

VOWH Response to Planning Inspector's Questions dated 27 March 2018.

1. In order to clarify the housing provisions of the LPP2 in relation to those of the LPP1 it would be helpful if you could provide a table setting out the housing requirement and the bottom line total supply (not included in the policy) together with its constituent parts (for completions, known commitments, LPP1 allocations, LPP2 allocations and windfalls) for LPP1 CP4 alongside LPP2 (CP4a).

VOWH response:

Table 1: District wide housing requirements as identified by LPP1 (Core Policy 4) and LPP2 (Core Policy 4a)

Category		Number of Dwellings District Wide	Category		Number of Dwellings District Wide
		CP4 (LPP1)			CP4a (LPP2)
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)		20,560	Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)		22,760
Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2016)		3,065	Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2017)		4,680
Housing Supply (Apr 2016 to Mar 2031)	Known Commitments	4,468	Housing Supply (Apr 2017 to Mar 2031)	Known Commitments	3,061
	Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	12,495		Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	12,495
	Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	1,000		Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	3,450
	Windfalls	840		Windfalls	1,100
Total Supply		21,868	Total Supply		24,786
Over/under Supply		+1,308	Over/under Supply		+2,026

2. Similarly tables for each of the three sub-areas. This should illuminate the changes and the similarities between the various housing numbers in the LPP1 and LPP2.

VOWH response:

Table 2: Sub Area Housing Requirements as identified by LPP1 and LPP2 (Core Policies 8 and 8a, 15 and 15a and 20 and 20a)

Category		Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub- Area		South East Vale Sub- Area		Western Vale Sub-Area	
		CP8 (LPP1)	CP8a (LPP2)	CP15 (LPP1)	CP15a (LPP2)	CP20 (LPP1)	CP20a (LPP2)
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)		5,438	7,512	12,450	12,150	3,173	3,098
Housing Completions (Apr 2011 to Mar 2016 or 2017)*		1,175	2,051	1,031	1,536	860	1,085
Housing Supply (Apr 2016 or 2017 to Mar 2031)**	Known Commitments	2,011	1,401	1,725	887	732	773
	Local Plan 2031 Part 1 allocations	1,790	1,790	9,055	9,055	1,650	1,650
	Local Plan 2031 Part 2 allocations	722	2,020	56	1,400	222	0
	Windfalls	240	308	360	484	240	308
Total Supply		5,938	7,570	12,227	13,362	3,704	3,816
Over Supply		+500	+58	-223	+1,212	+531	+718

* Housing Completions for LPP1 2011 to 2016/ for LPP2 to 2017.

** Housing Supply for LPP1 from Apr 2016/ for LPP2 2017.

3. In the LPP1, why does the housing requirement for the three sub-areas (5,348 + 12,450 + 3,173) not equal the overall figure in CP4 namely 20,560?

VOWH response:

The total housing requirement figures set out in the adopted LPP1 policies (CP8, CP15 and CP20) included a small over provision (501 dwellings) which partly reflected the planned supply at the time. LPP2 seeks to meet the identified OAN for Vale and the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford City to be addressed within the Vale of White Horse (i.e. 20,560 + 2,200 = 22,760 dwellings).

4. In the LPP1, what explains the difference between the South-East Vale requirement of 12,450 and the Science Vale ring fence requirement of 11,850?

VOWH Response:

The housing requirement identified in CP5: Housing Supply Ring Fence is derived from specific evidence¹ which examined the amount of housing needed to service the forecast level of jobs and population within the Science Vale area to meet the Council's aim to achieve an integrated strategy for job growth and housing provision. The South-East Vale Sub-Area housing requirement is a product of the Council's Spatial Strategy to focus sustainable growth within the Science Vale area and aimed to provide around 75 % of the overall housing allocations to this area. The sub-areas give spatial expression to the strategy and ensures that it is locally distinctive.

5. In the LPP2, how is the requirement for the three sub areas (7,512 + 12,150 + 3,098) derived from the overall figure 22,760?

¹HOU02: Science Vale Housing and Employment Study (Local Plan Part 1 Examination Library – see link below):

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=FolderView&ID=627981304&CODE=7BCD9C34D25A0782D410D5BB98570C99&NAME=Local%20Plan%202031%20Part%201%20Examination%20Library&REF=VALE_2031&REFERER_URL_IN=&SOVA_IN=VALE#exactline

VOWH Response

The Local Plan Part 1 identifies housing requirements for three sub-areas to reflect the Council's Spatial Strategy (Figure 4.1 – Page 39 Part 1 Plan) and ensures the plan gives spatial expression to the strategy and ensure that it is locally distinctive and focused on each part of the district. The Part 2 plan seeks to plan for the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford city to be addressed within the Vale of White Horse and makes a small adjustment to the sub-area housing requirements to reflect this requirement (Chapter 2 - Part 2 plan). The following explains the adjustment made to the sub-area housing requirements set out within the Part 2 plan.

The over provision included within the sub-area housing requirements set out in LPP1 was adjusted to reflect the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford City to be addressed within the Vale of White Horse. The over provision (501 dwellings) was deducted from the LPP1 sub-area requirements on a proportional basis (i.e. 25 % Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area; 60 % South East Vale Sub-Area; and 15 % Western Vale) to reflect the Council's spatial strategy. The agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford City to be addressed within the Vale of White Horse (2,200 dwellings) was then added to the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area (see **Table 3**).

Table 3: Adjustment to LPP2 sub-area housing requirement figures to reflect the agreed quantum of unmet housing need for Oxford City to be addressed within the Vale of White Horse.

Category	Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub- Area	South East Vale Sub- Area	Western Vale Sub- Area
	CP8	CP15	CP20
Housing requirement for the full plan period (Apr 2011 to Mar 2031)	5438	12450	3173
Adjustment	Less 125 (25 % of 501)	Less 300 (60 % of 501)	Less 75 (15 % of 501)
Plus unmet need	+ 2,200	N/A	N/A
LPP2 Housing Requirement	7,512	12,150	3,098

6. How does the LPP2 provide for the housing needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling show people as required by LPP1 Policy C27?

VOWH Response:

Local Plan 2031 Part 1 identifies a need for 13 pitches for gypsies and travellers up to 2031, as set out in Core Policy 27. This figure originates from the Joint GTAA (Vale, South and Oxford City) 2014 Update. Planning permission has been granted for 8 pitches (Application Reference: P12/V1901/FUL) which reduces the need to 5 pitches in total.

An updated joint study has been completed with South Oxfordshire, Cherwell and Oxford City (June 2017). This takes account of the updated definition of a Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showperson for planning purposes, which was issued in 2015 (Planning Policy for Traveller Sites).

Figure 36 (p.69-70) of the joint study identifies a total future need for the district of 2 pitches up to 2033. Figure 37 (p.70) adds clarity that only one of these pitches is required to be delivered in the later part of the plan period (2027-2031). The remaining pitch is to be delivered after 2031, in a period which aligns with the Local Plans of neighbouring authorities. Figure 38 confirms that there is no future need for Travelling Showpeople that meet the planning definition in the district.

The updated joint assessment (June 2017) demonstrates the need has been significantly reduced to just one pitch that is to be delivered at the very end of the plan period. The Council does not consider it appropriate to allocate additional sites to meet the need at this stage.