

Vale of White Horse

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LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2 ADOPTION

The Local Plan 2031 Part 2 was adopted at Full Council on 9 October. The Part 2 plan deals with detailed policies used in the determination of planning applications and also allocates additional housing sites that will help meet Vale's proportion of Oxford City's unmet housing need.



We adopted Part 1 of our Local Plan 2031 in December 2016. We can now use both Part 1 and Part 2 to help decide planning applications in the district. To view our adopted Local Plan 2031 visit

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP1> or
<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2>

OXFORDSHIRE PLAN 2050

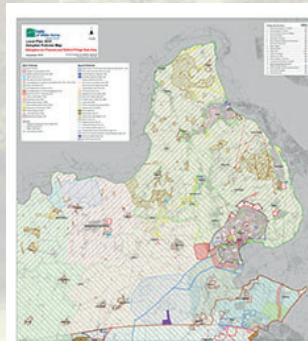
Work is progressing on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The Plan is one of the commitments made by the six Oxfordshire authorities as part of the Housing and Growth Deal, which will help plan for new homes and infrastructure across the county, up to 2050. The Oxfordshire Plan team received over a thousand responses to its consultation 'Introducing the Oxfordshire Plan 2050' (Reg 18) and all these comments will be used to help prepare the next version of the plan.

The next stages are set out within their Local Development Scheme which can be found at: www.oxfordshireplan.org/

To sign up for updates about the Plan including notification of the next public consultation please visit:
<https://oxfordshireplan.inconsult.uk>



LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1 - ADOPTED POLICIES MAP



In February 2019 we agreed to make a factual correction to the Adopted Policies Map for the Local Plan 2031 Part 1, relating to the boundary of the Green Belt at North Hinksey Village. The decision to amend the correction was challenged at the High Court.

The challenge was dismissed by the High Court which means that, where appropriate, we can correct errors on an adopted policies map without having to resort to the development plan process. The judgement can be found at:
www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2019/3080.html

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BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER

In December we updated Part 1 of our Brownfield Land Register in line with Government guidance.

It identifies all brownfield sites in our district that have full or outline planning permission, and also includes sites that may be considered appropriate for residential development.

The Register is available to view and access on our website at:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/brownfield-land-register

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

In September the Government revised its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations and updated guidance on what the Community Infrastructure Levy is and how it operates.

We will be reviewing our Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (2016). Further details will be published on our website in due course.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

We continue to support neighbourhood planning groups across the district in preparing their neighbourhood plans and provide support for towns and parishes in achieving their vision through developing the right objectives and policies.

Since February 2019, we have adopted the following neighbourhood plans after residents voted in favour at their respective referendum.

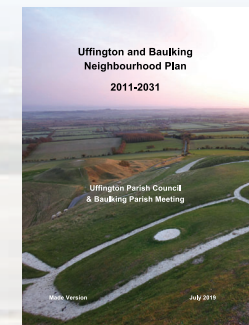
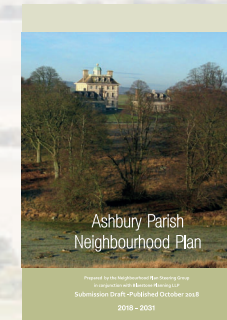
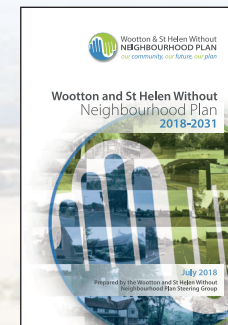
These Neighbourhood Plans now form part of our statutory development plan:

Neighbourhood Plans are now in place for:

Ashbury (July 2019)

Uffington and Baulking (July 2019)

Wootton and St Helen Without (December 2019)



We now have nine adopted neighbourhood plans across the district and fourteen in progress.

FUTURE HOME STANDARDS CONSULTATION

The Government wants to hear opinions on options to increase the energy efficiency requirements for new homes. All new homes will be required to be future-proofed with low carbon heating and higher levels of energy efficiency from 2025 and this is the first stage of a two-part consultation to change building regulations. We are currently preparing a response to the consultation and will publish it on our website once submitted. The consultation closes on the 7 February and can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-standard-changes-to-part-l-and-part-f-of-the-building-regulations-for-new-dwellings