

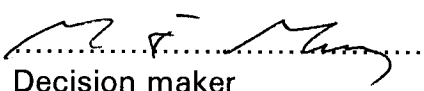
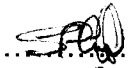


# Vale of White Horse

District Council

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities  
(Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England)  
Regulations 2000

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	<b>Name of Decision maker</b>	Councillor Michael Murray	
2	<b>Type of Decision</b> (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	<b>Key</b>	<b>Other</b> ✓
3	<b>Date of Decision</b> (This should be the same as the date form signed)	13 February 2014	
4	<b>The Decision</b>	AGREE the updated Local Development Scheme 2014-2017 for publication.	
5	<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a LDS. An update is required prior to the launch of additional local plan consultation.	
6	<b>Alternative Options Rejected</b>	None.	
7	<b>Resource Implications</b>	None.	
8	<b>Legal implications</b>	Conformity with the (currently) published local development scheme timetable is a procedural test of soundness at local plan examination.	
9	<b>Financial implications</b>	None	
10	<b>List of Consultees</b> (See guidance below)	None	
11	<b>Reports and Background</b>	SODC LDS has been updated in parallel to align workstreams especially in relation to the Science Vale AAP.	

	<b>Papers Considered</b>	
12	<b>Date of receipt of Reports</b>	6 February 2014
13	<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None
14	<b>Dispensations</b>	None
15	<b>Is this decision confidential and if so, under which Exempt category?</b>	No
16	<b>"Call in" Waived?</b>	<del>No</del> Yes
17	<b>Signature and Date</b>	 ..... Decision maker 13/2/14 ..... Dated
18	<b>This form must be physically handed to a member of the Democratic Services Team</b>	<p>Note: The date and time at which this form is received will be recorded by the Democratic Services Manager. The decision will then be published and is subject to "call in".</p>  ..... Date 13-2-14 Time 10:30 Democratic Services Manager Date and Time Form Received PP
19	<b>Details of Publication on the Web and date of expiry of "Call In"</b> Note: This part of the Form will be completed by Democratic Services	Date of Expiry of "Call In" ..... <i>Call-in waived</i> ..... Date Published 14-2-14 ..... Date emailed to Chair of Scrutiny 14-2-14 .....

# VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2014 – 2017

## What is the Local Development Scheme?

- 1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out and timetables the local plans that the council will prepare to plan for development in its area. Its main purpose is to ensure that local communities, businesses, developers, service and infrastructure providers, and other interested organisations know when they will be able to participate<sup>1</sup>. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a LDS.
- 2 This local development scheme provides information about the preparation of the **Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031** and related documents over the four year period 2014-2017. The Local Plan 2031 will progressively replace the Local Plan 2011 (adopted in 2006).
- 3 Whilst not a formal requirement, for ease of reference our LDS also includes information about the main supporting and procedural documents that do or will accompany the Local Plan 2031.

## Development Plan Documents and the Statutory Development Plan

- 4 Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are planning strategies that contain policies for the use and protection or development of land, usually including the allocation of land for development. These must be in general conformity with government guidance, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework.
  - **Local Plans** for a council area (or for more than one council area if working together). Preparation of a local plan is a statutory requirement. A Local Plan may be a single document or a suite of documents with some covering specific policy matters or specific geographical areas (for example **Area Action Plans**, AAP). In areas that have County and District Councils, the County Council has the responsibility for producing Minerals and Waste Local Plans.
  - **Neighbourhood Plans**. These are not compulsory. However, when duly prepared they are a statutory document that forms part of the

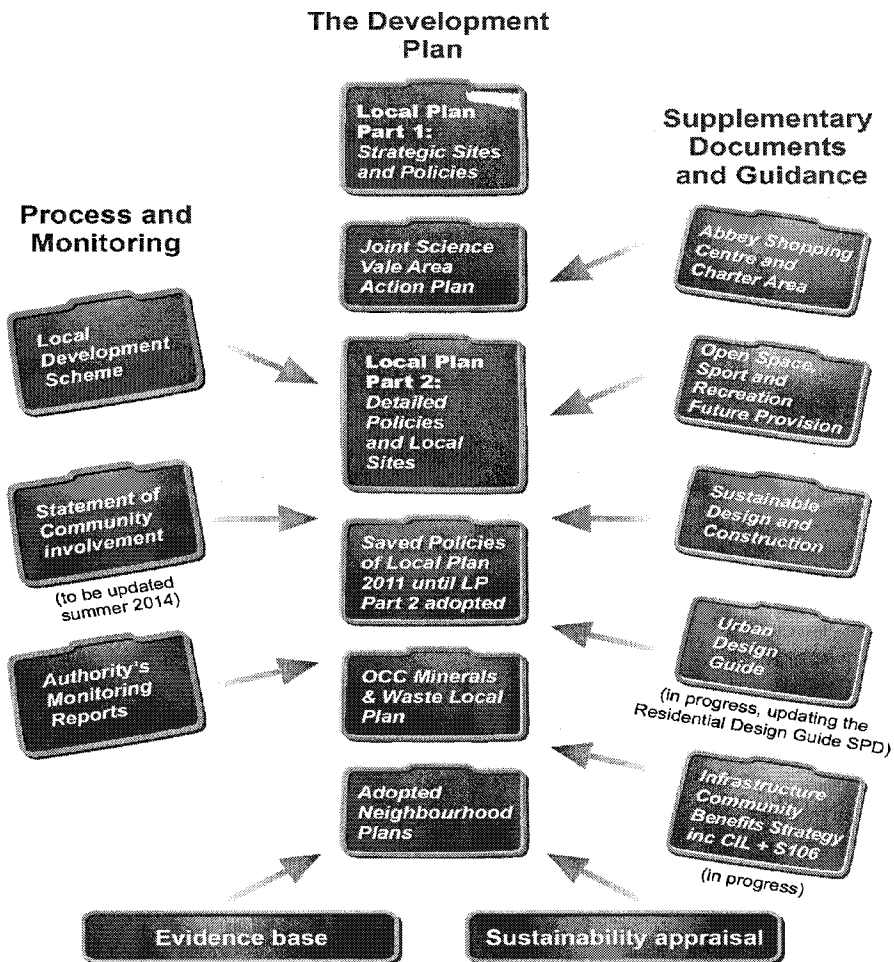
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<sup>1</sup> Public consultations will continue to be advertised and stakeholders notified when important documents are published for public consultation, in accordance with our published Statement of Community Involvement.

development plan. In parished areas these are prepared by a town or parish council or councils, and elsewhere by neighbourhood forums. They must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted local plan, and should have regard to any emerging local plans/DPDs that are relevant. They are prepared in a timescale that is set by the Parish Councils.

The Vale of White Horse District Council Statutory Development Plan

- 5 The statutory development plan is the set of local plans or other DPDs that together form the statutory basis for determining whether or not planning permission should be granted for the Vale of White Horse.
- 6 Figure 1 below Figure 1 shows how the various documents that collectively make up the Vale of White Horse planning framework relate to each other.



- 7 On publication of this LDS in February 2014 the Development Plan for the Vale of White Horse District Council comprises
- the saved policies of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011, insofar as they are consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework
  - the saved policies of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (1996).
- 8 By the end of 2017 the statutory development plan would comprise
- the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Parts 1 and 2
  - the Science Vale Oxford Joint Area Action Plan
  - the replacement Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and
  - any adopted Neighbourhood Development Plans.

### Timetable for the Vale of White Horse local plan

- 9 The District Council can set a timetable only for development plan documents it is preparing itself (or jointly with another Local Authority). Neighbourhood Development Plan timetables are set by the Parish Councils, the timetables for the Minerals and Waste Local Plans are set by the County Council.
- 10 The Vale of the White Horse District Council is working on a review of its Local Plan and associated documents, some of which are to be jointly undertaken with South Oxfordshire District Council. The following tables describe the content, coverage and timetable for these local plans, which is also illustrated in the GANNT chart at figure 1 below.

<b>Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Policies and Sites</b>	
<b>Role and Subject</b> – This emerging document will set out the overall development strategy for the period to 2031. It will include strategic policies as well as locations for strategic housing and employment sites. It will provide the policy context for Neighbourhood Plans and the Science Vale Area Action Plan. A revised Policies Map will be submitted with the Local Plan Part 1 Strategic Policies and Sites.	
<b>Coverage</b> – District wide	
<b>Conformity</b> – With the National Planning Policy Framework	
<b>Timetable - Key Stages</b>	
Additional Public Consultation (Regulation 18) (6 weeks): Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Housing Delivery Update	Late February 2014
Statutory Public Consultation (Regulation 19) (6 weeks) prior to submission of the local plan for examination	Mid August 2014

Submission to Secretary of State	End October 2014
Estimated date for Examination	February 2015
Estimated date for Adoption	July 2015

<b>Joint Science Vale Area Action Plan (AAP)</b>	
<b>Role and Subject</b> – This document will set out how strategic housing and employment allocations identified in both Local Plans in the Science Vale area will be delivered and implemented together with key infrastructure, services and facilities.	
<b>Coverage</b> – Harwell Oxford Campus, Milton Park, Culham Science Centre, Didcot Wantage, Grove and areas surrounding them.	
<b>Conformity</b> – With the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan Part 1	
<b>Timetable - Key Stages</b>	
Public Consultation on Scope & Issues (regulation 18)	May 2014
Public Consultation on Preferred Approach (regulation 18)	November 2014
Statutory Public Consultation (Regulation 19) (6 weeks) prior to submission of the local plan for examination	September 2015
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2016
Estimated Examination	May 2016
Estimated date for Adoption	October 2016

<b>Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed polices and local sites</b>	
<b>Role and Subject</b> – This document will set out detailed development management policies to complement the Local Plan Part 1. The timing is aligned with South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan Part 2 to enable coordinated policy development and opportunities for joint working.	
<b>Coverage</b> – District-wide	
<b>Conformity</b> – With the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan 2031 Part 1	
<b>Timetable - Key Stages</b>	
Public Consultation on Scope & Issues (regulation 18)	May 2015
Public Consultation on Preferred Approach (regulation 18)	November 2015
Statutory Public Consultation (Regulation 19) (6 weeks) prior to submission of the local plan for examination	July 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	November 2016
Estimated Examination	March 2017
Estimated date for Adoption	August 2017

Figure 1: Production timetable for development plan documents

	2014			2015			2016			2017										
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
Local Plan 2031 Part 1 Strategic Sites and Policies		C	P																	
Science Vale Joint Area Action Plan																				
Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Detailed policies and local sites																				

**KEY**

Preparation, analysis and plan development	
Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Full Council review and decision	C
Public Consultation on local plan Scope, Issues and Options (regulation 18)	P
Public Consultation on 'Preferred Options' draft local plan (regulation 18)	P
Public Consultation prior to local plan submission for examination (regulation 19)(statutory 6 weeks)	P
Submission of local plan and all supporting documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination	S
<i>Note: Once the DPDs have been submitted the examination and reporting timetable is set by the Inspectorate</i>	
Examination of the local plan by an independent Planning Inspector	E
Receipt of Inspector's Report	R
Formal adoption and publication of the local plan	A

## Development Plan Documents prepared by others

### Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs)

11 As at February 2014 eight NDPs are being prepared in the Vale of White Horse. A number of other parishes are also considering preparation of an NDP but have not formally commenced the process. Timetables can be obtained from the relevant town or parish council.

- Drayton NDP is approaching formal NDP submission for examination; Faringdon and Great Coxwell are working towards (separate) NDP submission in the near future
- Charney Basset and Longworth Parish Councils and Wantage Town Council have all had their areas approved and are each preparing their own NDP with their communities
- Blewbury and Stanford in the Vale Parish Councils have submitted for NDP area designation

### Minerals and Waste Local Plans

12 Oxfordshire County Council is working towards the **Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy 2030** and subsequent Minerals Sites and Waste Sites DPDs. Timetables can be obtained from the county council.

### Other documents that support the Vale of White Horse local plan

- 13 **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)** (and their predecessors, supplementary planning guidance) complement or expand upon local plan policies, for example describing in more detail how an allocated site should be developed. SPD cannot allocate new sites for development nor contain new policies for the use or development of land, and they must not conflict with the adopted development plan.
- 14 **Local Development Orders (LDO)** are policy instruments that extend permitted development rights for certain forms of development that the local authority considers to be suitable, either in general or limited to defined areas. LDOs are intended to simplify development. Development that conforms to an LDO would not require planning permission. An LDO was adopted for Milton Park in 2012.
- 15 The **Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (CIL)** sets out a schedule of charges on new development to help fund the provision of essential infrastructure, community benefits and services. Preparation of a CIL is optional.



16 The emerging local plan is informed by a range of **technical evidence base studies** available to download from our website<sup>2</sup>. Two key parts of the evidence base are

- the **Infrastructure Delivery Plan** prepared alongside the local plan to identify essential supporting infrastructure and services, how they will be delivered and by whom
- the **Sustainability Appraisal Report** prepared alongside the local plan (and for other DPD and SPD) to document how the sustainability assessment assessed options to inform the development of the local plan strategy, policies and site allocations. This is to ensure the plan as a whole reflects a balance of sustainable development objectives (social, environmental and economic factors).

### Planned supporting documents

17 The council is preparing two key supporting documents alongside the Local Plan 2031 Part 1. Our aim is to publish consultation drafts of both documents by the time we submit the draft local plan for examination (31 October 2014). These are

- an **Infrastructure and Community Benefits Strategy** to help secure the infrastructure identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. It will contain a CIL charging schedule and a supplementary planning document for section 106 and section 278 legal agreements. The strategy will set out how we will use CIL, s106, s278 and other funding sources to deliver the infrastructure and facilities necessary to enable the development our local plan promotes to be sustainably accommodated.
- an **Urban Design Strategy**, updating our supplementary planning document to set out more detailed policies to secure high quality developments.

18 Working with South Oxfordshire District Council we will also update our **Statement of Community Involvement** to enhance the way we communicate with our citizens and customers on the preparation of planning documents and the determination of planning applications. We will consult on our proposals in May and June of 2014 to adopt an updated SCI by the end of July 2014.

### Changes from the previous local development scheme

19 The 2012 LDS focused on production of a Local Plan 2029 Part 1 and Part 2. It pre-dated and was made out-of-date by the decision in spring 2013 by all

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-development-framework/core-strateg-6>

Oxfordshire planning authorities to produce a joint Oxfordshire-wide Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).

- 20 We have also revised and extended our local plan period horizon to 2011-2031 to align with the SHMA. These changes have required significant additional work in particular to identify further housing supply options.
- 21 The 2012 LDS envisaged adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 by October 2014 (now July 2015) and the Local Plan Part 2 by November 2016 (now August 2017).
- 22 We have added the Science Vale Oxford Joint Area Action Plan with South Oxfordshire, a delivery-focused local plan to help achieve the very significant levels of housing and economic growth planned in this area.