

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2006-2009****1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Local Development Scheme (LDS) provides the starting point for the local community to find out about the current and emerging planning policies for their area. It gives information about the existing planning policy documents and sets out the programme for the preparation of local development documents (LDDs) which will replace them. The programme includes consultation milestones to inform people about the particular stages and times at which they can be involved with the process. The Local Plan and future local development documents are important because they set out the amount and location of new development in the district and are the basis upon which day to day planning decisions will be made.
- 1.2 Preparation of the Local Development Scheme is mandatory under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDS must be reviewed and rolled forward on a regular basis so that new documents can be added and account taken of progress on the programme. The Council's first LDS was approved by the Secretary of State in March 2005 and the second in May 2007: the LDS 2009-2012 replaces it.
- 1.3 The Local Development Scheme is available for inspection at the Local Services Points at Abbey House in Abingdon and Grove Street in Wantage. Stakeholders and town and parish councils will be sent copies of the scheme. The document is also available to view and download on the Council's web site www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy/LDF.
- 1.4 This Local Development Scheme sets out the scope of and timetable for producing planning policy documents for the next 3 years, with indicative timetables for some documents looking forward five years. It opens with a brief over-view of the current planning policy documents including the Council's Local Plan to 2011 and moves on to those which will be prepared as part of the Local Development Framework.

2.0 Existing Planning Policy Documents

- 2.1 In the Vale of White Horse the development plan currently comprises
- the Regional Planning Guidance for the South East (RPG9 approved by the Secretary of State in 2001);
 - the adopted Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 and the adopted Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (both prepared by Oxfordshire County Council);
and
 - the adopted Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 (prepared by the District Council).
- 2.2 The District Council has also adopted supplementary planning guidance (SPG) and supplementary planning documents (SPD) which give more detail on how the policies and proposals in the adopted Local Plan will be implemented. These are set out in Appendices 1 and 3, and for completeness Appendix 2 gives details of the planning advisory notes prepared by the Council. Supplementary Planning Guidance and planning advice notes are not part of the development plan, but they will be taken into account when considering planning applications and may be useful when people prepare planning applications. Up to date copies of all the District Council's documents are available to view at its local service points and on its web site. Information on the County Council's planning documents are available on its website.

3.0 Emerging and Future Development Documents

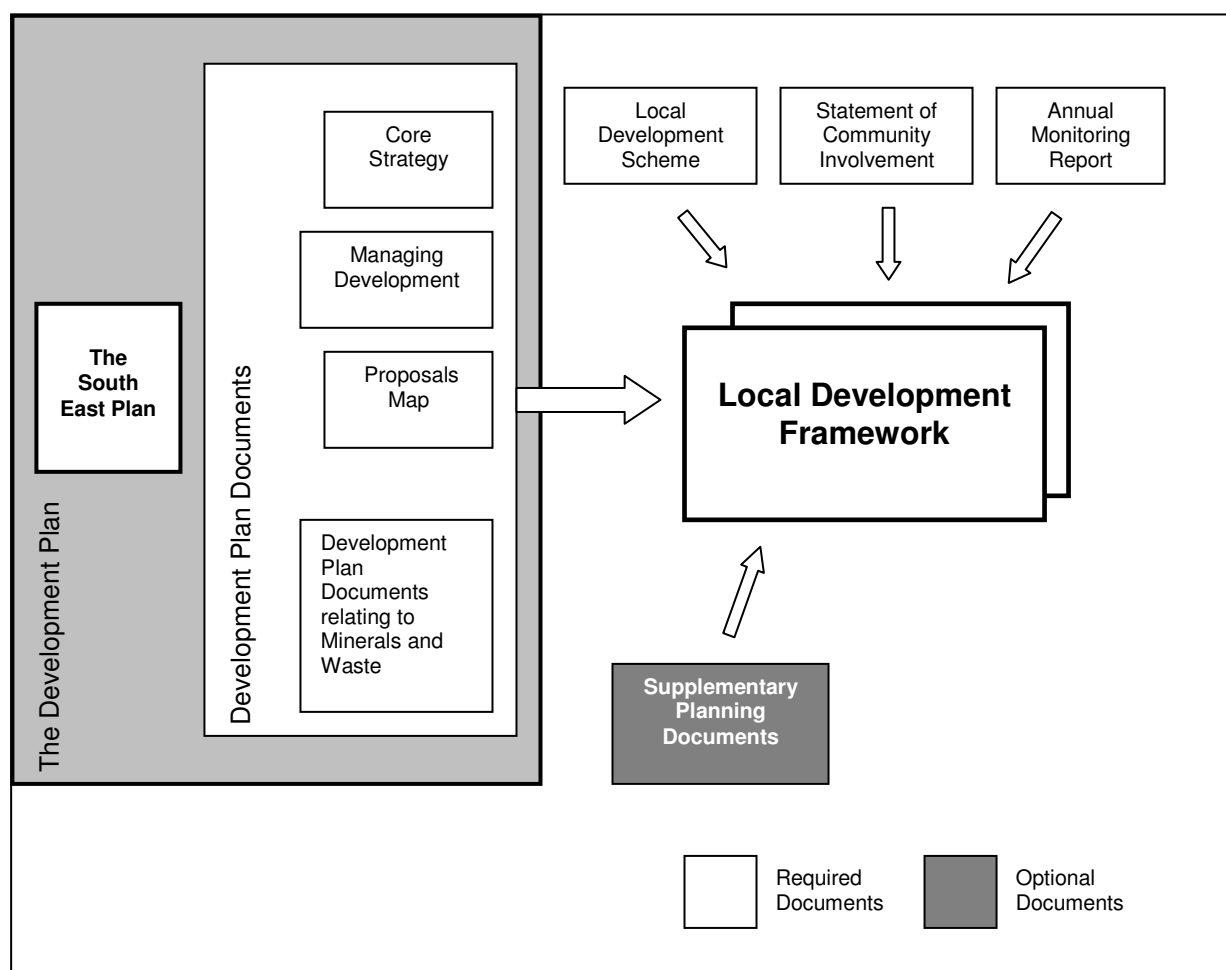
The South East Plan

- 3.1 The South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) has prepared a draft regional spatial strategy for the South East called the draft South East Plan which looks ahead to 2026. When approved by the Secretary of State it will replace both Regional Planning Guidance note 9 (RPG9) and the Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 and will be part of the development plan for the district. The Vale Council's local development documents must be prepared in general conformity with the South East Plan and planning applications should be determined in accordance with its policies.
- 3.2 The draft South East Plan contains policies for the region as a whole and for particular sub-regions including Central Oxfordshire. These sub-regional policies cover extensive parts of the Vale, including its part of the Oxford Green Belt, Abingdon, Grove, Wantage and the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus. The current timetable for approval of the South East Plan by the Secretary of State is 2009. Further information is available on SEERA's web site www.southeast-ra.gov.uk

The Local Development Framework

- 3.3 The local development framework (LDF) for the Vale will comprise a series of separate but related local development documents (LDDs). These are described briefly below and illustrated in Figure 1. With the exception of the regional spatial strategy and the documents relating to minerals and waste, all the other documents will be prepared by the District Council.
- 3.4 **The Local Development Scheme** (LDS) (i.e. this document) sets out the Council's programme for preparing the documents in its Local Development Framework over the years ahead. The local development scheme will be kept under regular review and may be revised taking into account the progress the Council has made with the LDF and the need for additional documents in the coming years.
- 3.5 **The Core Strategy** will set out the vision and objectives for the area to 2026, the spatial strategy to guide development and how it will be delivered – including the identification of strategic sites for development.
- 3.6 **The Managing Development document** will set out the detailed policies for determining planning applications and to identify the smaller sites for development.
- 3.7 **The Proposals Map** will illustrate on an Ordnance Survey base how the policies and proposals relate to specific areas of the District.
- 3.8 **Minerals and Waste.** The County Council will continue to prepare development plan documents for minerals and waste which will be relevant to the Vale (see the County Council's website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk for further information).

Figure 1 Key documents that will form the Local Development Framework in the Vale



- 3.9 **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)** provide more detailed guidance on the policies and proposals in the development plan documents. The District Council has adopted an SPD for open space, sport and recreation and is currently preparing SPDs for design and sustainable construction.
- 3.10 **A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** was adopted by the Council in December 2006. It sets out how the community can be involved in the preparation of the local development documents and in discussions on planning applications. Due to the recent changes in the way development plan documents are to be prepared the Council's SCI will be revised to reflect them.
- 3.11 **An Annual Monitoring Report** has to be submitted to the Secretary of State in December each year. This includes an assessment of whether the milestones for preparing LDF documents have been met, and whether the local development scheme needs to be updated. It also considers the effect of policies on national, regional and local policy targets, and whether policies and targets replacing because they are not working as intended or to reflect changes in national or regional policy. The report also contains a trajectory of forecast future housing supply compared with the housing requirement. An up to date copy of the Vale's Annual Monitoring Report is available on the Council's web site and at its local offices.
- 3.12 **Progress in preparing LDF documents.** Appendix 3 lists the LDF documents already prepared by the District Council and Appendix 4 sets out the documents that will be prepared together with their roles, chains of conformity and the main milestones to

adoption. Table 5 sets out a chart providing an overview of the timetable for preparing the new documents.

- 3.13 Appendices 6-10 contain profiles for the completion of the Core Strategy, Managing Development DPD and the Supplementary Planning Documents. The profiles set out an overview, timetable and arrangements for production of each document in accordance with advice from the Government Office for the South East. Appendix 11 sets out the policies in the Vale of White Horse Local Plan that are automatically saved until July 2009 and shows how these will be replaced in the Local Development Framework.

4.0 The Context

National, Regional and Strategic Planning Context

- 4.1 The Council will prepare its local development documents in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and it will take account of:

- other relevant Acts, regulations, planning policy statements and guidance from the UK Government,
- other relevant international legislation and directives, particularly those arising from the European Parliament,
- the Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016, RPG9 and the draft South East Plan. When approved the South East Plan will replace RPG9 and the Oxfordshire Structure Plan.

Other Council Strategies and External Strategies

- 4.2 When preparing its local development documents the Council will take account of the Community Strategies for Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse (which are prepared by the local strategic partnerships) to ensure that the land use requirements arising from the strategies are addressed. When the Community Strategies are updated they will be expected to address issues that arise from the development requirements contained in regional guidance and the local development framework. This will help ensure that partners have their plans in place to support the service and infrastructure requirements resulting from the development proposed.

- 4.3 The local development documents for the Vale will also take account of other strategies and policies including:

- those prepared by the Council, including economic development, arts development, culture, housing, social inclusion, sports development, leisure, car parking, flooding, contaminated land, air quality and crime prevention
- those which are prepared in partnership with other organisations such as the waste strategy, the integrated transport strategy for Abingdon, the Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Study and the Central Oxfordshire Transport Study
- those which are principally the responsibility of other organisations but which may have significant implications for the district, including the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan, the Oxfordshire Supporting People Strategy, the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan and the plans and programmes of the Health Authority, Environment Agency, Natural England, Thames Water and other utility companies, Ministry of Defence, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Economic Partnership, South East England Development Agency and South East England Regional Assembly.

- those of adjoining authorities which may impact on the district, including the local development documents of other councils.

The Evidence Base

- 4.4 It is important that the local development documents are underpinned by a sound evidence base to inform their policies and proposals. This also provides important baseline information for undertaking the Sustainability Appraisal. Local authorities are required to keep under review the following matters:
- i) the principal physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of their area;
 - ii) the principal purposes for which land is used in the area;
 - iii) the size, composition and distribution of the population of the area;
 - iv) the communication, transport system and traffic of the area (including accessibility by public transport); and
 - v) any other considerations which may be expected to affect those matters.
- 4.5 The evidence is currently in the form of the annual monitoring report, the Council's strategies outlined in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 above, technical studies from the inquiry into the Local Plan 2011 and the Oxfordshire Data Observatory. Information is also being collected for the LDF including the baseline information for the sustainability appraisal, an audit of leisure facilities in the Vale, a housing market assessment, assessments of the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling show people, an employment land review, a strategic housing land availability assessment, conservation area appraisals, a retail study, the availability of services and facilities in villages, an assessment of the potential direction for new development around the main settlements, the central southern Oxfordshire transport study, the central Oxfordshire transport study, the travel patterns of people living in new homes in the Vale, a strategic flood risk assessment and discussions with key stakeholders. An up to date copy of the evidence base will be available for inspection at the Council's local service point in Abingdon and on the Council's web site.

5.0 Project Management

Resources

- 5.1 The following in house resources will be made available for preparing the local development framework
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| • Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy) | 20% |
| • Development Policy Manager | 70% |
| • Section Head (Environmental Planning and Conservation) | 50% |
| • 2 x Principal Planning Officers (policy) | 80% |
| • Principal Planning Officer (environmental policy) | 70% |
| • Planning Assistant (research and information) | 70% |
| • Planning Assistant (environmental) | 50% |
| • Planning Technician | 40% |
| • Clerical Assistant | 30% |
- 5.2 There will also be some limited input from the Development Control Manager, the Section Head Transportation and other divisions covering legal services, environmental health, housing, leisure and community strategy.
- 5.3 Consultants have been engaged on specific projects where there is a lack of capacity or expertise in house. This includes such matters as advice on retail capacity, transport

infrastructure, housing market and needs assessments, the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling show people, leisure requirements, flood risk assessments landscape assessments and the use of external facilitators to assist with public consultation workshops. The costs of producing the LDF is assessed and factored into future budget bids as part of the Council's normal budget making process.

Programme Management and Responsibilities

- 5.4 The Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy) has overall responsibility for the overview of the programme and control of the budgets and the Development Policy Manager has responsibility for the day to day programming and resource management. Progress on the LDF is a standing item for the weekly meeting of the Planning and Community Strategy Management Team and there are detailed progress meetings every three to four weeks.

Council Procedures and Reporting Protocols

- 5.5 The current arrangements are that Council will approve the Statement of Community Involvement and all development plan documents at each of the main stages of the process. Recommendations will be made to Council by the Executive. The Executive will base its recommendations on advice from the Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group and the Development Control Committee. The Council will ensure its reporting arrangements do not delay the timetable set out in this document.
- 5.6 The Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group will approve each supplementary planning document for consultation. The final document will be approved by Council after considering the recommendations of the Executive and Development Control Committee. These arrangements may change if different procedures are introduced by the new shared management team responsible for the Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils.

Rationale for the Local Development Scheme and its Key Priorities

- 5.7 The Local Plan to 2011 (adopted in July 2006) has a clear strategy to concentrate development in the five main settlements in the Vale - Abingdon, Botley, Faringdon, Grove and Wantage - and on the western edge of Didcot. It identifies a range of housing sites to 2011 and beyond and contains a suite of flexible policies to enable development within existing towns and villages. Most notably a major development of 2,500 homes is planned west of Grove that will last to 2021. On the basis of the number of dwellings built since April 2001 and those with planning permission or on land identified in the Local Plan, it is estimated that the Structure Plan requirement to build 7,150 homes between 2001 and 2016 will be met. (This only includes 1,050 homes on the major site at Grove.) There is also a good supply of land for employment purposes in the Vale. For these reasons the Council considers it appropriate to focus on:
- the Core Strategy to 2026 to provide a sound basis for planning future land releases in accordance with the South East Plan when it is approved in 2009;
 - a design guide and sustainable construction SPDs for the district to ensure the delivery of high quality sustainable development;
 - a Managing Development DPD with publication of the draft submission draft timed to take place after the Inspector's report on the Core Strategy has been received.

Possible Future Documents

- 5.8 Other development plan and supplementary planning documents may need to be prepared in the future and will be introduced through the LDS. South Oxfordshire District Council is proposing an area action plan for Didcot, but it is not envisaged that this will be a joint area

action plan at this stage. Additional supplementary planning documents may be prepared in the context of the emerging policies in the LDF.

Risk Assessment

5.9 The main areas of risk in delivering the Local Development Scheme are set out below.

Risk	Procedures for Managing the Risk
Introduction of new Government policy and best practice	Major changes to national policy as an LDD is being prepared could result in the document not being consistent with Government policy and hence it could fail a test of soundness at the examination. Officers will maintain a close watching brief on emerging issues and consultation documents to help ensure the LDF is flexible and able to respond to changing advice.
Delay in the approval of the South East Plan	Would leave a policy vacuum within which the LDF is being prepared and could delay the LDF timetable. However progress is now being made with the publication of the Government's proposed modifications.
Significant changes to the Community Strategy	Could impact on the LDF as it should reflect the spatial objectives of the community strategy. The risk of two documents being prepared in isolation from each other has been reduced by locating responsibility for these documents in the same service area.
Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate	Could delay the timing of the hearings. To minimise potential delays the LDS has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate and precise dates will be discussed with them at least six months before the hearing sessions are currently programmed.
Failure to meet the tests of soundness at	Would mean the LDD could not be adopted and it is likely that work would have to start again. To Examination minimise the risk the Council will work closely with the Government Office, the Planning Advisory Service and the Planning Inspectorate. Officers will continue to share best practice with other authorities in Oxfordshire at regular meetings, will attend training courses and keep a close watching brief on the progress of other plans through the system.
Shared management of the Vale and South Oxfordshire District Council	The changes this may bring, including further potential restructurings could divert staff time from preparing the LDF, and new procedures could delay progress. The period of change will need to be carefully managed.
Loss of staff and vacancies	Could delay the timetable for producing the LDF. The regrading of some principal policy officer posts has helped staff retention and recruitment. However,

further staff turnover is inevitable. Consultants and students from Oxford Brookes could be used for some short term projects funded from planning delivery grant.

Capacity of key stakeholders and service providers Insufficient capacity within these organisations to provide the evidence base and consider implementation and delivery could delay the process. The Council is already engaged in discussions on these matters with key organisations and representations are being made to Government about the need for clarity on infrastructure that cannot be funded solely from development.

Insufficient financial resources Could delay the timetable or lead to insufficient evidence to support Council's case and hence to a failure to satisfy one of the tests of soundness at the examination. To minimise this risk annual contributions are made to a local development framework fund established as part of the Council's budget. Provision has been made to 31 March 2011. Planning delivery grant will be used to prepare a design guide for the district. The importance of the LDF in helping to deliver the objectives of the Council will be promoted within the Senior Management Team.

Substantial number of objections The timetable has been prepared taking into account the likely volume of responses to the various stages, based on experience with the local plan. If substantially more objections are received this could delay the timetable. If finances permit, additional staff could be employed.

Delays for elections There will be County Council elections in June 2009 and District Council elections in May 2012. The timetable has been prepared to avoid key stages of consultation during the run up to these elections.

Late reconsideration by the Council Could result in an LDD being withdrawn when a number of stages in its preparation have been completed. The risk will be reduced by the close involvement of elected members throughout the process.

Monitoring and Review

- 5.10 The Council will monitor the preparation of the Local Development Framework against the milestones set out in this scheme on a continuous basis so that any problems which may arise can be identified and assessed as early as possible. If necessary and where possible, remedial action will be taken so that the programme established here does not slip, or, if that is unavoidable, the LDS will be reviewed so that all are aware of the revised programme.
- 5.11 The Council is required to prepare an annual monitoring report by the 31st December each year to assess how effectively the policies and proposals are being implemented and

outline action that may need to be taken to address emerging problems. It will report on progress being made to implement the programme set out in the Local Development Scheme. Using the information contained in the monitoring report the Council will consider what changes, if any, need to be made to the Local Development Scheme for submission to the Secretary of State. However, if important new matters arise the Council may propose changes to the Local Development Scheme at other times.

Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted by the District Council in July 2006 to give more detailed guidance on policies and proposals in the Local Plan to 2011

Document	Scope	Links to saved policies in the Local Plan 2011
House Extensions Design Guide	Establishes the broad principles and policies which the Council will consider when determining applications for house extensions.	Links to policy DC1 and policy H24.
Parking Standards	Establishes the maximum standards for different types and sizes of development.	Links to policy DC5.
Planning and Public Art	Provides a framework for securing public art through the planning process	Links to policy DC4.
Flood Maps and Flood Risk	Shows land in the Vale potentially at risk from flooding from rivers, streams and other watercourses.	Links to policies DC13 and DC14.
Affordable Housing	Establishes in more detail how affordable housing will be provided through the planning system.	Links to policy H17.
Timbmet Site, Cumnor Hill, Chawley, Botley	Detailed guidance for a proposed housing site.	Links to policy H3 i).
Former Airfield, West of Grove – Development Principles and Guidelines	Detailed guidance for strategic housing site involving community services and facilities and businesses premises.	Links to policy H5.
Land between the A420 and Faringdon, North of Park Road, Faringdon	Detailed guidance for housing, employment and extension to Folly Park.	Links to policies H4 iv), E3 iii) and iv), and L13.
Cumnor Hill – Land to the West of Timbmet Timber Yard	Detailed guidance for an employment site.	Links to policy E2 i).
Kingston Business Park, Kingston Bagpuize	Detailed guidance for an employment site.	Links to policy E8 i), E11 and E13
White Horse Business Park, Stanford in the Vale	Detailed guidance for an employment site.	Links to policy E8 ii), E11 and E13
Curtis Industrial Estate and Hinksey Business Centre, Botley	Detailed guidance for employment sites.	Links to policies E10 and E13
Grove Technology Park	Detailed guidance for an employment site.	Links to policy E4, E10 and E13

Planning Advisory Notes issued by the District Council

The documents listed below were approved as SPG in 1999 to support the then adopted local plan. Although they have not been updated since, they contain useful guidance and background information for people when preparing planning applications.

Document	Scope	Links to saved policies in the Local Plan 2011
House Conversion to Flats	Design Guidance	Links to policy H14.
New Residential Areas	Design guidance	Links to policies H2-H12, H15-H18, H23 and DC1-DC10.
Shop Fronts and Advertisements	Design guide	Links to policies DC15-DC20.
Telecommunications Apparatus	Design guide	Links to policies CF6 and CF7.
Access for People with Impaired Mobility	Design guide for external access	Links to policy DC5.
Landscape Strategy	Analysis and Strategy. Relevant background to the policies to protect the landscape	Links to policies NE6-NE11.
North Vale Corallian Ridge	Study and review which justifies the designation of the area of North Vale Corallian Ridge in the adopted plan	Links to policy NE7.
Clay Pigeon Shoots	Advice on new clay pigeon shoots	Links to policy L19.

LDF DOCUMENTS ALREADY PREPARED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Document	Date	Comments
Statement of Community Involvement	Adopted December 2006	Being revised to take account of the new process for preparing DPDs set out in PPS12.
Local Development Scheme	Approved May 2007	Being revised to take account of the longer timescales needed to include strategic sites in Core Strategies.
Annual Monitoring Report	Published in December each year since 2005	
SPD for Open Space, Sport and Recreation	Adopted by the Council in July 2008	

DOCUMENTS TO BE PREPARED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Conformity	Consultation	Publish Submission Document	Submission to Secretary of State	Public Hearing	Adoption
Statement of Community Involvement	Non-Development Plan Document	Sets out standards and stages for community involvement on LDDs and major planning applications	Must be in conformity with the regulations	October 2008	January 2009	May 2009	June 2009	October 2009
Core Strategy	Development Plan Document	Sets out vision, objectives, spatial development strategy, key policies, major development sites and key diagram for the district. To replace some policies in the Local Plan 2011	Must be in conformity with the South East Plan. All other LDDs to be in conformity with the core strategy	Issues and options report Nov-Dec 2007 Preferred options report Jan-Feb 2009	January 2010	July 2010	November 2010	June 2011
Managing Development	Development Plan Document	Identifies development sites in the district and area designations; contains generic development control policies. To replace some policies in Local Plan 2011	With core strategy and the South East Plan	January-February 2010	June 2011	October 2011	February 2012	August 2012
Design Guide SPD	Non Development Plan Document	To ensure the delivery of high quality sustainable development	With saved policies in the Local Plan 2011	Consultation on the draft SPD May-June 2009			Adoption Nov 2009	
	Non Development Plan	To establish priorities for future	With saved policies in the Local Plan	Consultation on the draft SPD May-June 2009			Adoption Nov 2009	
Proposals	Development	Identifies the land to which	With the core					

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Conformity	Consultation	Publish Submission Document	Submission to Secretary of State	Public Hearing	Adoption
Map and Insets	Plan Document	policies and proposals apply on an Ordnance Survey base map	strategy and site allocations DPDs	Updated when development plan documents approved.				
Annual Monitoring Report	Non Development Plan Document	Assesses the implementation of the LDS and the extent to which policies and proposals. LDDS are being achieved		On an annual basis in December each year.				

Chart showing the timetable for preparing the LDF

Appendix 5

	2009				2010				2011				2012			
	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D	J-M	A-J	J-S	O-D
Statement of Community Involvement																
- Pre production																
- Publish submission draft	■															
- Hearing Sessions		■														
- Inspectors Report published			■													
- Adoption				■	■											
Core Strategy DPD																
- Pre production																
- Issues and options																
- Preferred options participation	■	■														
- Publish Submission draft					■											
- Submit to Secretary of State							■									
- Hearing sessions								■	■							
- Inspector's report published										■						
- Adoption											■	■				
Managing Development DPD																
- Pre production	▨	▨	▨	▨												
- Consultation and participation					■											
- Publish submission draft											■					
- Submit to Secretary of State												■				
- Hearing Sessions													■			
- Inspector's report published														■		
- Adoption															■	■
Design Guide SPD																
- Consultation on draft SPDs		■														
- Adoption					■											
Sustainable Construction SPD																
- Consultation on draft SPD		■														
- Adoption					■											

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J-M January-March

J-S July-September

A-J April-June

O-D October-December

PROFILE OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Overview

Role and subject	Council's service level agreement with stakeholders and the community, covering engagement in the planning process
Coverage	District-wide
Status	Non development plan local development document
Conformity	Must meet the minimum requirement in the regulations and have regard to the Council's corporate communications strategy

Key Milestones

Consultation	October 2008
Publish draft SCI	January 2009
Submission of draft SCI to Secretary of State	May 2009
Examination	June 2009
Adoption	October 2009

PROFILE OF THE CORE STRATEGY AND KEY DIAGRAM

Overview

Role and subject	Sets out the vision and spatial strategy for meeting development requirements to 2026, including number of dwellings required. Will identify major development sites and include a key diagram.
Coverage	District-wide
Status	Development plan document
Conformity	With the South East Plan

Key Milestones

Pre-production – evidence gathering (ongoing) Consultation on issues and options Participation on preferred options Publish submission document Submission to Secretary of State Pre-hearing meeting Hearing sessions Inspector's report fact check Inspector's report published Adoption	Estimated Dates January 2007 onwards November-December 2007 January-February 2009 January 2010 July 2010 September 2010 November 2010 March 2011 April 2011 June 2011
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Arrangements for Production

Organisation lead	Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy)
Political management	Council decision based on recommendations from the Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group, Development Control Committee and Executive.
Internal resources	Development Policy Team with input from the Development Control Manager, environmental health, housing, leisure and legal services, and the economic development and community strategy team.
External resources	Consultants to assist in providing evidence base e.g. shopping, employment land review, leisure, housing market assessments, strategic flood risk assessments.
Stakeholder resources	Local strategic partnership to provide key link to community planning. Representatives of stakeholder groups to attend meetings and focus groups. Particular input required from County Council (on transport, education and other infrastructure and service requirements) and other technical consultees (e.g. Environment Agency, Thames Water).
Community and stakeholder involvement	Two stages of public engagement before draft submission document published as set out above and in accordance with the SCI and regulations.

PROFILE OF THE MANAGING DEVELOPMENT DPD

Overview

Role and subject	Sets out other sites to be developed for housing, employment, retail and other development in the district to 2026, and generic development control policies.
Coverage	District-wide
Status	Development plan document
Conformity	Must be in conformity with the core strategy

Key Milestones

	Estimated Dates
Pre-production – evidence gathering	January - December 2009
Consultation and participation	January-February 2010
Publish submission document	June 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	October 2011
Pre-hearing meeting	December 2011
Hearing sessions	February 2012
Inspector's report fact check	May 2012
Inspector's report published	June 2012
Adoption	August 2012

Arrangements for Production

Organisation lead	Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy)
Political management	Council decision based on recommendations from the Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group, Development Control Committee and Executive.
Internal resources	Development Policy Team with input from the Development Control Manager, environmental health, housing, leisure and legal services, and the economic development and community strategy team.
External resources	Consultants to assist in providing evidence base e.g. for employment land review, shopping, leisure, housing market assessments, sustainability appraisal.
Stakeholder resources	Local strategic partnership to provide key link to community planning. Representatives of stakeholder groups to attend meetings and focus groups. Particular input required from County Council (on transport, education and other infrastructure and service requirements) and other technical consultees (eg Environment Agency, Thames Water).
Community and stakeholder involvement	One stage of public engagement before draft submission document published as set out above and in accordance with the SCI and regulations.

PROFILE OF THE DESIGN GUIDE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Overview

Role and subject	To promote high quality sustainable development that respects local distinctiveness and assist developers and householders when submitting planning applications.
Coverage	
Status	
Conformity	
	District-wide
	Non development plan document
	With saved policies in the Local Plan 2011

Key Milestones

	Estimated Dates
Consultation on the draft SPD Adoption	May-June 2009 November 2009

Arrangements for Production

Organisation lead	Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy)
Political management	Adoption by Council based on the recommendations from the Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group, Development Control Committee and Executive
Internal resources	Development Policy Team with input from the Development Control Manager, legal services and the Vale energy team
External resources	Consultants to prepare the draft design guide
Stakeholder resources	The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, CABE and Thames Valley Energy
Community and stakeholder involvement	Stakeholder consultation in the preparation of the draft strategy and a single public consultation on the draft strategy

PROFILE OF THE SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Overview

Role and subject	To promote sustainable construction and assist developers and householders when submitting planning applications.
Coverage	District-wide
Status	Non development plan document
Conformity	With saved policies in the Local Plan 2011

Key Milestones

	Estimated Dates
Consultation on the draft SPD Adoption	May-June 2009 November 2009

Arrangements for Production

Organisation lead	Deputy Director (Planning and Community Strategy)
Political management	Adoption by Council based on recommendations from the Strategic and Local Planning Advisory Group, Development Control Committee and Executive.
Internal resources	Development Policy Team with input from the Development Control Manager, the Vale Energy Team, legal services
External resources	Consultants to undertake the Leisure Audit and draft the Open Space Strategy
Stakeholder resources	Particular input from Sport England, Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association, Open spaces Society, ORCC, town and parish councils
Community and stakeholder involvement	Stakeholder consultation in the preparation of the draft strategy and a single public consultation on the draft strategy

The Saved Policies in the Vale of White Horse Local Plan

The table below sets out how the issues addressed by each policy in the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 is proposed to be dealt with in the Local Development Framework. It is indicative only and may change as work on the LDF progresses in response to emerging national and regional policies, monitoring and consultation with stakeholders and the local community. All policies and proposals in the Local Plan 2011 will be saved until July 2009. The Council will request that those policies which remain relevant are saved beyond July 2009 until the Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPDs are adopted.

The table highlights the documents in which the main issue in each policy in the Local Plan 2011 will be covered. It does not mean that the same or similar policies will appear in the LDF. Many of the policies will be merged to give a simpler, clearer and less repetitive approach to the control of development in the District. A policy in the Local Plan may not be replaced by a new policy but the issue, particularly where it deals with how the policy will be implemented, may be covered in the supporting text. As the LDF is able to go beyond the land use policies in the Local Plan, new policies may be introduced to integrate land use matters with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places in the Vale and how they function.

Key to the table below:

CS = Core Strategy DPD

MD = Managing Development DPD

PM = Highlights where changes may need to be made to the proposals map

(1) = To be replaced by generic policies in the development plan

(2) = Principally a procedural matter

Local Plan Policy	What it Covers	How the Issue will be Covered within the LDF
Local Plan Strategy		
GS1	Development in existing settlements	CS. settlement boundaries will be defined on the PM
GS2	Development in the Countryside	CS
GS3	Development in the Green Belt	CS. PM
GS4	Major developed sites	CS. PM
GS5	Efficient use of land	CS
GS6	Redevelopment outside settlements	MD
GS7	Re-use of vernacular buildings outside settlements	MD
GS8	Re-use of non-vernacular buildings outside settlements	MD
GS9	Re-use of buildings – conditions	Saved till July 2009 only
GS10	Minimising the need to travel	CS
General Policies for Development		
DC1	Design	CS
DC2	Energy resource and conservation	MD
DC3	Design against crime	MD
DC4	Public art	MD
DC5	Access	MD
DC6	Landscaping	MD
DC7	Waste collection and recycling	MD
DC8	Provision of infrastructure and services	CS
	Impact on neighbouring uses	

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DC9 DC10 DC11 DC12 DC13 DC14 DC15-18 DC19 DC20	Impact of neighbouring uses Agricultural land Water quality Flood risk Surface water run off Advertisements Shopfronts External lighting	MD MD Saved till July 2009 only MD MD MD MD SPD – Vale design guide MD
Transport		
TR1 TR2 TR3 TR4-TR5 TR6 TR7 TR8 TR9 TR10	Wantage relief road scheme Integrated transport strategies A34 Cyclists and pedestrians Car parking Grove station Transport interchanges Transport Assessments Roadside services	CS MD MD MD. PM MD. Delete Wantage Wharf MD. PM Saved until July 2009 only (1) Saved until July 2009 only (2) MD. PM
Historic Environment		
HE1-HE2 HE3-HE7 HE8 HE9-HE11	Overall approach Conservation areas Historic buildings Historic parks and gardens Archaeology	CS MD. PM MD MD. PM MD
Natural Environment		
NE1 NE2 NE3 NE4 NE5 NE6 NE7 NE8 NE9 NE10 NE11 NE12	Overall approach Ecological appraisals Sites of Nature Conservation importance Geological sites Other sites of nature conservation value Protection of species North Wessex Downs North Vale Corallian Ridge Landscape setting of Oxford Lowland Vale Urban fringes Area for landscape enhancement Great Western Community Forest	CS Saved until July 2009 only (2) MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM
Housing		
H1 H2 H3 H4 H5	Release of housing sites Housing sites in Abingdon Housing sites in Botley Housing sites in Faringdon Housing sites in Grove Housing sites in Wantage Housing sites in Didcot	Saved until July 2009 only MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM

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H6	Housing at Harwell	MD. PM
H7	Housing at Letcombe Regis	MD. PM
H8	Development in the five main settlements	MD. PM
H9		CS
H10	Development in the larger villages	
	Development in the smaller villages	CS
H11	Development elsewhere	CS
H12	Subdivision of dwellings	CS
	Housing densities	MD
H13	Size of dwellings	MD
H14	Affordable housing	CS
H15	Special housing needs	CS
H16	Accommodation for dependent relatives	SPD – Vale design guide
H17-H18		SPD - Vale design guide
H19	Temporary mobiles homes	
H20	Gypsies	Saved until July 2009 only
H21	Open space	CS. MD. PM
H22	Extensions to dwellings	MD
H23	Garden extensions	SPD – Vale design guide
H24		SPD – Vale design guide
H25		
Community Services and Facilities	Overall approach	
	Protection of existing services and facilities	CS
		MD
CF1	Provision of new community services	
	Cemetery provision	MD
CF2	Public houses	
	Masts and antennae	MD. PM
CF3-CF4	Satellite dishes	MD
CF5	Utilities	MD
CF6	Reservoir	SPD – Vale design guide
CF7	Renewable energy	MD
CF8		CS
CF9		CS
CF10		
Leisure	Retaining outdoor playing space	
	Urban open spaces and green corridors	CS
L1	Allotments	CS. PM
L2-L3	Regional and sub regional leisure facilities	CS
L4	Major leisure facilities	Saved until July 2009 only (1)
L5	Small scale local leisure facilities	
	Countryside recreation	CS
L6	Safeguarding and improving rights of way	CS
L7-L8		CS
L9	Safeguarding the Ridgeway	MD
L10	Safeguarding the Thames Path	
	Folly Park	MD. PM
L11	Wilts and Berks Canal	MD. PM
L12	Golf courses	MD. PM
L13	River Thames	MD. PM
L14-L15	Land south of Abingdon Marina	Saved until July 2009 only (1)

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L16 L17 L18 L19 L20	Noisy Sports Horses for recreational purposes	MD MD. PM Saved until July 2009 only (1) MD
Economy of the Vale E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8 E9-E12 E13 E14 E15 E16 E17 E18-E19 E20 E21 E22	Abingdon Botley Faringdon Wantage and Grove Milton Park West of Didcot Power Station Harwell Science and Innovation Campus Local rural sites Key business sites Ancillary uses on key business sites Retention of small scale premises Steventon storage facility New agricultural buildings Farm diversification Farmshops Training horses Loss of horse training facilities Working from home	MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD. PM CS. PM MD. PM CS. PM MD. PM CS. PM MD MD MD MD MD MD MD MD MD MD MD MD Saved until July 2009 (1)
Shopping & Town Centres S1 S2 S3 S4 S5 S6 S7 S8 S9 S10-S11 S12 S13 S14 S15	New retail provision Primary shopping frontages Secondary shopping frontages Town centres Faringdon Upper floors in town centres Bury Street Precinct Limborough Road Faringdon Market Place Town Centre approaches Local shopping centres Development of village shops Loss of village and local shops Garages and garage shops	CS. PM MD. PM MD. PM MD MD. PM MD Saved until July 2009 (1) Delete (now complete) Delete (now complete) MD. PM CS/MD. PM CS/MD MD Delete (now complete)
Tourism T1 T2 T3 T4	General policy Tourist facilities on existing sites Hotels and guest house extensions Caravans and camping	CS Saved until July 2009 (1) SPD – Vale design guide CS