

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

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This bulletin is the fifth in a series of progress updates on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan.

UPDATE OF LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1

Strategic Sites and Policies

The Local Plan 2031 Part 1 sets out the overall development strategy for the district and where new housing and employment should be located up to 2031. We are planning for 20,560 homes and 23,000 jobs, together with the infrastructure such as new schools and roads to support this growth.

In our previous Local Plan Update Bulletins we explained the outcome of the Main Modifications consultation process, and that the comments were with the Inspector for his consideration. **We have now published the Final Report from the Inspector.**

The Inspector concludes the Plan, subject to a number of main modifications, is sound. The key main modifications are briefly summarised on this page.

A Report recommending adoption of the Plan will be considered at Full Council on 14 December 2016.

The Inspector's Report and Appendix, that sets out the main modifications to the Plan, can be viewed and accessed on the Council website, available at:
www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/localplan

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN MODIFICATIONS SET OUT IN THE INSPECTOR'S FINAL REPORT

Matter	Summary
Oxford's Unmet Need	Clarification of the approach to, and timescale for, providing in the Vale for unmet housing needs from other districts.
Strategic allocations	Deletion from the plan of housing allocation sites 6 (South of East Hanney), 12 (North West of Harwell Campus) and 13 (East of Harwell Campus).
Housing Supply Ring Fence	Clarification of the approach to be adopted in respect of the Housing Supply Ring Fence.
Green Belt	Amendments to policy CP13 and its supporting text making clear that only land at Abingdon, Kennington and Radley (relating to housing allocation sites 1,2,3 and 4) is removed from the Green Belt.
Reservoir at Longworth	Safeguarding of land for a possible strategic storage water reservoir to the north of Longworth.
Other Modifications	Various other changes to the plan (including its appendices) to ensure that it is up to date, internally consistent, effective, justified and consistent with national policy.

UPDATE OF LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2

We are currently preparing our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 for Preferred Options consultation in February 2017. The Local Plan 2031 Part 2 will set out policies and locations for housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need unable to be met within the City boundaries. The Part 2 plan will also contain policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District and detailed development management policies to complement the Local Plan 2031 Part 1 that will replace the remaining Saved Policies of the Local Plan 2011. Part 2 may also allocate additional development sites for housing and other uses.

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LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2 AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Following public consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) from July – September 2016, the SCI was approved by Cabinet on 2 December 2016. This document will now be used to assist the Council in the preparation of planning policy documents and when deciding on planning applications for development.

The SCI will be published in the new year. This document will be available to view and access on the Council website at:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/statement-community-involvement

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SUCCESS

The residents of both Faringdon and Blewbury recently voted yes to make their neighbourhood plans, with 91% and 94% of votes respectively in favour of adopting their plans.

The plans will be adopted at Full Council on 14 December 2016.

For more information please visit:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy

PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

We will shortly be carrying out an additional consultation relating to the funding of infrastructure through developer contributions

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) UPDATE

The Council is proposing to carry out a Public Examination of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) in late February 2017.

The Examination will be conducted by Planning Inspector, Malcolm Rivett. In preparation for this, the Council has identified a number of further modifications that are required to the Draft Charging Schedule before the Examination.

The consultation is supported by a number of evidence documents that provide information to support the proposed modifications.

These documents are:

- Proposed Modifications to the Draft Charging Schedule
- Updated Draft Charging Schedule
- Updated Regulation 123 List
- Updated Viability Report
- Updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Updated Infrastructure and Funding Report

The documents will be made available to view and access on the Council website at: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/cil>

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

Alongside CIL, we have also prepared a draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This document sets out the Council's proposed approach to collecting infrastructure contributions through CIL and Section 106. The draft SPD and supporting documents will be made available to view and access on the Council website at:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/section106

The draft documentation will be subject to full public consultation for a 6 week period from Thursday 15 December 2016 to Thursday 26 January 2017.

Full details of both consultations and documentation are available on the Council website at:

www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy