



# Reviewing the Local Development Order for Milton Park

Vale of White Horse District Council and MEPC Milton Park are reviewing the Milton Park Local Development Order (LDO) to look at how we can make changes to the way buildings and facilities are developed at Milton Park.

LDOs can help to grant planning permission for certain types of development within limits such as height, use type, size and building design. By reviewing the LDO for Milton Park, it could help ensure any new developments are built in a better and more energy efficient way, in line with Didcot Garden Town principles – something that the Council and Milton Park are keen to see more of.

We're asking people that live nearby and work at Milton Park to let us know what they think about some of the proposed changes before we hold a more formal consultation and a revised LDO is considered for adoption by the Council.





**The review will look at extending the LDO to 2040 to help Milton Park to:**

### **Tackle climate change**

The review could help to bring a new district heating scheme or smaller scale renewable energy schemes to help power new or existing buildings. It could also look at how Milton Park can install more electric vehicle charging points.

### **Minimise congestion**

To build upon the existing progress made in recent years to reduce car travel, the review could help encourage commuters to travel to Milton Park in a more environmentally friendly way. The review will look at what can be done to the roads and pathways to help people to travel by bike, use electric cars and electric driverless vehicles.

### **Maximise space available**

To help bring more energy efficient buildings and economic growth to the area, the review will look at the potential to increase the maximum height of some new buildings. For example, in certain areas, laboratory buildings could go up to five storeys in height. To put this into context, the Marriot Courtyard Hotel next to the A34 is six storeys high.

MEPC could also look at increasing the amount of floorspace for new and existing businesses, for example through extending some of their older buildings.

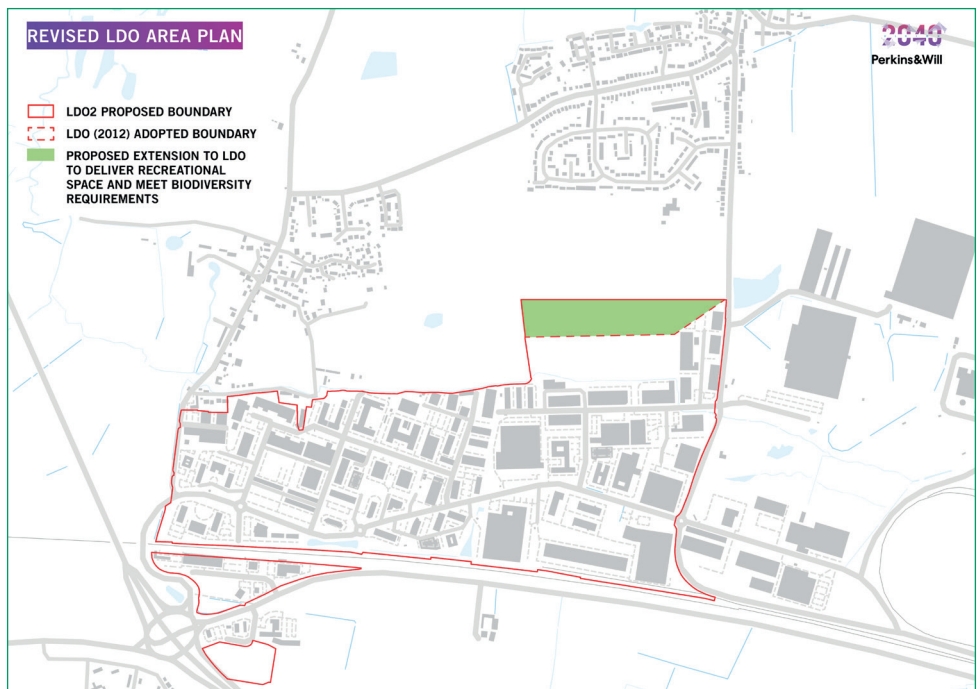
## Increase facilities and open spaces

To help protect the natural environment and support the local wildlife, Milton Park is proposing to change the LDO boundary at Kelaart's Field, near Sutton Courtenay. This area would be an informal green space made available for people working and living nearby as a relaxing space to reconnect with nature.

Other new facilities and landscaped gardens could be built within the existing built-up areas. New food outlets and shops with outdoor furniture could be added to create new meeting spaces for Milton Park residents.

## Bring new temporary accommodation

The review will look at the potential of having a limited amount of short-term accommodation and a new hotel with conference facilities to support visiting scientists, engineers and other experts to work at local businesses or research organisations nearby.



You can get involved and give us your feedback on the proposed changes.

## Live online events

We're holding two online engagement events to give you an opportunity to find out more about the proposed changes to the Milton Park LDO and have your questions answered live.

The events are taking place at:

- 6pm to 7.30pm on 20 July
- 12pm to 1.30pm on 22 July

The events will be recorded and made available on YouTube after the meetings.

## Online feedback

We've also opened a survey where you can find out more information on the proposed changes to the LDO and give your feedback.

You can give your feedback until 11pm on 26 July.

The online events and survey are an opportunity for you to give us your initial thoughts on the proposals ahead of a formal consultation later this year.

**To find out more information, register to attend one online event and give us your feedback, you can visit [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/MiltonParkLDOreview](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/MiltonParkLDOreview)**

