

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

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

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LOCAL PLAN PART 2 CONSULTATION

The Local Plan Part Two Consultation will go live on **Thursday 9 March and will run until 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017.**

In line with our **Statement of Community Involvement** we are keen to ensure that members of the public have a range of opportunities to become aware of the Local Plan and that they understand the importance of giving us their feedback on the plan.

A **series of public events** are being organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Local Plan and to share their views on the options. These are open events and there is no need to book. Please find the event details on the right.

There are a range of ways you can **become involved in our consultation process** (materials will be available from Thursday 9 March until Thursday 4 May). These include:

- Providing feedback at our **events**
- Participating in our **online survey**
- Completing a **paper-based survey**, available at local libraries and our council offices
- Submitting your comments by post or email using our **comments form**.

LOCAL PLAN PART 2 CONSULTATION: DATES OF DROP IN EVENTS / PUBLIC MEETINGS - MARCH / APRIL 2017

Date	
Saturday 11 March, 10am-2pm	Drop in exhibition at The Pump House, Faringdon.
Tuesday 14 March, 1-6pm and Public meeting 7-8.30pm	Drop in exhibition 1-6pm, Public Meeting 7-8.30pm, Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre.
Wednesday 15 March, 11am-2pm	Drop in exhibition at the Cricket Pavilion, Harwell Campus
Saturday 18 March, 10am-2pm	Drop in exhibition at St Helen's Church Centre, Abingdon.
Monday 20 March, 5.30-7.30pm Public meeting 6-7.30pm	Drop in exhibition 5.30-7.30pm, Public Meeting 6-7.30pm, Public Health England, Harwell Campus
Tuesday 21 March, 1-6.30pm	Drop in exhibition at Southmoor Village Hall, Kingston Bagpuize.
Saturday 25 March, 10am-2pm	Drop in exhibition at Vale and Downland Museum, Wantage.
Wednesday 5 April, 1-7pm	Drop in exhibition at Cornerstone, Didcot.

Book your place: Please let us know you if you would like to attend a **public meeting** (there is no need to book drop in events) via email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or calling 01235 422600 . Please tell us if you have any specific needs and we will do our best to meet them.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All of the consultation materials will be available from the consultation start date, Thursday 9 March, until Thursday 4 May. They will be accessible via our website and paper copies of the plan and comment forms will be available at all Vale libraries and our council offices. The consultation period is being extended to eight weeks (instead of six) due to the Easter Break and we hope this will encourage greater participation in the consultation.

We will be contacting everyone on our **consultation database** to invite them to take part in the consultation and to inform them of local events. Please contact the team at planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk or **01235 422600** if you would like to join our consultation database.

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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.