

Matter 5: Action 10

Proposed Modification to Policy SP3 – The Strategy for Didcot Garden Town

Following discussion at the Matter 5 hearing session, the councils are proposing modifications to Policy SP3 – The Strategy for Didcot Garden Town, to explain the status of the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan.

The proposed modifications are the addition of an explanatory footnote and the re-lettering of subsequent footnotes. These are set out below:

[Proposed Modification – Addition of Footnote]

1) The Joint Local Plan identifies Didcot Garden Town as the gateway to and focus of sustainable development and regeneration for Science Vale. Proposals for development within the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan^a Area and the wider Area of Influence (as defined on the Policies Map^{ab}) must demonstrate how they positively contribute to the achievement of the Didcot Garden Town Principles below so that every change helps deliver the larger vision for Didcot Garden Town...

[...]

a The Didcot Garden Town Masterplan is incorporated within the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan 2017²⁶. Although non-statutory, both are endorsed, council-approved evidence documents underpinning the Didcot Garden Town Strategy. The Masterplan establishes the overarching vision and Garden Town principles for Didcot and operates as the conceptual and spatial framework to inform the policy approach.

[Proposed Modification – Reletter SP3 Footnotes]

Amend footnote lettering within the Policy text and at the end of Policy SP3 as follows:

a The Didcot Garden Town Masterplan is incorporated within the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan 2017²⁶. Although non-statutory, both are endorsed, council-approved evidence documents underpinning the Didcot Garden Town Strategy. The Masterplan establishes the overarching vision and Garden Town principles for Didcot and operates as the conceptual and spatial framework to inform the policy approach.

ab South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Joint Local Policies Map, available at: <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/policies-map>

bc South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2022) Joint Design Guide, available at: <https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/SAV/JDG.html#gsc.tab=0>

ed South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Joint Housing Needs Assessment (prepared by Opinion Research Services), available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence

de Sport England (2023) Active Design Guidance, available at: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>

ef Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project, available at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/archaeology/landscape-characterisation>

fg Oxfordshire County Council, Strategic Active Travel Network, available at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/activetravel-0>

gh South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Didcot Wayfinding Strategy (prepared by David Lock Associates), available at: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/sites/2/2024/07/Approved-Didcot-Wayfinding-Strategy-2024-reduced.pdf>

hi Oxfordshire County Council (2023) Didcot Central Corridor Placemaking Strategy (emerging), available at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-andtransport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-central-corridor>

ij South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Leisure Facilities Assessment and Strategy (prepared by Stuart Todd Associates) – note separate documents for each council, available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence

jk South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2022) Active Communities Strategy, available at: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/sports-andactivities/active-communities/active-communities-strategy/#:~:text=The%20Active%20Communities%20strategy%20was,Be%20Healthy%20and%20Be%20Happy.>