

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

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LOCAL PLAN AND GENERAL UPDATE

LOCAL PLAN PART 1 PUBLICATION

Following adoption of Local Plan Part 1 at Council on 14 December 2016, a PDF version of the document has been available to view on our website at:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031-part-1-strategic-sites>

We are now producing the desktop-published version of the Local Plan Part 1 for printing and final publication and expect that this will be available by the end of February 2017.

Copies will be available to view at local libraries, the council offices and on our website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Two Neighbourhood Plan groups (Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan and Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan) had their Neighbourhood Plan areas designated in January 2017.

The Uffington and Baulking Area Designation Consultation closed on 13 February 2017 so keep an eye out on the website for updates regarding this and all other Neighbourhood Plans:

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans>

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

We received 48 responses to our recent consultation on proposed modifications to our CIL Charging Schedule. After careful consideration we have decided to postpone the CIL Examination Hearing, which was scheduled to take place on 23 February 2017. Postponing the hearing will enable us to take full account of the responses received, and to carefully consider if we wish to propose any further modifications. It is anticipated that the hearing will now take place in April.

LOCAL PLAN PART 1: STRATEGIC SITES AND POLICIES

Now that the Council has adopted Local Plan Part 1 and Local Plan Part 2 is shortly going out for consultation (see details of this overleaf), a key question you might ask is:

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PLANS?

Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies 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.

Part 1 **sets out the location of development** across the district and **allocates large-scale (referred to as strategic) development sites**. It includes district-wide policies to ensure that development contributes to meeting the strategic objectives of the plan, such as policies relating to sustainable construction and conservation of the built, historic and natural environment.

Local Plan 2031 Part 1 was **adopted on 14 December 2016**.

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 Part 1 and replace the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011
- **additional development site allocations** to address the agreed quantum of Oxford's unmet housing need to be addressed within the Vale and to support the achievement of sustainable development.