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Statement confirming the completion of Regulation 10A review of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2

1. Decision

1.1. Following Cabinet on 27 September 2024 the Vale of White Horse District Council has completed the Regulation 10A review of the Local Plan 2031 part 2. Cabinet decided on 27 September 2024:

- a) To approve for publication of the Regulation 10A review of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2.
- b) That the Council will not revise any Local plan Part 2 policies as the preparation of the Joint Local Plan will enable the council to adopt replacement policies quicker than a formal review of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2.
- c) To authorise the publishing of a formal statement confirming that Vale of White Horse District Council has completed the Regulation 10A review of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

2. Background

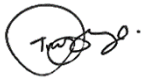
2.1 The Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2): Detailed Policies and Additional Sites was adopted on 9 October 2019. LPP2 complements Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (LPP1).

- 2.2 LPP2 sets out: policies and locations for new housing to meet the Vale's proportion of Oxford City's unmet housing need, which cannot be met within the City boundaries; policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District; detailed development management policies that complement the strategic policies as set out in Local Plan 2031 Part 1 (LPP1): Strategic Sites and Policies, and where appropriate, replace the remaining saved policies of the Local Plan 2011; and additional site allocations for housing.
- 2.3 Legislation introduced in 2018 requires that Local Plan reviews must be completed five years from the date of adoption – this ensures plans remain effective.
- 2.4 The Cabinet Report includes the review undertaken in accordance with Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2021 (as amended) and has concluded that in light of the ongoing preparation of the Joint Local Plan (JLP), no revisions to LPP2 are necessary.

3. Reason for Decision

- 3.1 The council completed a high level assessment of the LPP2 policies, comparing them against the emerging policies from the JLP, using the Regulation 18 Part 2 document (January 2024). The results from this assessment exercise are set out in the Cabinet Report and identify that there are policies that need updating.
- 3.2 Through this assessment the Council formed a judgement on the likely timescale for the preparation of revisions to LPP2. This allowed the Council to compare this timescale against the JLP timetable, based on the published Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 3.3 This revealed that there would likely be a material difference between the time taken to put the proposed policies of the JLP in place (December 2025) and the time it would take to put a revised LPP2 in place (Summer 2026). On this basis, revising LPP2 would not produce a suite of up-to-date development plan policies materially sooner than via the JLP process that is already underway and advanced. In fact, the reasonable estimate in the report establishes that revising LPP2 would do so later. Preparing revisions to LPP2 would therefore serve no practical purpose in terms of having effective policies in place but would involve a duplication of effort and resources.

3.4 The Council decided on 27 September 2024 that it will not revise LPP2 because it is going to be replaced by the JLP, which is at a more advanced stage. The JLP is not a revision to LPP1 and LPP2 but is to be a replacement for them, covering a more extensive geographical area, as well as a different plan period. The preparation of the JLP is proceeding as a joint plan under Section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The plan-preparation process should see the JLP in place as a replacement local plan by the end of 2025 (in accordance with the LDS).



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