

Local Development Scheme



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What is the Local Development Scheme?

- 1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 2 The LDS sets out the timetable to produce the Development Plan Documents (DPDs), including key production and public consultation stages. It must be made available publicly and be kept up to date. This enables the community, businesses, developers, service and infrastructure providers and other interested organisations to know which DPDs are to be prepared for the area and when they are able to participate in their preparation¹.
- 3 This LDS updates the previous Local Development Scheme published in August 2024 by South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council. It is a joint LDS that covers South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils. It provides information about the Development Plans and other Planning Policy documents the Councils plan to prepare.
- 4 Authority Monitoring Reports produced by both Councils annually, monitor and review the implementation of the LDS.
- 5 Whilst not a formal requirement, for ease of reference the LDS also includes information about the main supporting and procedural documents that do or will accompany the Joint Local Plan.

Background to Local Planning Documents

- 6 The development plan for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse consists of a range of documents which guide development within the districts. The statutory Development Plan is the set of DPDs and Neighbourhood Development Plans that together form the statutory basis for determining planning applications for the Councils. Key elements of the **Development Plan** are:
 - **Local Plans** – Local Plans detail the planning strategies for development within the districts. This includes strategic and non-strategic policies to address the district's priorities for the development and use of land in its area, usually including the allocation of land for development, such as housing or employment and open spaces. These policies must be in general conformity with government guidance, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

¹ Joint Local Plan 2041 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** which is available here: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/statement-of-community-involvement/>

- **Minerals and Waste Local Plans** - in areas that have County and District Councils, the County Council has the responsibility for producing Minerals and Waste Local Plans - such as is the case for Oxfordshire.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)** are community-led plans for guiding future development and growth of a local area. Whilst they are not compulsory, once duly prepared and once they legally come into force, they become a statutory document that form part of the Development Plan. NDPs must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any Local Plan that covers their area. NDPs are prepared by qualifying bodies (parish or town councils in parished areas and neighbourhood forums in non-parished areas). They are prepared to a timescale that is set by the qualifying body, not the Councils, and therefore the timetable for their preparation is not contained within this LDS.

The Statutory Development Plan – South Oxfordshire

7 The current Development Plan for South Oxfordshire comprises:

Name of DPD	Date Adopted	Under Review
South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035	December 2020	Yes – A Regulation 10A review for Local Plan 2035 was completed in November 2025 ² , evaluating policies for their consistency with national policy, considering current evidence and any relevant changes in local circumstances. The review concluded that a revision to the Local Plan is necessary. Decisions on the scope, form and timetable for the preparation of any revisions were deferred to a later date, through an update to the Local Development Scheme. The Joint Local Plan with Vale of White Horse District Council will eventually supersede this Plan.
Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Core	September 2017	Yes – the new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan will eventually supersede this Plan. The timetable for the Plan is set by the County Council and can be

² <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/app/uploads/sites/2/2025/12/South-Oxfordshire-Cabinet-Report-SOLP-Review-V5-for-publishing.pdf>

Strategy ³		obtained from their website ⁴ .
Saved policies from the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan	July 1996	Yes – this will eventually be replaced by the new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
The Baldons Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2018	Yes – Plan review pre-submission stage concluded October 2024
Beckley and Stowood Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2024	No
Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made August 2018)	March 2023	No
Berinsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan	February 2025	No
Berrick Salome Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2019	No
Binfield Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2024	No
Brightwell cum Sotwell Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2017)	October 2023	No
Chalgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made December 2018)	November 2025	No

³ <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-policy/core-strategy>

⁴ <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-policy/plan-timetable>

Chinnor Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2017, First Review May 2021)	November 2023	No
Cholsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made April 2019)	October 2022	Yes
Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2024	No
Crowmarsh Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2021)	February 2025	No
Cuddesdon and Denton Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	No
Culham Neighbourhood Development Plan	June 2023	No
Dorchester on Thames Neighbourhood Development Plan	April 2018	No
East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made April 2019)	February 2024	No
Ewelme Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	No
Garsington Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2024	No
Goring Neighbourhood Development Plan	July 2019	Yes
Joint Henley and Harpsden Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made April 2016)	December 2022	Yes

Kidmore End Neighbourhood Development Plan	September 2022	Yes
Lewknor Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2023	No
Little Milton Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2018	No
Long Wittenham Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2017)	September 2022	No
Pyrton Neighbourhood Development Plan	April 2019	No
Shiplake Neighbourhood Development Plan	September 2022	No
Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2016)	March 2023	No
Sydenham Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	Yes – Plan review undergoing pre-submission consultation
Tetsworth Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	Yes – Plan review pre-submission concluded August 2025
Thame Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made July 2013)	February 2025	No
Tiddington with Albury Neighbourhood Development Plan	June 2023	Yes
Towersey Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2023	No
Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made May 2021)	February 2025	No
Warborough and Shillingford	February 2026	No

Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made October 2018)		
Watlington Neighbourhood Development Plan	August 2018	Yes – Plan review preparation stage
Wheatley Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made May 2021)	December 2023	No
Woodcote Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made May 2014)	October 2022	Yes

8 Additionally, a number of **Neighbourhood Development Plans** are currently being prepared in South Oxfordshire. The following parish or town councils are currently preparing their Neighbourhood Development Plans with their communities:

- Aston Rowant
- Didcot
- Eye and Dunsden**
- Great Haseley
- Horspath
- Sandford-on-Thames (preparation paused)
- South Stoke
- Stanton St John
- Stoke Row
- Whitchurch-on-Thames (preparation paused)

* Has undergone pre-submission consultation.

** Recently submitted for independent examination.

The Statutory Development Plan – Vale of White Horse

9 The current Development Plan for Vale of White Horse comprises:

Name of DPD	Date Adopted	Under Review
Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1	December 2016	Yes – A Regulation 10A review for Local Plan Part 1 (LPP1) was completed in December 2021 ⁵ , evaluating LPP1’s policies for their consistency with national policy, considering current evidence and any relevant changes in local circumstances. The review shows that five years on, LPP1 (together with LPP2) continues to provide a suitable framework for development in the Vale of White Horse that is in overall conformity with government policy. The Joint Local Plan with South Oxfordshire District Council will eventually supersede this Plan.
Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2	October 2019	Yes – A Regulation 10A review for Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) was completed in September 2024 ⁶ , evaluating LPP2’s policies for their consistency with national policy, considering current evidence and any relevant changes in local circumstances. The review has concluded that in light of the ongoing preparation of the JLP, no revisions to LPP2 are necessary. The Joint Local Plan with South Oxfordshire District Council will eventually supersede this Plan.
Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Core Strategy ⁷	September 2017	Yes – the new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan will eventually supersede this Plan. The timetable for the Plan is set by the County Council and can be obtained from their website ⁸ .

⁵ <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/12/Local-Plan-Part-1-Review-Dec-2021..pdf>

⁶ <https://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/documents/s61489/LPP2%20Cabinet%20Report%20Final.pdf#page=9>

⁷ <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-policy/core-strategy>

⁸ <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-policy/plan-timetable>

Saved policies from the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan	July 1996	Yes – this will eventually be replaced by the new Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
Appleton with Eaton Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2021	No
Ashbury Neighbourhood Development Plan	July 2019	Yes
Blewbury Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2016	No
Chilton Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2021	No
Cumnor Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	Yes – Plan review preparation stage
Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan	July 2015	No
East Challow Neighbourhood Development Plan	June 2023	No
East Hanney Neighbourhood	May 2024	No
Faringdon Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2016	No
Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Development Plan (First Made July 2015)	October 2020	No
Longworth Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2016	No
North Hinksey Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	No
Radley Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2018	No
Shrivenham Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2021	No
Steventon Neighbourhood	October 2024	No

Development Plan		
Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2024	No
Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Development Plan	July 2019	Yes
Wantage Neighbourhood Development Plan	May 2025	No
West Hanney Neighbourhood Development Plan	October 2021	No
Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Development Plan	December 2019	No

10 A number of **Neighbourhood Development Plans** are currently being prepared in Vale of White Horse. The following parish or town councils are currently preparing their Neighbourhood Development Plans with their communities:

- Abingdon*
- Ardington and Lockinge*
- East Hendred
- Fyfield and Tubney
- Harwell
- Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor*
- Marcham
- Shellingford*
- Stanford in the Vale
- Sunningwell
- Western Valley

** Has undergone pre-submission consultation.*

11 In addition to those listed above, the statutory Development Plan for both Councils will also include the following once adopted or made:

- Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan
- Any other “made” (adopted) Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Programme for the Local Plan Review

- 12 South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have commenced work on a Joint Local Plan and associated documents. The following table describes the content, coverage and timetable for the Joint Local Plan 2041, which is also illustrated in **Figure 1**. Further documents will be added to the LDS programme as the need for them becomes apparent and resources allow.

Joint Local Plan 2041
Role & Subject - This document will set out the overall development strategy and requirements for the period up to 2041. It will include strategic policies as well as local level policies and any allocations such as for housing and employment with any associated infrastructure requirements.
Coverage - District-wide (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Districts)
Conformity - With the National Planning Policy Framework
Replaces – SODC Local Plan 2035 and VOWH Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2) (unless any policies are carried forward)

Timetable - Key Stages	
Public Consultation on Issues and Scope (Regulation 18)	May/June 2022 (Complete)
Public Consultation on Preferred Options (Regulation 18)	January/ February 2024 (Complete)
Publication of Pre-Submission for representations to be made (Regulation 19)	October/ November 2024 (Complete)
Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22)	December 2024 (Complete)
Expected Hearings of Examination in Public (Regulation 24)*	June 2025 (Complete), July 2026 (Programmed), October/ November 2026 (Anticipated)
Inspectors' report (Regulation 25)*	March 2027
Adoption (Regulation 26)*	May 2027

Regulation references taken from The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Figure 1: Production timetable

	2026												2027					
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
Joint Local Plan 2041							E			E	E					R		A

Key	
Preparation, analysis and/or plan development	
Cabinet Member, Cabinet or Full Council review and decision	C
Public Consultation on Preferred Options (regulation 18)	P
Publication period prior to plan submission for examination (regulation 19)	P
Submit plan and supporting documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination	S
Examination in public hearings by independent Planning Inspectors*	E
Receipt of Inspectors' Report*	R
Formal adoption and publication of the Plan*	A

**Timings and requirements post submission to the Secretary of State will be determined by the appointed Inspectors. Subject to progression of the examination process, there may be subsequent changes to the published dates through to adoption.*

Related documents supporting the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035

- 13 The South Oxfordshire **Community Infrastructure Levy** (CIL) was adopted in 2016 and then updated in December 2022 to align with the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.
- 14 Current and planned **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** and Conservation Area Character Appraisals for South Oxfordshire District Council are set out below:

Name of SPD/SPG	Description of SPD	Date Adopted	Review Target Completion Date
Joint Design Guide SPD	The design guide is intended to assist landowners, developers, applicants, agents, designers and planners through all stages of the design and planning process to achieve high quality and sustainable development.	June 2022	No review planned
Developer Contributions SPD	Provides guidance for negotiating planning obligations. Planning obligations enable a development's impact to be mitigated and are intended to make a development acceptable when it would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.	January 2023	No review planned
Didcot Town Centre SPD	This document was adopted in May 2009 and provided planning guidance to aid the development of the Didcot Town Centre. It set out the Council's vision and strategic development principles for the expansion of the town centre. A new phase of Didcot Town Centre's Orchard Centre opened in 2018. New and updated policies for Didcot Garden Town are also included in the adopted South Oxfordshire Plan.	May 2009	No review planned
Affordable Housing SPG	Provides clear practical guidance on the delivery of affordable housing within the district.	September 2004	Affordable Housing Guidance Paper published in March 2023
Vauxhall Barracks Development	Informs the preparation and submission of Planning Applications	February 2004	No review planned

Name of SPD/SPG	Description of SPD	Date Adopted	Review Target Completion Date
Brief SPG	on land known as Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot.		
South Oxfordshire Landscape Assessment SPG	A District-wide landscape assessment that sets out individual Character Areas, describing in detail their landscape and settlement character together with appropriate guidelines for landscape enhancement, planning and development.	July 2003	Joint Landscape Character Assessment for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse published in September 2024 (examination library references NHL04-04.14) ⁹ provides an updated assessment setting out the districts' Landscape Character Areas.
Henley-on-Thames Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	September 2022	No review planned
Pyrton Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	December 2018	No review planned
Wallingford Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	April 2018	No review planned
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us	February 2006	No review planned

⁹ <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/joint-local-plan-2041-examination-library/>

Name of SPD/SPG	Description of SPD	Date Adopted	Review Target Completion Date
Conservation Area Character Appraisal	to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made		
Thame Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	February 2006	No review planned
West Hagbourne Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	February 2006	No review planned
Great Haseley Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2005	No review planned
Aston Tirrold/ Upthorpe Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2005	No review planned
Cuxham Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	September 2023	No review planned
Dorchester-on-Thames and Overy Conservation Area	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments	September 2023	No review planned

Name of SPD/SPG	Description of SPD	Date Adopted	Review Target Completion Date
Character Appraisal	and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made		
Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2026	No review planned
Preston Crowmarsh Conservation Area Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2026	No review planned
Watlington Conservation Area Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2026	No review planned
Whitchurch-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2026	No review planned

15 There is a list of emerging Conservation Area Character Appraisals programmed including:

- Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount
- Toot Baldon

Related documents supporting the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031

- 16 The Vale of White Horse **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** was adopted in 2017 and updated in November 2021 to align with the Vale Local Plan 2031.
- 17 Current and planned **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** and Conservation Area Character Appraisals for Vale of White Horse District Council are set out below:

Name of SPD	Description of SPD	Date Approved	Review Target Completion Date
Joint Design Guide SPD	The design guide is intended to assist landowners, developers, applicants, agents, designers and planners through all stages of the design and planning process to achieve high quality and sustainable development.	June 2022	No review planned
Dalton Barracks SPD	Sets out a strong vision for a new mixed-use development that is highly accessible, incorporating sustainable transport initiatives and being sensitive to Cothill Fen Special Area of Conservation through provision of parkland. Provides further detail on how development will need to consider the landscape, ecology, pollution, transport, historic environment, facilities capacity, phasing of development and how Garden Village Principles will be delivered to achieve the exemplar design.	April 2022	No review planned
Developer Contributions SPD	Provides guidance for negotiating planning obligations. Planning obligations enable a development's impact to be mitigated and are intended to make a development acceptable when it would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.	November 2021	No review planned
Botley Centre SPD	Provides clear guidance on how development could come forward in this Local Service Centre.	January 2016	No review planned – development under construction

Name of SPD	Description of SPD	Date Approved	Review Target Completion Date
Abbey Shopping Centre and Character Area SPD	Provides a guide to detailed applications and possible future development options for the area	December 2011	No review planned
Bourton Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2011	No review planned
Cumnor Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	January 2011	No review planned
Great Coxwell Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	September 2022	No review planned
Milton Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	December 2016	No review planned
Affordable Housing SPD	This would provide clear practical guidance on the delivery of affordable housing within the district.	N/A	Affordable Housing Guidance Paper published in March 2023 ¹⁰
Drayton Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and	September 2023	No review planned

¹⁰ <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/affordable-housing-guidance/>

Name of SPD	Description of SPD	Date Approved	Review Target Completion Date
	planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made		
Stanford in the Vale Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	September 2023	No review planned
Blewbury Conservation Area Character Appraisal	Conservation area character appraisals help residents and us to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made	June 2024	No review planned

- 18 There is a list of emerging Conservation Area Character Appraisals programmed including:
- Abingdon Albert Park
 - Faringdon
 - Harwell
 - Steventon
- 19 **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 the process for development. Development that conforms to an LDO would not require planning permission. LDOs in the districts are as follows:
- Didcot Garden Town was strategically designated with economic development as a core objective from the outset. The town benefits from strong connections to Science Vale, supporting ambitions to deliver up to 20,000 new jobs. This approach was embedded in the original masterplan and delivery principles, with LDOs used as a key mechanism to encourage growth. The advancement of LDOs forms part of the wider programme and now includes adopted LDOs at both Milton Park and the DTech sites. These support the delivery of Didcot Garden Town principles across the Garden Town and Area of Influence boundaries. Development at Harwell and Culham will similarly align with the wider development visions for the area.
 - Milton Park LDO - an LDO was adopted for Milton Park in December 2024 with an expiry date of December 2041, and a commitment to review development parameters, permitted uses and Design Guidance at least every five years.
 - Didcot Technology Park LDO – an LDO was adopted for Didcot Technology Park in December 2025 with a commitment to review development parameters, permitted uses and Design Guidance at least every five years.
 - Harwell Campus - Vale Local Plan 2031 Part 2 proposes that an LDO for Harwell Campus will be prepared to facilitate the effective and accelerated planning of proposals coming forward on the campus but this has not commenced.
 - Culham Campus – early stage discussions regarding a possible LDO to support the continued growth and development of Culham Campus have taken place between South Oxfordshire District Council and the site owners, UKAEA.

Statement of Community Involvement

- 20 A Joint **Statement of Community Involvement** (SCI) to cover both districts was adopted in December 2021, and a minor update published in November 2022.
- 21 The SCI is a code of practice that shows how and when the Councils will involve different groups, organisations and communities in the production of planning documents, including the Joint Local Plan 2041. It also sets out how the Councils will involve people when assessing and deciding on planning applications for development. It describes the Council's overall approach to community engagement and people's involvement in the planning process, as well as how people can become involved with planning applications.

Monitoring and Review

- 22 The Councils are required to monitor annually how effective their policies and proposals are. An Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) will be published by the Councils each year to inform LDS reviews and will be made public.
- 23 As part of the monitoring process, the Councils will assess:
- whether they are meeting, or are on target to meet, the milestones set out in the LDS and, if not, what the reasons are
 - what impact Local Development Documents are having on other national and locally set targets
 - whether any policies need to be reviewed, or replaced to meet sustainable development objectives
 - what action needs to be taken if policies need to be replaced.
- 24 As a result of the monitoring, the Councils will consider what changes, if any, need to be made. If changes are appropriate these will be brought forward through a review of the LDS.

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