

Wiltshire Local Plan Review Statement of Common Ground

As agreed between:

Wiltshire Council

and

Vale of White Horse District Council

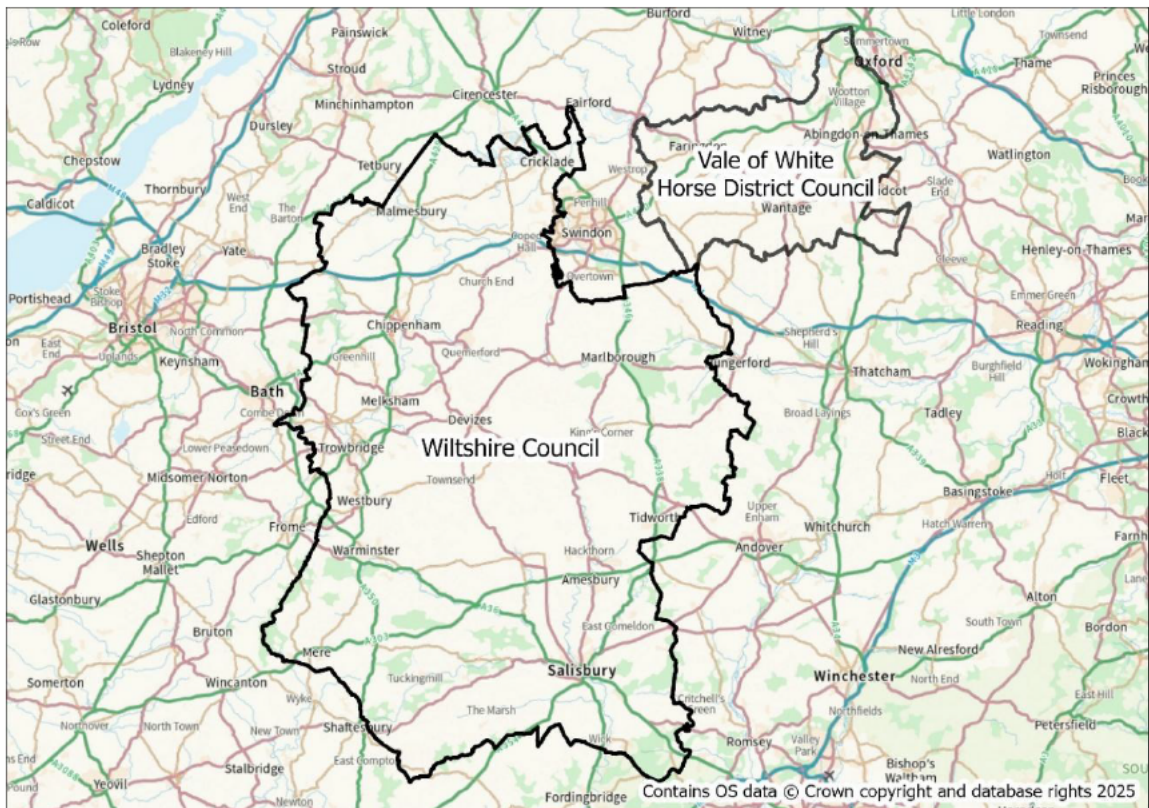
concerning

Wiltshire Local Plan Review

Date: 27th March 2025

1. Introduction and Context

- 1.1. Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council are Local Planning Authorities for their respective administrative areas and for sustainable development which has or would have a significant impact on both of their areas are obliged under the Duty to Cooperate to engage and, where necessary, work together to address relevant strategic matters of a cross-boundary nature in a proportionate and meaningful manner.
- 1.2. Liaison and dialogue continue on other planning and plan-making matters outside of the scope of the Wiltshire Local Plan review such as the Wiltshire Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document, and on the reviews of the Vale of White Horse 2031 Part 1 and 2.
- 1.3. The two authorities share a short boundary southeast of Swindon. Through plan making we engage on matters related to highways and infrastructure, Wiltshire Swindon and Oxfordshire Canal Partnership, Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal, and housing and employment distribution. The boundary between Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council is shown on the map below.



- 1.4. The development plan documents (not including minerals and waste documents) for Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council are:

Wiltshire Council	Vale of White Horse District Council
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Current Development Plan Documents (DPDs)	
Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) and saved policies	Vale of White Horse District Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (2019)
Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (2017)	Vale of White Horse District Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites (2019)
Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (2020)	
DPDs in preparation	
Wiltshire Local Plan review – Submitted November 2024	South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan – regulation 19 ended November 2024, submitted for examination 9 December 2024.
Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document – Regulation 19 (closed October 2024)	

- 1.5. Wiltshire Council is currently undertaking a review of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) and saved policies. The emerging Wiltshire Local Plan review will, once adopted replace the WCS and the saved policies from former District Council Local Plans (i.e. Appendix G of the WCS).
- 1.6. The Local Plan review sets out a vision and framework for delivering growth across Wiltshire for the period until 2038 addressing strategic priorities such as – meeting housing needs and other economic, social and environmental matters. The evidence to support the emerging Local Plan has assessed forecast levels of future housing need for new homes, employment land and infrastructure as well as reviewing extant development management policies.
- 1.7. The needs of Gypsies and Travellers are being addressed in a separate development plan document. Minerals and waste planning is also covered in separate planning documents.
- 1.8. Wiltshire Council notified the Vale of White Horse District Council of the intention to review the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy and consulted on the subject and scope of the review in 2017. Wiltshire Council then consulted on key components of the emerging Local Plan, along with accompanying evidence through a ‘Regulation 18’ consultation from 13th January to 9th March 2021. Wiltshire Council then published the draft Plan, along with accompanying evidence, for a formal ‘Regulation 19’ consultation from 27th September to 22nd November 2023. In response to the Regulation 19 consultation, representations were received from Vale of White Horse District Council (representation number 2292). The representation states:

“We note that there are no unmet need issues arising from your emerging Plan and no other shared strategic matters to resolve. We therefore have no formal

consultation responses to make, and we wish you well with your submission and examination.”

- 1.9 South and Vale have not received any representations from Wiltshire Council during formal engagements on the Joint Local Plan.

2. Governance Arrangements


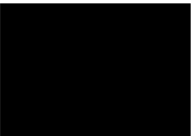
- 2.1. Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council have engaged through the consultation process and will continue to do so on matters considered to be relevant to plan-making.

3. Cross Boundary Strategic Matters

- 3.1. There are no outstanding identified cross boundary strategic matters identified between Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council that impact the Wiltshire Local Plan review and the Joint Local Plan for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. Both emerging plans in each respective areas are able to meet their own housing and employment needs.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1. Wiltshire Council and Vale of White Horse District Council welcome the opportunity to continue engagement under the duty to cooperate considering, where relevant, matters of strategic cross boundary interest. Both councils are committed to ongoing communication and collaboration to ensure effective plan-making that delivers positive outcomes for our respective residents and the wider region. This statement serves as a foundation for continued cooperation and will be reviewed, as necessary, as the draft Wiltshire Local Plan review progresses.


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