbury NDP Submission.pdf - [Download](#)

## Public examination

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No, I do not request a public examination

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# Response 4

## Respondent Details

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Q3. You can upload supporting evidence below:

- File: Ashbury reg 16.pdf - [Download](#)

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# Response 5

## Respondent Details

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Our Reference: 6647

Dear Nicola Wyer

Vale of White Horse District Council - Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment on Vale of White Horse District Council - Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the M4.

We have reviewed this document and supporting evidence and have no comments.

Kind Regards,  
Glen

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# Response 6

## Respondent Details

### Information

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**Country:** United Kingdom

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We welcome paragraphs 3.6 - 3.14 on the history of the settlements (and paragraphs 7.1 - 7.9 and figures 7.6 - 7.22) and paragraphs 3.19 - 3.21 on Built Heritage, although as we previously commented, we would prefer the title to be "Historic Heritage", which we feel would better reflect the range of heritage assets in the parish.

We understand that more information is available in the Evidence Base Review, but this information on the historic environment of the parish today in the Plan itself is very brief, especially compared to the information on the history of the settlements, and we would like to see more about the current position as this is most relevant to the neighbourhood plan (paragraph 7.10 essentially repeats paragraphs 3.19 - 3.21).

According to the National Heritage List for England, there are 41 listed buildings (four Grade I, one Grade II\* and 36 Grade II) in the parish, three scheduled monuments, two conservation areas and one (Grade II\*) registered park and garden.

As previously commented, we feel that it would be helpful to say more about the conservation areas; e.g. when were they designated, whether or not there has been a review of the designations, what their special interest (the reason for designation) is and whether or not there are character appraisal and/or management plans for the areas. If so, when were they published and have they been reviewed since? (If not, the preparation of appraisals and management plans would be an excellent community project to add to the evidence base for the neighbourhood plan).

Is there a list of locally-important buildings and features? Non-designated heritage assets, such as locally important buildings, can make an important contribution to creating a sense of place and local identity. If not, then the preparation of such a list would be another excellent community project to further add to the evidence base for the Plan.

National Planning Practice Guidance states "... where it is relevant, neighbourhood plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide decisions and put broader strategic heritage policies from the local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. ... In addition, and where relevant, neighbourhood plans need to include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions".

Have the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record and Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Character Assessment been consulted, the former for non-scheduled archaeological sites, some of which may be of national importance?

As previously, we welcome paragraphs 3.22 - 3.28 on Physical Character, the Ashbury Parish Character Appraisal and the Character Areas Overview in Chapter 7 as we consider that Neighbourhood Development Plans should be underpinned by a thorough understanding of the character and special qualities of the area covered by the Plan. We believe that characterisation studies can help inform locations and detailed design of proposed new development, identify possible townscape improvements and establish a baseline against which to measure change.

We welcome the recognition of the relevance of the historic environment policies of the Vale of White Horse Local Plans 2011 and 2031. Paragraph 4.2 acknowledges that the Plan should be consistent with the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (although the actual basic condition is actually "having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan)"). We still consider that it would be helpful to briefly state what the provisions of the Framework are (the chapter headings would suffice).

Although none of the heritage assets in the parish are currently on the Historic England Heritage at Risk Register the Register does not include grade II listed secular buildings outside London. Has a survey of the condition of grade II buildings in the Plan area been undertaken? If not, this could be another project to add to the evidence base for the Plan.

We are disappointed that there is no reference to conserving and enhancing the historic environment of the parish in the Vision, particularly as we made this comment previously, but we welcome and support Objectives 1 and 2.

We welcome and support Policy 1, particularly clause 5, as paragraph 125 of the National Planning Policy Framework states "Design policies should be developed with local communities so they reflect local aspirations, and are grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area's defining characteristics. Neighbourhood plans can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development."

In conclusion, whilst we consider that the Plan could be improved in some respects, we believe that the Ashbury Neighbourhood meets the basic conditions in respect of its consideration of the historic environment.

We hope you find these comments helpful. Should you wish to discuss any points within this letter, or if there are particular issues with the historic environment in Ashbury please do not hesitate to contact us.

Q4. You can upload supporting evidence below:

- File: 2019-02-28 - Ashbury - MS - comments on Reg 16.pdf - [Download](#)

**Your details and future contact preferences**

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# Response 7

## Respondent Details

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An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High-Pressure apparatus.

National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Q3. You can upload supporting evidence below:

- File: Asbury NP National grid REP 06.02.19.pdf - [Download](#)

## Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 8

## Respondent Details

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As the Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan has not changed significantly on any points in Natural England's remit, I can confirm that our previous comments made for the Reg 14 consultation are equally valid for the Reg 16 consultation. Please note however that the relevant NPPF numbers have now changed due to the NPPF update.

## Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 9

## Respondent Details

### Information

**Respondent Number:** 9

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The County Council generally supports the Submission neighbourhood plan for Ashbury. The area is a rural one and Ashbury is defined as a 'smaller village' in the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 1 where limited infilling is envisaged. There are no allocations of land for housing.

The County Council made comments on the draft neighbourhood plan in July 2018. The comments have not been taken on board and the consultation statement does not illustrate why changes were not made. The following largely reiterates our initial comments.

Q3. You can upload supporting evidence below:

- File: County response Ashbury submission neighbourhood plan February 2019.pdf - [Download](#)

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#### Heritage – Archaeology

Although the draft plan refers to the historic environment, the County Council considers that the neighbourhood plan should address non-designated assets including archaeology. Objective 2 is 'to identify, protect and enhance the Parish's heritage assets' which is supported. In our comments on the draft neighbourhood plan we suggested an additional policy, set out below. Alternatively, we consider that to meet the Basic Conditions, Policy 1-5 should be amended.

#### Additional Policy option:

The parish's designated historic heritage assets and their settings, both above and below ground including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas will be conserved and enhanced for their historic significance and their important contribution to local distinctiveness, character and sense of place. Proposals for development that affect non-designated historic assets will be considered taking account of the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012).

#### Alternative to Additional Policy – Amendment to Policy 1: Design and Heritage:

5. Conserves or enhances heritage assets, both above and below ground, including buildings, scheduled monuments, conservation areas and non-designated historic assets.

#### Transport

Key Infrastructure Requirements are set out in Appendix 3. These include:

- A new bus service to Shrivenham
- Funding to sustain the existing bus service
- Speed restrictions on the exits/entrances to Ashbury
- Sustainable transport measures

Earlier text acknowledges that the current bus service (Swindon, Bishopstone, Ashbury, Lambourn #47) is operated by West Berkshire County Transport Services and therefore the matter of funding to sustain that bus service will be a cross-boundary matter.

Appendix 3 is referred to in 7.96 and preceding paragraphs in the context of priorities for CIL spending. A parish with a neighbourhood plan will obtain 25% of CIL arising in that parish from new development. Due to the lack of housing allocations and the policies of the Local Plan restricting development, it is unlikely that there will be new development on the scale to support much infrastructure either directly to mitigate the development or indirectly through 25% of the CIL. It is therefore our view that many items in Appendix 3 may not be able to be achieved.

Appendix 2, which includes 'regular bus service to Shrivenham to link to Swindon/Oxford service' is entitled 'non-land use community aspirations' (consistent with the reference in paragraph 1.7). To meet the Basic Conditions, Appendix 3 should be retitled as 'infrastructure aspirations' and the following text read: 'These aspirations have been identified through the various surveys...' (which would be consistent with the references in paragraph 7.96 and Policy 7).

## Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 10

## Respondent Details

Information	
<b>Respondent Number:</b> 10	<b>Respondent ID:</b> 109929378
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May the Council and the Inspector when appointed consider the following:

1. Policy 1.1: Is the term "in-keeping" still permissible? It suggests everything should be the same a stifles innovative design. It is not in accordance with NPPF2012 Paras 59 and 60.
2. Policy 1.5: Heritage assets are only required by NPPF2012 Para 137 to be "preserved". This policy requires enhancement or better revealing.
3. Policy 4: Is limiting development strictly to "infill" really still permissible? It is likely that the Local Plan Policy CP4 regarding Smaller Villages will have to be reviewed soon following the Dartford and Braintree Court of Appeal cases. There is little point in passing a policy which will soon be out of date. Similarly with K.Winslow, Odstone and Idstone. It is likely that the VWHDC definition of these settlements as Open Countryside will soon be reviewed as per the stated court cases.
4. Policy 6: The bar for Local Green Space is high. Does the submitted evidence really demonstrate that these parcels of land are truly "locally special", rather than just land locals would like to protect?
7. Policy 7: This appears the seek funding for infrastructure outside of S106, S287 or CIL. Therefore, it falls outside both local and national policy as these are the only lawful ways in which funding can be sought from developers.

## Your details and future contact preferences

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# Response 11

## Respondent Details

### Information

**Respondent Number:** 11

**Respondent ID:** 109930849

**Date Started:** 04/03/2019 14:52:46

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New development should be co-ordinated with the infrastructure it demands and to take into account the capacity of existing infrastructure. Paragraph 20 of the Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), July 2018, states: "Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for... infrastructure for waste management, water supply, wastewater..."

Paragraph 28 relates to non-strategic policies and states: "Non-strategic policies should be used by local planning authorities and communities to set out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development. This can include allocating sites, the provision of infrastructure..."

Paragraph 26 of the revised NPPF goes on to state: "Effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies is integral to the production of a positively prepared and justified strategy. In particular, joint working should help to determine where additional infrastructure is necessary..."

The web based National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) includes a section on 'water supply, wastewater and water quality' and sets out that Local Plans should be the focus for ensuring that investment plans of water and sewerage/wastewater companies align with development needs. The introduction to this section also sets out that: "Adequate water and wastewater infrastructure is needed to support sustainable development" (Paragraph: 001, Reference ID: 34-001-20140306).

The way water and wastewater infrastructure will be delivered has changed. From the 1st April 2018 all off site water and wastewater network reinforcement works necessary as a result of new development will be delivered by the relevant statutory undertaker. Local reinforcement works will be funded by the Infrastructure Charge which is a fixed charge for water and wastewater for each new property connected. Strategic water and wastewater infrastructure requirements will be funded through water companies' investment programmes which are based on a 5 year cycle known as the Asset Management Plan process.

#### Policy on Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

In light of the changes which took effect in April 2018, and which are set out above, we would request that the following text along the following lines is incorporated within the Neighbourhood Plan:

"Developers need to consider the net increase in water and waste water demand to serve their developments and also any impact the development may have off site further down the network, if no/low water pressure and internal/external sewage flooding of property is to be avoided.

Thames Water encourages developers to use our free pre-planning service (<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/preplanning>). This service can tell developers at an early stage if we will have capacity in our water and/or wastewater networks to serve their development, or what we'll do if we don't.

The developer can then submit this as evidence to support a planning application and we can prepare to serve the new development at the point of need, helping avoid delays to housing delivery programmes."

We hope this is of assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Carmelle Textor on the above number.

Q3. You can upload supporting evidence below:

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