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South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041

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Joint Local Plan

Schedule of proposed modifications update

November 2026

Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications – as at 13 November 2026

The schedule includes all proposed Main and Additional (Minor) Modifications to the Joint Local Plan prior to the Stage 3 hearings.

It is a consolidation of modifications from all sources, including modifications proposed at submission in December 2024 (examination library reference CSD01.1), the Councils' Response to the Inspectors' Questions in February 2025 (LPA02), the Councils' written statements for Stage 1,2,3 hearings (various in WS01, WS02, WS2A and WS03) and the Note on Modifications to the Plan Period covering the evidence base and consequential modifications to the Plan (LPA109). The original modifications proposed in CSD01.1 have been updated where necessary, to reflect the plan period and land supply updates. This document also contains at the end proposed modifications to the Policies Map and Sustainability Appraisal.

The modifications are set out to include:

- the location within the plan (whole document or chapter) and/or documents to which the modification relates
- the relevant policy or paragraph for the modification to help the reader identify the areas of the plan proposed for modification
- a description and depiction of the modification. New text is shown in **red bold** and text that would be deleted is shown in ~~red strikethrough~~). For example:
    - Existing text in the JLP that does not need to be changed, **proposed text to be added**, ~~text that is proposed to be deleted~~.
- the reason for the modification

The modifications are set out in plan order for ease of reference. After the Stage 3 hearings we will separate the modifications into Main and Additional (Minor) Modifications for the Main Modifications consultation and re-number them.

Any reference to paragraph or page numbers relate to the submission Joint Local Plan (Regulation 19 stage) which is examination library reference CSD01.

Typographical, grammatical and editorial changes made throughout

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Main	Title	South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan ~~2041~~ **2043**	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Main	Footnote of every page	Joint Local Plan ~~2041~~ **2043**	Consequential amendment to plan period
AM01	Minor	Whole plan	Update and add footnote references to correct links for the final locations for each evidence document.	Updates / corrections
	Minor	Whole plan	'North West Valley Park' to be referred to as 'Milton Fields' throughout the plan.	At landowner's request
	Minor	Whole plan	Update references to page / paragraph numbers throughout the plan, as necessary.	Page/ paragraph formatting will follow any agreed changes to the plan, post consultation the main modifications.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Minor	Paragraph 1.3	In the past the councils have produced separate local plans for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse. This time we have prepared a single Joint Local Plan for both council areas, which will cover the plan period to ~~2041~~ **2043**.	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Minor	Paragraph 1.7	Update the graphic to show the covers from the South and Vale Council Plans 2025-2029	Update
AM02	Minor	Paragraph 1.10 (infographic)	Update infographic – add date to infographic to read: Neighbourhood planning in the districts (December 2024):	Clarification at point of submission. Note this will need a further update to the date

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			And update the number of made plans to the correct number at December 2024 (55 across both districts; 35 in South Oxfordshire and 19 in Vale of White Horse).	and to show the latest numbers of neighbourhood plans in each district
AM03	Minor	Paragraph 1.14 (infographic)	Update infographic to align with the latest stage of the Joint Local Plan process.	Clarification at point of submission
	Minor	Paragraph 1.16	We carried out a Settlement Assessment to gain a better understanding of how well residents' everyday needs are met in the towns, villages and smaller settlements of South and Vale, and a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (or HELAA), which identifies a future supply of land which is suitable, available and achievable for housing and/or employment uses across our districts between now and ~~2041~~ **2043**.	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Minor	Paragraph 1.19	Add two new paragraphs summarising the Regulation 19 stage which took place as follows: **We published the Joint Local Plan 2041 for representations under Regulation 19 between 1 October and 12 November 2024, giving residents, businesses and other stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the plan before it was submitted for independent examination.** **We submitted the plan on 9 December 2024, marking the start of the examination stage.**	Update
AM04	Minor	Paragraph 1.29 to 1.36	Update wording to align with the latest stage of the Joint Local Plan process, delete the paragraphs which were about the consultation process and deadline relevant to the Regulation 19 stage.	Clarification at point of submission, plus update

Chapter 2: About the Districts

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There are currently no modifications proposed for Chapter 2

Chapter 3: Vision and objectives

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
MM01	Main	Paragraph 3.7, Objective 2	Obj2. Help transition to net zero carbon districts by ~~2030 for South Oxfordshire and~~ 2045 ~~for Vale of White Horse,~~	Factual update to reflect amended target for South Oxfordshire

Chapter 4: Climate change and improving environmental quality

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
AM05	Minor	Paragraph 4.7 (infographic)	Update infographic to reflect updated climate targets, as follows: 'Aim for carbon neutral districts by… ~~2030 South Oxfordshire~~ 2045 South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse'	Consequential change due to a main modification
MM02	Main	Policy CE2 – Net Zero	6 a) Energy offsetting is primarily to be delivered via developer contributions to a fund which would be ring-fenced for use only to deliver local projects ~~that~~	Amend policy to remove reference to carbon offsetting and delete text that

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		Carbon Building	~~save the same amount of carbon~~ or deliver the required shortfall in renewable energy~~,~~ ~~with a preference to invest in additional renewable energy generation to ensure net zero carbon buildings are delivered.~~	expresses a preference towards additional renewable energy generation. Reference to carbon offsetting contradicts the energy offsetting requirement stated earlier in the sentence (carbon offsetting is different to energy offsetting). Additional renewable energy generation is expected with energy offsetting and therefore unneeded.
AM06	Minor	Paragraph 4.16	South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse have both declared climate emergencies and are committed to tackling climate change and lowering greenhouse gas emissions through effective planning. Both councils have set targets to become carbon neutral districts~~, with South Oxfordshire currently aiming to reach this in 2030, and Vale of White Horse currently aiming for a 75% reduction in emissions by 2030 and to be carbon neutral~~ by 2045.	Consequential change due to a main modification
	Main	Policy CE6 – Flood risk	5) Planning permission will not be granted for development in the functional flood plain (Flood Zone 3b) except where it is for water-compatible uses or essential infrastructure (as defined in national planning policy and guidance) or where it is on brownfield land **where there is no intensification of use or increase in vulnerability classification** and includes a high standard of flood resistance and resilience measures designed to decrease risk compared with the existing situation. All of the following criteria must also be met...	To ensure alignment with national policy.
	Main	Policy CE7 – Water efficiency	2) All new homes must be designed to high water efficiency standards, with water use not exceeding 100 litres per person per day, or any future ~~tighter standard that may replace this.~~ **replacement national standard for residential water efficiency introduced through Building Regulations.**	Inspectors asked about clarity here in MIQs, KC agrees mod is reasonable.

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AM07	Minor	Footnote 16 (linked to paragraph 4.44)	Update para 4.44 to incorporate the latest position re the Thames Water 'Water Resource Management Plan' once Thames Water publish their update in October. Thames Water (~~2023~~October 2024) ~~Revised Draft~~ Water Resource Management Plan 2024, available at: ~~https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/news/documents/#collapse-5~~ https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/regulation/water-resources	Update now that the final WRMP has been published
	Main	Policy CE8 - Water quality, wastewater infrastructure and drainage	1) Development must protect and enhance water quality, including through: c) ~~maximising water efficiency~~ **being designed to be water efficient and to minimise water consumption in accordance with Policy CE7 (Water efficiency)**; and	To resolve potential inconsistency with Policy CE7.
	Main	Policy CE8 - Water quality, wastewater infrastructure and drainage	11) Major development must comply with the latest local standards and guidance for surface water drainage produced by the Lead Local Flood Authority (Oxfordshire County Council)[c] **and the latest national SuDS standards[d].** **[d]*Current national SuDS standards are available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-standards-for-sustainable-drainage-systems/national-standards-for-sustainable-drainage-systems-suds***	To ensure SuDS schemes are designed in accordance with the national SuDS standards published in June 2025, or any subsequent national standards.
	Main	Paragraph 4.49	The Water Cycle Study [18] updated to **support** ~~inform~~ the Joint Local Plan assesses wastewater infrastructure capacity and environmental impacts. **[18]South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Water Cycle Study Scoping Report and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2025) Water Cycle Study Detailed Report (prepared by Wallingford HydroSolutions), available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence**	The Water Cycle Study Detailed Report (examination library reference LPA46) was completed in November 2025.
	Minor	Paragraph 4.52	The councils regularly monitor air quality across the districts. There ~~are currently three~~ **is currently one** designated Air Quality Management Area~~s~~	To ensure the wording remains up to date following amendments to AQMAs.

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			(AQMA~~s~~) in ~~South Oxfordshire at Henley-on-Thames, Wallingford and Watlington. There are also currently three designated AQMAs in~~ Vale of White Horse at Botley~~., Abingdon-on-Thames and Marcham. In these areas~~ **In this area,** air pollution levels exceed national objective levels, primarily due to traffic congestion, historic settlement layouts (with narrow streets and street canyons) and limited alternative routes and modes of travel. The councils have adopted a joint Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) that sets out how air quality will be improved in the AQMA~~s~~. In recent years, most places in the districts have seen a consistent reduction in nitrogen dioxide, a key pollutant mainly linked to emissions from combustion engine vehicles. **This reduction has led to the revocation of five AQMAs across the districts. If Botley can maintain compliance for at least three consecutive years, it can be considered for revocation.** ~~This means that some of our AQMAs have improved enough that this status may be removed in due course.~~	
	Main	Policy CE11 - Light pollution and dark skies	4) Within National Landscapes (formerly AONBs), proposals for development should reflect the guidance set out in the North Wessex Downs Position Statement on Dark Skies and Artificial Light[b] and supporting guidance found in Dark Skies of North Wessex Downs AONB: A Guide to Good External Lighting[c], as well as **the Chilterns Lighting Planning Guidance[d]** ~~lighting guidance set out in the Chilterns AONB Management Plan~~ (or any future equivalent guidance of those listed). *[d]Chilterns Conservation Board* ***(2025) Chilterns Lighting Planning Guidance, available at: https://www.chilterns.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Chilterns-Lighting-Planning-Guidance-2025.pdf*** *~~(2019) Chilterns AONB Management Plan, available at: https://www.chilternsaonb.org/what-we-do/future-proofing-the-chilterns/management-plan/~~*	To reflect new guidance published alongside the Chilterns National Landscape Management Plan which was adopted 19 June 2025.
AM08	Minor	Policy CE11 – Light pollution	Addition of footnote at new 2 c): **[c]Lighting Design Guidance (2024), available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence**	Add footnote to guidance for ease of reference.

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		and dark skies		
	Main	Policy CE12 - Soils and contaminated land	1) Development should be directed to suitable brownfield land wherever possible. Where development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, areas of poorer quality land (Agricultural Land Classification grades 3b, 4 and 5) should be preferred to those of a higher quality (grades 1, 2 and 3a). Proposals for development **that are likely to result in the loss of 20 hectares or more of** ~~on~~ the best and most versatile agricultural land **and which are not allocated in the Joint Local Plan or a made Neighbourhood Plan** must include a soil handling plan and sustainable soil management strategy based on detailed soil surveys.	To align with the circumstances when Natural England is a statutory consultee for planning applications.
	Minor	Policy CE12 - Soils and contaminated land, footnote d	[d] Oxford~~shire~~ City Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council Contaminated Land Questionnaire, available at: https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/environmental-advice/contaminated-land/ and www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/07/2020-Contaminated-Land-Questionnaire.pdf.	Typographical error

Chapter 5: Spatial strategy and settlements

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
AM09	Minor	Policy SP1 – Spatial strategy	Amend policy for clarity, as follows: 9) We will support the delivery of viable and developable existing site allocations and commitments in the previous local plans and neighbourhood plans that haven't been completed yet. All housing and employment sites are	Clarification to ensure it is clear which documents are being referred to and correction of an error regarding policy reference.

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			listed within chapter 8 and Policy~~ies~~ HOU2 (Housing supply) and JT1 (Meeting employment needs).	
		Paragraph 5.9	Our plan covers the period from ~~2021~~ **2025** to ~~2041~~ **2043** and our strategy builds on the difficult decisions taken to allocate large sites for development in our previous local plans, including releasing some large areas of land from the Green Belt.	Consequential amendment to plan period
MM03	Main	Policy SP2 – Settlement hierarchy	Amend settlement hierarchy table as follows: Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074	Correction of an error
MM04	Main	Paragraph 5.16	Amend paragraph 5.16 as follows: 5.16 The Tier 1 and 2 settlements in Vale of White Horse retain their existing settlement boundaries[25] which are shown by the Policies Map. The Joint Local Plan does not propose to introduce additional settlement boundaries, although boundaries could be reviewed and updated in the future through neighbourhood plans. This strategic policy SP2 will supersede existing settlement boundaries and infill policies in made neighbourhood plans at settlements within Tier 4 or the countryside.	Clarification on the implications for made Neighbourhood Plans
	Main	(New) Paragraph 5.18	Addition of text at new paragraph 5.18: **The settlement hierarchy was established through a comprehensive settlement assessment undertaken to inform the Joint Local Plan. Further details on this assessment can be found in the Settlement Assessment and Hierarchy Topic Paper. This hierarchy therefore supersedes the settlement hierarchies set out in previous development plan documents. As a result, some settlements that were previously identified within a settlement hierarchy are now not included within the hierarchy set out in SP2. Where a settlement is not listed within Policy SP2, will be treated as 'the Countryside' for the purposes of this Plan.**	Addition of text that provides an explanation as to where settlements previously listed within a settlement hierarchy now sit if no longer listed in the Joint Local Plan hierarchy. Requested by Planning Inspectors at Stage 2 as explained in (examination library reference LPA90)
AM10	Minor	Figure 5.1	Amend the settlement name label on the Figure 5.1 map (see 'Proposed modifications for large tables, graphs and maps' below) as follows: Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074	Consequential change due to a main modification

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MM05	Main	Policies SP3 – SP8	Amend reference to heritage assets in Policies SP3 to SP8, as follows: conserve and enhance the significance of the town's heritage assets…	Consistency with national policy
AM11	Minor	Policy SP3 – The strategy for Didcot Garden Town	Amend footnote reference within criterion 2e) and corresponding footnote as follows: 2 e) …the Didcot Central Corridor study[h] ~~infrastructure schemes~~ and Didcot Placemaking Strategy[h i] Amend footnote reference within Policy SP3 as follows: [h] Oxfordshire County Council (2023-24) Didcot Central Corridor study ~~Placemaking Strategy~~ (emerging), available at: ~~https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-andtransport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-central-corridor~~ https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-central-corridor Insert additional footnote: [i] Atkins (2022) Didcot Placemaking Strategy, available at: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/23872/widgets/67753/documents/42285 Amend footnote letters to accommodate the insertions above.	Corrections to the names of the documents referenced
	Main	Policy SP3 – The Strategy for Didcot Garden Town	Addition of an explanatory footnote to explain the status of the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan and the re-lettering of subsequent footnotes (also reflecting proposed modification AM11 above) 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	Requested by Planning Inspectors at Stage 2 Hearings, explained in (examination library reference LPA91)

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			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 2017[26]. 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.*** ~~*a*~~***b*** *South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Joint Local Policies Map, available at: https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/policies-map* ~~*b*~~***c*** *South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2022) Joint Design Guide, available at: https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/SAV/JDG.html#gsc.tab=0* ~~*c*~~***d*** *South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Joint Housing Needs Assessment (prepared by Opinion Research Services), available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence* ~~*d*~~***e*** *Sport England (2023) Active Design Guidance, available at: https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design* ~~*e*~~***f*** *Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project, available at: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/archaeology/landscape-characterisation* ~~*f*~~***g*** *Oxfordshire County Council, Strategic Active Travel Network, available at: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/activetravel-0* ~~*g*~~***h*** *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*	

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			~~h~~**i** *Oxfordshire County Council (2023-24) Didcot Central Corridor Study (emerging), available at:-https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-central-corridor* ~~i~~**j** *Atkins (2022) Didcot Placemaking Strategy, available at: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/23872/widgets/67753/documents/42285* ~~j~~**k** *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* ~~j~~**k** *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* ~~k~~**l** *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 .*	
	Minor	Policy SP3 – The strategy for Didcot Garden Town	2) Within the Didcot Garden Town Masterplan area development proposals will be required to address the following: e) support active travel and multi-modal sustainable infrastructure that aligns with the ~~Didcot and Science Vale Travel Plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans**, as well as alignment with planned infrastructure schemes including the Didcot Garden Town Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP); the Science Vale Active Travel Network; the Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN) [f] ; the Didcot Garden Town Wayfinding Strategy[g] ; the Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) schemes; the Didcot Central Corridor infrastructure schemes and Placemaking Strategy[h] ; the Northern Perimeter Road Phase 3 (NPR3) scheme; the Milton Heights Active Travel Bridge and the North East Didcot to DTECH LDO Active Travel Bridge;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
	Minor	Policy SP4 – A	1) Neighbourhood development plans are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that:	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update

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		strategy for Abingdon-on-Thames	f) improve accessibility around Abingdon-on-Thames by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Abingdon-on-Thames;	
	Minor	Policy SP5 – A strategy for Faringdon	1) Neighbourhood development plan reviews are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: b) improve accessibility around Faringdon by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Faringdon;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
	Minor	Policy SP6 – A strategy for Henley-on-Thames	1) Neighbourhood development plan reviews are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: e) improve accessibility around Henley-on-Thames by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Henley;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
	Main	Policy SP7 – A Strategy for Thame	Removal of the requirement for Thame NDP to allocate homes as follows: 1) Neighbourhood development plan reviews are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: ~~a) deliver at least 143 homes (as of 1 April 2023) in accordance with the spatial strategy;~~ ~~**b**~~**a)** strengthen the visitor economy, evening economy and local retail offer including the markets within Thame Town Centre, supporting Thame as a hub and place for markets, outdoor eating and socialising as well as supporting appropriate opportunities to increase Town Centre living;	This criterion carried over the remaining requirement for the neighbourhood plan to allocate homes from the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 Policy H3: Housing in the Towns of Henley-on-Thames, Thame and Wallingford. As the Thame Neighbourhood Plan 2 (TNP2 - made in February 2025) has allocated more than 143 homes in Policy GDH1: Housing development and allocations, it has already fulfilled its requirement. The councils therefore propose that this requirement is removed from Policy SP7.
	Minor	Policy SP7 – A strategy for Thame	1) Neighbourhood development plan reviews are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: d) improve accessibility around Thame by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Thame;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update

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	Minor	Policy SP8 – A strategy for Wallingford	1) Neighbourhood development plan reviews are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: e) improve accessibility around Wallingford by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Wallingford;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
	Minor	Policy SP9 – A strategy for Wantage	1) Neighbourhood development plans are expected to, and the council will support development proposals that: b) improve accessibility around Wantage by: i) seeking alignment with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and have regard to ~~corridor travel plans~~ **Movement and Place Plans** relevant to Wantage;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update

Chapter 6: Housing

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
		Paragraph 6.2	Both councils have identified a need for more homes in our districts, with national and local policies recognising the importance of boosting the supply of housing. The housing requirement and housing supply are a critical part of the plan, which assesses the need for housing in our districts and identifies how this need will be met through specific development sites. Our previous local plans contained ambitious housing targets, and an oversupply of housing against those targets, with many large-scale housing sites planned to deliver beyond the end of last plan periods[28]. This plan does not therefore need to identify any new large scale housing sites to meet our needs, with those existing housing sites providing enough homes to address the needs to **2043** ~~2041~~ and beyond.	Consequential amendment to plan period

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	Main	Policy HOU1 – Housing requirement	1) During the plan period, provision will be made to meet the following requirements: a) South Oxfordshire housing requirement: **14,886** ~~16,530~~ homes between 1 April **2025** ~~2021~~ and 31 March **2043** ~~2041~~, with **an** ~~the~~ annual **housing** requirement **of 827 homes a year.** ~~as follows:~~ ~~i) 2021/22 to 2035/36 – 909 homes per annum~~ ~~ii) 2036/37 to 2040/41 – 579 homes per annum~~ b) Vale of White Horse housing requirement: **12,684** ~~14,490~~ between 1 April **2025** ~~2021~~ and 31 March **2043** ~~2041~~, with **an** ~~the~~ annual **housing** requirement **of 705 homes a year.** ~~as follows:~~ ~~i) 2021/22 to 2030/31 – 816 homes per annum~~ ~~ii) 2031/32 to 2040/41 – 633 homes per annum~~	Consequential amendment to plan period, and update to reflect change in local housing need through the housing requirement
		Paragraph 6.9	As of ~~October~~ **April** 202**5**~~4~~, the annual housing need set by the standard method is ~~579~~ **552** and ~~633~~ **603** homes per year for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse respectively. Over the course of the plan period (1 April **2025** ~~2021~~ to 31 March **2043** ~~2041~~), this results in a housing need of ~~11,580~~ **14,486** for South Oxfordshire, and ~~12,660~~ **12,684** for Vale of White Horse	Consequential amendment to plan period, and update to reflect change in local housing need through the housing requirement
		Paragraph 6.10	The PPG explains the exceptional circumstances where it may be appropriate to plan for a housing need that is higher than the standard method[32]. The councils recognise that where there is an agreement to meet unmet needs from another area, the amount of any agreed uplift should be added to the local housing need (as derived from the standard method) when establishing the housing requirement. This uplift does not involve a departure from the use of the standard method or amount to exceptional circumstances for using an alternative method to identify needs, but is simply an addition to the need figure derived from the standard method in setting our housing requirement. Our previous local plans agreed to accommodate unmet housing need from Oxford City Council's Local Plan 2036. This plan continues to make provision for this, with an additional 4,950 homes for South Oxfordshire, and 1,830 homes for Vale of White Horse. This makes the total housing need	Consequential amendment to the housing requirement

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<tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>14,866 ~~16,530~~ for South Oxfordshire, and 12,864 ~~14,490~~ for Vale of White Horse.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>AM12</td><td>Minor</td><td>Paragraph 6.11</td><td>Correct typo as follows:
6.11 There are no reasons why the housing requirement should be higher o~~f~~r lower than this housing need</td><td>Typographical correction</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>Paragraph 6.11</td><td>There are no reasons why the housing requirement should be higher or lower than this housing need, and so the housing requirement for each council is equivalent to the housing need. ~~However, the housing requirement is stepped to address the unmet housing need from Oxford within the period we had agreed in our previous local plans: South Oxfordshire: 4,950 homes between 2021 and 2035, and Vale of White Horse: 2,200 homes between 2019 and 2031.~~</td><td>Proposed modification to Policy HOU1 no longer includes a stepped trajectory.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>Policy HOU2 – Sources of housing supply</td><td>Please see extract of Policy HOU2 in ‘Proposed Modifications to the Plan presented separately due to size of graphic’ below</td><td>Consequential amendment to plan period and to reflect the most up to date position on housing supply in the districts. Please note, this mod would entirely supersede the proposed modification MM06 to Policy HOU2 as set out in examination library reference CSD01.1. Those related to a plan period of 2021 to 2041 and contained a supply assessment of 1 April 2024. The previous modifications are therefore removed from this table</td></tr>
<tr><td>MM07</td><td>Main</td><td>Policy HOU2 – Sources of housing supply</td><td>Removal of site HOU2f North-East of East Hanney in HOU2 3(f), as follows:
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<tr><th colspan="3">Sites carried forward from the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2):</th></tr>
<tr><th colspan="2">Site name</th><th>Total homes allocated by existing policy</th></tr>
<tr><td>~~f~~</td><td>~~North-East of East Hanney~~</td><td>~~50~~</td></tr>
</table></td><td>Factual correction as the site has now completed and does not need to be carried forward</td></tr>
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<tr><td>g</td><td>South-West of Faringdon</td><td>200</td></tr>
<tr><td>h</td><td>Milton Heights</td><td>400</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>etc</td><td></td></tr>
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Update Appendix 5 – Carried forward allocations from previous local plans to remove HOU2f North-East of East Hanney accordingly.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy HOU2 - Sources of housing supply</td><td>Amend point 3 as follows:
3) The following sites with planning permission, allocated in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 or the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2) are carried forward and continue to form part of the housing supply. Their expected housing contribution is reflected in the sites with planning permission above (from 2021~~5~~ to 204~~1~~3). This local plan presents the ~~existing~~ policies for these sites in Appendix 5. Any further planning applications for these carried forward sites should demonstrate compliance with the policies in Appendix 5, where relevant.</td><td>To clarify how the policy applies to carried forward site allocations. Part of this modification was contained in proposed modification AM13 of examination library reference CSD01.1. That previous modification only contained the deletion of the word “existing” as set out here. We have removed modification AM13 from this list to avoid confusion.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy HOU2 – Sources of housing supply</td><td>Remove HOU2w, Land North of East Hanney from the housing supply in Policy HOU2 as follows:

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…
v North-West of Abingdon-on-Thames 200
~~w North of East Hanney 80~~
x Land east of Sutton Courtenay 220</td><td>See pages 151 to 152 of our response to the Inspectors’ Key Issues (examination library reference: LPA48). The councils included this site in Policy HOU2 as Vale of White Horse Planning Committee had resolved to grant planning permission, subject to a S106 agreement being signed, on 11 May 2022. However, Vale of White Horse District Council is now treating this application as withdrawn as the housebuilder has confirmed they are unable to make further progress on the legal agreement. This site would no longer conform with the spatial strategy in Policy SP1.</td></tr>
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		Paragraph 6.12	Policy HOU2 (Sources of housing supply) identifies the sources of housing supply for each district to address the need from Policy HOU1 (Housing requirement). The graphs in Appendix 4 show how this combination of housing sites will deliver homes between 1 April **2025** ~~2021~~ and 31 March **2043** ~~2041~~ across each district. The councils publish 5 year land supply statements on an annual basis that provide a detailed breakdown of the expected delivery rates of every known housing site in the districts. These statements also assess the barriers to housing delivery on those sites, and detail what steps the councils, and other partners, are taking to address them.	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Minor	Paragraph 6.14	The Joint Local Plan also makes allocations in chapter 8, many of these are carried forward from our previous local plans as well, but do not yet have planning permission. Some of these sites will deliver homes beyond ~~2041 (~~the end of the plan period~~)~~, and so those homes are not counted in the table above.	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Minor	Paragraph 6.17	Overall, the number of homes the councils expect to come forward in the plan period exceeds the housing requirements in Policy HOU1 (Housing requirement). This will ensure there is a sufficient supply of homes to meet our needs to **2043** ~~2041~~, as well as ensuring choice and competition in the housing market.	Consequential amendment to plan period
	Main	Policy HOU4 - Housing mix and size	~~All~~ **Major residential development** proposals for C3 homes must provide a mix of sizes of new homes for each tenure type as set out in the tables below. **Minor residential development proposals should have regard to the housing mix set out in these tables, where relevant.**	To provide clarity on how policy should be applied
	Minor	Paragraph 6.29	The Joint Housing Needs Assessment (JHNA)[36] forecasts the population make up ~~across the plan period~~, which includes the size of the households that make up the population. The assessment then translates this into a bedroom mix for new homes. We undertook the additional step of assessing how our existing housing stock changes over time (for example, through homeowners extending or subdividing properties). Across both districts, this showed a	Consequential amendment to plan period

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			significant reduction in the number of 3 bedroom homes. We then used this evidence to calibrate the proposed housing mix that was based on the new population alone.	
	Main	Policy HOU10 – Meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling Showpeople	1) The plan provides for the identified need[a] for traveller pitches and travelling showpeople's plots during the plan period ~~to 2041~~ through a combination of the following:	Consequential amendment to plan period
MM08	Main	Paragraph 6.59	Insert new paragraph 6.60 after 6.59 (and renumber following paras accordingly), as follows: 6.60 The latest Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showperson Accommodation Assessment* is a joint 2024 study conducted with West Oxfordshire, Cherwell and Oxford City Council. This shows a need in South Oxfordshire of between 48 and 68 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and up to 4 plots for Travelling Showpeople over the plan period. It shows a need in Vale of White Horse of between 24 and 40 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and no plots for Travelling Showpeople over the plan period. Add footnote as follows: * Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment, available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence	Update to incorporate results of the study now available
MM09	Main	Paragraph 6.60	Add wording at the end of paragraph 6.60, as follows: Taken together with a supply from household dissolution and re-lets of pitches on council-run sites, these provisions meet the identified needs in full within the plan period.	Update to incorporate results of the study now available

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	Minor	Footnote 40	[40] Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Ministry of Housing and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2024~~3~~) Planning policy for traveller sites, available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-policy-for-traveller-sites	Update reference to reflect update to the PPTS 2024
	Minor	Paragraph 6.63	Permission for pitches or plots granted under this policy will be conditioned to ensure they are occupied by households meeting the planning definition for either gypsies and travellers or travelling showpeople, as set out in the PPTS (or replacement document). ~~In some instances, the councils may also grant planning permission for additional pitches at authorised sites that will not be lived in by travellers who meet the planning definition. This will only be appropriate where this would allow travellers to remain on the site and continue to live near their family~~.	To reflect changes to the planning definition of a traveller in the PPTS 2024

Chapter 7: Jobs and tourism

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AM14	Minor	Paragraph 7.2	Amend typographical error in para 7.2 as follows: Culham Campus (~~formally~~ formerly known as Culham Science Centre)	Typographical correction
	Main	Policy JT1 – Meeting employment needs	1) During the plan period, provision will be made to meet the following employment requirements: a) South Oxfordshire requirement: ~~25.8~~ **25.6** hectares of employment land. b) Vale of White Horse requirement: ~~113.2~~ **110.5** hectares employment land.	Consequential amendment to plan period
MM10	Main	Policy JT1 – Meeting	Amend net amount of remaining employment supply in table JT1.4: South Oxfordshire carried forward sites as follows:	Correction to reflect the capacity available on the site as part of the site

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Table JT1.4: South Oxfordshire carried forward sites
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<tr><th>Policy reference</th><th>Site name</th><th>Net amount of remaining employment supply (hectares)</th></tr>
<tr><td>JT1d</td><td>Hithercroft Industrial Estate, Wallingford</td><td>~~1.09~~ 0.57</td></tr>
<tr><td>JT1e</td><td>Monument Business Park, Chalgrove</td><td>2.25</td></tr>
<tr><td>JT1a</td><td>Southmead Industrial Estate</td><td>2.7</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>~~6.04~~ 5.52</td></tr>
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Amend table JT1.1 as follows:
Table JT1.1: Sources of supply
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<tr><th>Source</th><th>South Oxfordshire</th><th>Vale of White Horse</th></tr>
<tr><td>Allocations in the Joint Local Plan (hectares)</td><td>17.3</td><td>100.4</td></tr>
<tr><td>Carried forward existing allocations (hectares)</td><td>~~6.04~~ 5.52</td><td>49.1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Sites with planning permission (pipeline) (hectares)</td><td>11</td><td>63</td></tr>
<tr><td>Local Development Orders and remaining Enterprise Zones (hectares)</td><td>0</td><td>52.18</td></tr>
<tr><td>Allocations in neighbourhood plans (hectares)</td><td>1</td><td>13.2</td></tr>
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<tr><td>AM15</td><td>Minor</td><td>Policy JT1 – Meeting employment needs</td><td>Amend typographical error in table JT1.2 as follows:
Culham Campus (~~formally~~ formerly known as Culham Science Centre)</td><td>Typographical correction</td></tr>
<tr><td>MM11</td><td>Main</td><td>Policy JT1 – Meeting employment needs</td><td>Amend table JT1.5 to link to Appendix 5, as follows:
Table JT1.5: Vale of White Horse carried forward sites<table><tr><th>Policy reference</th><th>Site name</th><th>Net amount of remaining employment supply (hectares)</th></tr><tr><td>JT1f</td><td>Abingdon Science Park</td><td>0.7</td></tr><tr><td>JT1g</td><td>Didcot A (the policy for this site is in Appendix 5)</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>JT1i</td><td>Former Esso Research Centre</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>JT1b</td><td>Grove Technology Park</td><td>5.4</td></tr><tr><td>JT1k</td><td>South of Park Road, Faringdon</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>49.1</td></tr></table></td><td>Clarification to reference policy included in the plan and ensure consistency with the supporting text</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy JT1 - Meeting employment needs, Table JT1.6</td><td><table><tr><th>Policy reference</th><th>Site name</th><th>Net amount of remaining employment supply(hectares)</th></tr></table></td><td>Update reference to reflect the correct site.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>JT1c</td><td>Land next to Milton Interchange (Enterprise Zone 2)</td><td>8.2</td></tr>
<tr><td>JT1h</td><td>Didcot Quarter (Enterprise Zone 2)[b]</td><td>15.22</td></tr>
<tr><td>JT1l</td><td>Didcot Technology Park[b]</td><td>23.4</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy JT1 - Meeting employment needs</td><td>The following sites are ‘carried forward’ and continue to form part of the supply. Any further planning applications for these carried forward sites should demonstrate compliance with the policies in Appendix 5, where relevant:</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>AM16</td><td>Minor</td><td>Policy JT1 – Meeting employment needs</td><td>Amend JT1 policy text footnote b as follows:
b The Local Development Order for Didcot Technology Park ~~has not been adopted yet. It will be reviewed at Full Council on 23 October 2024~~ was adopted by Full Council on 23 October 2024.</td><td>Factual correction</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy JT1 - Meeting employment needs, Footnote b</td><td>Amend footnote text as follows, with a changing to the date within the proposed original modification (AM16 in examination library reference CSD01.1)::
[b] The Local Development Order for Didcot Technology Park was adopted ~~has not been adopted yet. It will be reviewed~~ at Full Council on 18 December 2025 ~~23 October 2024~~.</td><td>The Vale of White Horse Council resolved to adopt the LDO at its meeting in October 2024, subject to the signing of a S106 agreement. The Council re-considered the LDO following the completion of the legal agreement, and formally adopted the LDO on 18 December 2025.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Paragraph 7.10</td><td>The Employment Land Needs Assessment[41] (January 2024) defines employment land as office and industrial land and businesses falling under Use Classes E(g)i-iii, B2 and B8. It sets out a requirement for ~~25.8~~ 25.6 hectares of</td><td>Consequential amendment to plan period</td></tr>
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			employment land in South Oxfordshire and ~~113.2~~ **110.5** hectares in Vale of White Horse	

Chapter 8: Site allocations and Garden Villages

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Main	Paragraph 8.2	Several allocations, given their size and expected start dates, will continue to be built beyond the end of the plan period~~, 2041~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period.
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	a) that the applicants have prepared a comprehensive masterplan taking into consideration the indicative concept plan (Figure 8.1), **the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy,** and the councils' Joint Design Guide.	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	b) how the proposed development is designed to facilitate the regeneration of Berinsfield, including how it interacts and connects with the wider, existing village in accordance with the strategy for Policy AS13 (Berinsfield Garden Village) **and having regard to the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**;	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	d) how the necessary regeneration package has been identified and will be delivered, referring to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan **and the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**, which is likely to include the refurbishment and expansion of the Abbey Sports Centre and library to accommodate new community facilities in a "community hub". This may include new premises for an expanded health centre or alternatively premises for a new health centre provided within the new development;	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)

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	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	f) a total affordable housing provision in accordance with Policy HOU3 (Affordable housing) **and having regard to the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**, with a site specific mix of affordable tenures informed by robust local evidence that seeks to address existing local need, as well as rebalance the mix of housing tenures across the Garden Village;	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	h) sufficient additional education capacity, to be agreed with the Local Education Authority **and having regard to the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**. This is likely to be the provision of one on site primary school and contributions to the enhancement of Abbey Woods Academy, as well as contributions to appropriate off site secondary school and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision;	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	j) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan~~,~~ **and the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**, including delivery of a community hall, football playing pitches and sports hall;	Original text not justified given that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is not part of the development Plan and to include reference to the Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	k) how all necessary transport infrastructure based on up-to-date evidence on the impact of the development will be delivered. This should reference the latest Infrastructure Delivery Plan **and the Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy**, but not be limited to~~this~~ **these** document**s**.	Include reference to Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1)
	Main	Policy AS1 - Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	n) that there is no built development within Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change),** other than essential **infrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy)** -and green infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**;	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).

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	Main	Paragraph 8.8	The village of Berinsfield, along with the area relating to the strategic allocation to the east of the village are inset from the Green Belt. This allocation has capacity for 1,700 homes of which around ~~1,275~~ **1,425** are currently expected to be delivered within **the** plan period ~~up until~~ ~~2041~~.	To update the plan period and housing delivery figure for the allocation.
	Main	Paragraph 8.13	8.13 South Oxfordshire has undertaken a number of studies which indicate that Berinsfield requires investment and regeneration. The council will continue **to** work **with residents, the site promoter and relevant partners** to support Berinsfield and assist in exploring detailed solutions for the regeneration of Berinsfield in accordance with Policy AS1 (Land at Berinsfield Garden Village) and Policy AS13 (Berinsfield Garden Village). ~~This will identify the form that development should take in order to deliver the regeneration package identified.~~ **This work will inform the form that development should take and the regeneration package to be delivered. The Berinsfield Garden Village Regeneration Strategy provides greater definition of the regeneration package referenced in Policy AS1 by identifying regeneration priorities and opportunities across a number of thematic areas. Drawing on local evidence and community and stakeholder engagement, it explains the justification for those priorities and sets out the council's corporate position to inform the preparation and assessment of development proposals. It also identifies wider regeneration opportunities across the parish that may be progressed through other development, partnership projects and external funding. The Strategy does not introduce additional planning policy requirements or predetermine the specific package to be secured through the planning application process.**	Broaden range of stakeholders and to set out scope of Berinsfield Regeneration Strategy as set out in the Council's Matter 7 Statement October 2026 (examination library reference 3WS7-1).
	Main	Policy AS2 – Land adjacent to	e) sufficient health care capacity and contributions, likely to include one new GP surgery on site to serve existing and future demand in this area, ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan;	To ensure the policy is justified, given that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is not part of the development plan.

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		Culham Campus	g) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, including delivery of a community hall, football and cricket playing pitches, MUGA, tennis and netball courts;	
	Main	Policy AS2 – Land adjacent to Culham Campus	p) a layout that has land remaining undeveloped to the northern border of the site, that should be utilised for floodplain storage, protecting the physical boundary features on the site; and a layout where there is no built development within Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change),** other than essential **infrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy)** -and green infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**;	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).
	Main	Paragraph 8.20	This allocation has capacity for 3,500 homes of which around ~~1,350~~ **1,334** are currently expected to be delivered within **the** plan period ~~up until 2041~~.	To update the plan period and housing delivery figure for the allocation.
	Main	Policy AS3 – Land South of Grenoble Road, Edge of Oxford	f) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, including delivery of a community hall, football and cricket playing pitches, MUGA, tennis and netball courts;	To ensure the policy is justified, given that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is not part of the development plan.
	Main	Policy AS3 – Land South of Grenoble Road, Edge of Oxford	k) that there is no built development in Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change),** other than essential **infrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy)** -and green infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**;	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).

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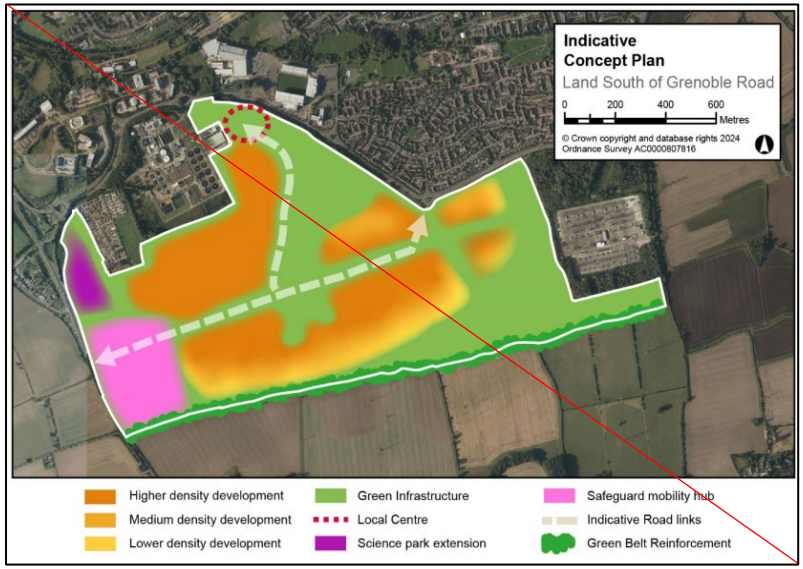
AM17	Minor	Policy AS3 – Land South of Grenoble Road, Edge of Oxford	Delete criteria 2(i)(vii) as it duplicates criteria 2(i)(v) as follows: ~~2(i)(vii) a new cycle route between Culham Campus, Berinsfield and Oxford~~	Correction to remove duplicate requirement
	Main	Figure 8.3 – Concept Plan for Land South of Grenoble Road, Edge of Oxford	Submitted Joint Local Plan indicative concept plan:  New indicative concept plan:	Amend indicative concept plan to reflect the removal of Thames Water's land from the allocation. This is at the request of the landowner. Thames Water are one of the landowners of the allocation. This also aligns with our SOCG with Thames Water (examination library reference LPA22).

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			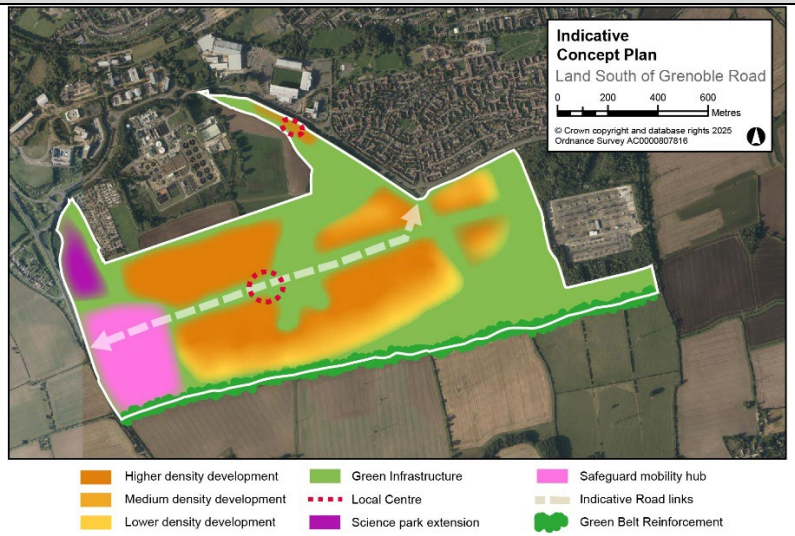	
	Main	Paragraph 8.32	This allocation has capacity for 3,000 homes of which around ~~1,275~~ **2,600** are currently expected to be delivered within **the** plan period ~~up until 2041~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period and housing delivery figure for the allocation.
	Main	Policy AS4 – Land at Northfield, Edge of Oxford	d) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, including delivery of a community hall, football pitches, and a MUGA;	To ensure the policy is justified, given that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is not part of the development plan.
	Main	Policy AS4 – Land at Northfield, Edge of Oxford	k) that there is no built development in Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change),** other than essential **infrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy) -**and green	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).

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			infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**;	
	Main	Paragraph 8.40	This allocation has capacity for 1,800 homes of which around ~~1,425~~ **1,727** are currently expected to be delivered within **the** plan period ~~up until 2041~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period and amendment to housing delivery figure for the allocation.
	Main	Policy AS5 – Land at Bayswater Brook, Edge of Oxford	1) Land at Bayswater Brook, Edge of Oxford (as shown on the Policies Map) is allocated to deliver approximately ~~1,100~~ **1,450** new homes, 120 units of housing with care for older people, supporting services and facilities.	Site has received outline permission. Reference P22/S4618/O. The planning application and evaluation stage has now thoroughly investigated the site capacity assumptions and proposals and given permission for 1,450 new dwellings (Class C3) and 120 units of Assisted Living dwellings.
	Main	Policy AS5 – Land at Bayswater Brook, Edge of Oxford	c) sufficient educational capacity, to be agreed with the Local Education Authority. This is likely to be the provision of one on site primary school~~.~~ **(including early years education).**	Clarification of Infrastructure Delivery Plan requirements
	Main	Policy AS5 – Land at Bayswater Brook, Edge of Oxford	f) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, including on site delivery of a community hall, bike track, learn to cycle track, outdoor gym, MUGA and tennis courts;	To ensure the policy is justified, given that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan is not part of the development plan.
	Main	Policy AS5 – Land at Bayswater Brook,	j) provision of built development within Flood Zone 1 only, with areas of Flood Zone 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change)** preserved as accessible green space **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**;"	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).

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		Edge of Oxford		
	Main	Paragraph 8.45	This site is allocated for the delivery of approximately ~~1,100~~ **1,450** new homes…	Site has received outline planning permission. Reference P22/S4618/O
	Main	Paragraph 8.45	We expect all homes to be built on this site by the end of the plan period ~~in 2041~~**.**	Consequential amendment to plan period.
AM18	Minor	Paragraph 8.46	Remove comma as follows: 8.46 The site provides an opportunity for a high-quality urban extension to the edge of Oxford which will promote a sustainable form of development that will in part help Oxford City by~~,~~ addressing the agreed unmet housing need identified in the Oxford City Local Plan 2036, and first addressed through the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035.	Grammatical correction
AM19	Minor	Policy AS6 – Rich's Sidings and Broadway, Didcot	Amend typographical error in 2(e)(i) as follows: 2(e)(i) contributions towards or direct~~ly~~ delivery of…	Typographical correction
AM20	Minor	Policies AS6 – Rich's Sidings and Broadway, Didcot, AS7 – Didcot Gateway, Didcot and AS16 –	In these policies, amend references to the documents referenced as follows: • the Didcot Central Corridor study ~~Placemaking Strategy~~ • the Didcot Placemaking Strategy Insert additional footnotes (where not already included) to correspond with above criterion: • Oxfordshire County Council (2023-24) Didcot Central Corridor study (emerging), available at: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-central-corridor	Corrections to the names of the documents referenced

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		Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot	• Atkins (2022) Didcot Placemaking Strategy, available at: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/23872/widgets/67753/documents/42285 • South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2022) Revised Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan, available at: https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-districtcouncil/business-and-economy/garden-communities/didcot-garden-town/	
	Main	Paragraph 8.52	This allocation has capacity for around 100 homes, which we expect to build out fully within the plan period ~~to 2041~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period.
AM21	Minor	Paragraphs 8.55, 8.61 and 8.114	Amend references to Didcot Garden Town documents in the supporting text as follows: Didcot Central Corridor **study** ~~Placemaking Strategy~~	Correction to the name of the document referenced
	Minor	Footnote 56	[56]South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2024) Water Cycle Study **Scoping Report and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse (2025) Water Cycle Study Detailed Report** (prepared by Wallingford HydroSolutions), available at: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLPEvidence	Water Cycle Study Detailed Report now complete (examination library reference LPA46)
	Main	Policy AS7 – Land at Didcot Gateway, Didcot, New Footnote	1) Land at Didcot Gateway (as shown on the Policies Map) is allocated to deliver a mixed-use scheme comprising approximately 200 new homes, visitor accommodation[a], new employment and ancillary retail[b] or other service provision[c~~b~~] to support the allocated site. Footnotes: **b With a gross floorspace of a maximum 500 sq.m gross** ~~Within Use Class E.~~ **in accordance with Policy TCR2**. **c Within Use Class E.**	Addition of footnote to clarify that we intend to limit the floorspace to 500sqm as per Policy TCR2, so proposals are not subject to the sequential test.

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AM22	Minor	Policy AS7 – Land at Didcot Gateway, Didcot	Remove capital letter and full stop as follows: 3 c) the Didcot Central Corridor Placemaking Strategy; and~~.~~ 3 d) ~~T~~the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan	Typographical correction
	Main	Paragraph 8.58	This allocation has capacity for around 200 homes, which we expect to build out fully within the plan period ~~**to 2041**~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period.
	Main	Paragraph 8.63	This allocation has capacity for around 600 homes, which we expect to build out fully within the plan period ~~**to 2041**~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period.
	Minor	Policy AS9 – North West of Valley Park, Didcot	Amend site name as follow: **Milton Fields** ~~North West of Valley Park~~	Landowner's request.
	Main	Policy AS9 – North West of Valley Park, Didcot	p) that there is no development within Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change)**, other than essential **infrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy) -**and green infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere**, and that surface water flooding to the north of the site has been investigated and appropriately mitigated.	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).
	Main	Paragraph 8.68	We expect all homes allocated on this site to build out within the plan period ~~to 2041~~.	To update the plan period.
	Main	Policy AS10 – Land at Dalton Barracks Garden	e) that there is no built development in Flood Zones 2 and 3 **or the design flood extent (1% AEP plus an appropriate allowance for climate change),** other than essential i**nfrastructure that is demonstrated to have passed the Exception Test (where this is required by national policy) -**and green infrastructure **that has been demonstrated to not increase flood risk elsewhere.**	To ensure alignment with national policy as agreed in our June 2026 SoCG with the Environment Agency (examination library reference LPA67).

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		Village, Shippon		
	Main	Policy AS10 – Land at Dalton Barracks Garden Village, Shippon	k) delivery of leisure provision ~~in accordance with~~ **having regard to** the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, including delivery of football and cricket playing pitches, MUGA and a skatepark;	To ensure the policy is justified, given that the IDP it is not part of the development plan.
AM24	Minor	Figure 8.10 (Concept Plan for Land at Dalton Barracks Garden Village, Shippon)	Remove the annotation relating to the 'Existing allocation' in plan and key from the concept plan (Figure 8.10) for Land at Dalton Barracks Garden Village, Shippon	Update required to avoid confusion upon adoption of the JLP, as this relates to the Vale Local Plan Part 2 allocation which will be superseded.
	Main	Paragraph 8.71	This allocation has capacity for 2,750 homes, of which we expect around ~~912~~ **1,800** homes to be built by the end of the plan period ~~up until 2041~~.	Consequential amendment to plan period and amendment to housing delivery figure for the allocation.
	Main	Paragraph 8.80	Policy AS11 (Culham Campus) highlights that a net increase of **approximately** ~~at least~~ 2.3 hectares of employment land will be provided at Culham Campus and that the councils will support proposals for additional employment provision at Culham Campus.	To make consistent with Policy AS11 Part 1
	Main	Paragraph 8.81	Policy AS2…has capacity for 3,500 homes of which around ~~1,350~~ **1,334** are currently expected to be delivered within **the** plan period ~~up until~~ ~~2041~~ (refer to Policy AS2 (Land adjacent to Culham Campus) for further details).	Update the plan period and housing delivery figure for the allocation.
MM12	Main	Policy AS13 – Berinsfield	Correct reference to Biodiversity Net Gain requirement in 2(c) as follows: c) landscape led – a green Garden Village with a minimum 38% usable green space in built-up areas, a minimum of ~~10~~20% biodiversity net gain and a	Correction to ensure consistency with Policy NH2 – Nature recovery

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		Garden Village	design that responds visually to topography and aspect, with multi-functional blue-green infrastructure with integrated SuDS from rooftop to attenuation;	
	Main	Paragraph 8.107	8.107 Please note that policy requirements in this Joint Local Plan ~~may~~ supersede elements in the SPD**, particularly in respect of the site's boundary, scale of development and supporting infrastructure, and the indicative concept plan.**	Clarification for effectiveness.
MM13	Main	Paragraph 8.110	Amend typographical error and add reference to strategies as follows: 8.110 The University is reviewing the future role for the campus. Given the site's important setting within the Oxford Green Belt, we will support proposals that are informed by a masterplan for the comprehensive development of the campus to ensure that development comes forward in a coordinated way, taking into account the impact on a number of site specific matters described in the criteria set out within this policy and in a manner that respects its Green Belt setting and urban-rural fringe context. Sporting and leisure provision is a key consideration for this site. The masterplan should be informed by the recommendations and findings of the adopted Leisure Facilities Assessment & Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy.	Typographical correction and need to reference strategies relevant to the site that were adopted following the publication of the Regulation 19 plan
AM23	Minor	Policy AS16 – Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot	Delete duplication of reference to Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan in part 3(e) as follows: ~~3e) the Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan.~~	Didcot Garden Town Delivery Plan is already included in the opening line of part 2 of the policy)
	Main	Paragraph 8.111	~~This allocation has capacity for around 300 homes, of which we expect around 189 to be built~~ **We expect all homes allocated on this site to build out** within the plan period.	Consequential amendment to plan period and amendment to housing delivery figure for the allocation.

Chapter 9: Town Centres and Retail

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
MM14	Main	Policy TCR1 – Centre hierarchy	Remove 'Crowmarsh Gifford' from the list of villages / local centres in South Oxfordshire.	Correction of an error.
		Policy TCR3 – Retail floorspace provision (convenience and comparison goods)	(b) Sites should **continue to** be identified in **Neighbourhood Development Plans for** Henley-on-Thames and Thame~~, through the review of the Henley and Harpsden and Thame Neighbourhood Development Plans respectively,~~ to accommodate a single format food store with at least 1,500 sqm net sales floorspace **until such time as the convenience goods floorspace requirement for each town has been met**; and..	Still needs to refer to the outstanding convenience goods floorspace requirements from the SOLP 2035 because the Town Centres and Retail Study, December 2023 (examination library reference HES22) assumes that these food stores will come forward. However, the policy wording and supporting text need to clarify that these are existing rather than new requirements for these NDPs.
	Main	Paragraph 9.16	The Study identifies some modest convenience (food store) capacity, as additional floorspace requirements ~~to 2041,~~ in both districts	Update to the plan period.
	Main	Paragraph 9.18	9.18 - Criterion 1(b) rolls forward outstanding requirements from Policy TC4 (Convenience Floorspace Provision in the Market Towns) of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 for the identification of sites to accommodate a single format food store (minimum 1,500 sqm net sales floorspace) in Henley-on-Thames and Thame, through **respective Neighbourhood Development Plans. It should be noted that these are existing and not additional convenience floorspace requirements and sites are currently identified which meet these requirements in both** the **Joint** Henley and Harpsden Neighbourhood Plan Review (~~'made'~~ December 2022) and the ~~review of the~~ Thame Neighbourhood Plan **2 (February 2025)** ~~respectively~~.	Still needs to refer to the outstanding convenience goods floorspace requirements from the SOLP 2035 because the Town Centres and Retail Study, December 2023 (examination library reference HES22) assumes that these food stores will come forward. However, the policy wording and supporting text need to clarify that these are existing rather than new requirements for these NDPs.

Chapter 10: Well-designed places for our communities

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons

There are currently no modifications proposed for Chapter 10.

Chapter 11: Healthy Places

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
AM25	Minor	Paragraph 11.53	Swap paragraphs 11.52 and 11.53 as follows: 11.52 The loss of existing facilities is safeguarded against in Policy HP4 (Existing open space, sport and recreation facilities), which seeks to protect, maintain and enhance existing allotments and community food growing spaces. 11.5~~2~~3Any planning application involving the provision of open space, sport, and recreation facilities (including community food growing opportunities) will also need to include details of how they will be owned and maintained in the long-term. In some instances, this will be secured through a Section 106 legal agreement. Applicants will need to demonstrate how they have engaged with local sports groups, clubs, and town and parish councils about long-term ownership and management. ~~11.53 The loss of existing facilities is safeguarded against in Policy HP4 (Existing open space, sport and recreation facilities), which seeks to protect, maintain and enhance existing allotments and community food growing spaces.~~	To run in a logical and consistent order with other policies in this chapter.

Chapter 12: Nature recovery, heritage and landscape

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Minor	Policy NH1 – Biodiversity designations	4) The approach to sites of international and/or national importance should be applied in line with any future changes to those designations that may be introduced **through changes to the national regulatory framework**.	For clarity.
	Main	Policy NH2 – Nature recovery	3) ~~Biodiversity net gains should be delivered on site where possible. Where the full biodiversity net gain requirement cannot be delivered on site~~ **Where development is subject to the statutory framework, biodiversity net gain should be delivered in accordance with the latest biodiversity gain hierarchy and the statutory metric. Where off-site delivery is proposed,** the following sequential approach must be used to direct the creation and enhancement of habitats off site:	To align with recent changes to the statutory Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy for minor development
MM15	Chapter 12	Policy NH2 – Nature recovery	Add the following criteria as point 4 to Policy NH2 and renumber subsequent points accordingly: 4) Funding contributions for the monitoring and reporting requirements associated with mandatory biodiversity net gain will be secured through planning obligations, where appropriate.	To assist in application of the policy and align with PPG Para 028
	Main	Policy NH2 – Nature recovery	Add the following criteria as point 4 to Policy NH2 and renumber subsequent points accordingly, with the word "mandatory" removed from the proposed original modification (MM15 in examination library reference CSD01.1): 4) Funding contributions for the monitoring and reporting requirements associated with ~~mandatory~~ biodiversity net gain will be secured through planning obligations, where appropriate.	To ensure that the wording is clear and unambiguous. This is necessary to clarify that the requirement does not only relate to the mandatory requirement for at least 10% BNG, but also the higher BNG requirement proposed in the plan. Our full justification is set out in our Stage 3 Matter 16 hearing statement at paragraph 16.1.9.5 (examination library reference 3WS16-1).
	Main	Policy NH2 – Nature recovery	4) Development must conserve and protect habitat connectivity within the districts' ecological networks and, where possible, restore or enhance it. These include: ~~a) Conservation Target Areas;~~	Oxfordshire LNRS (examination library reference LPA106) adopted October 2025 which supplants CTAs.

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b~~c~~) local ecological networks identified in made neighbourhood plans; and
c~~d~~) other areas that contribute to wider ecological networks (including networks that extend beyond the districts' boundaries) or which are likely to be of value for ecological connectivity.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Main</td><td>Policy NH2 – Nature recovery</td><td>7)<table><tr><td>Residential development</td><td>Developments of two or more units must deliver features to support wildlife at a ratio of at least one feature per two units (i.e. at least 50%).</td></tr></table></td><td>For clarity and effectiveness.</td></tr>
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			~~underway, with the strategy and map expected to be finalised in 2025.~~ **Oxfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) sets out the biodiversity priorities for the county. It also maps core areas (existing areas of particular importance to biodiversity) and recovery areas (areas that could become particularly important to biodiversity), as well actions to help deliver nature recovery /enhancement. The Joint Local Plan was at an advanced stage of preparation when Oxfordshire's LNRS was being developed. It has therefore not been possible to have full regard to the LNRS within the Joint Local Plan and some of the Joint Local Plan site allocations overlap with the mapped extent of the LNRS. In these situations, the councils will use the Joint Local Plan site allocation as an enabler of the delivery of the habitat measures identified within the LNRS. It may not always be possible when designing the layout of a development to locate the areas where new or improved habitats will be provided exactly on the recovery areas mapped in the LNRS. However, the councils will plan positively and encourage developers of the allocated sites to deliver the potential habitat measures within the green infrastructure network of the development and target on-site BNG delivery at the appropriate habitats identified in the LNRS.**	
	Main	Policy NH3 – Trees and hedgerows in the landscape	1) …The planting must include a wide variety of tree species, suited to the site**'**s growing conditions and include long lived, large canopied species. (…) New hedgerow planting must be suited to the site**'**s growing conditions 3) …taking into consideration the tree species**'** growth habits and characteristics … allowing sufficient space for their long-term retention without residents finding the tree overbearing, or a cause of nuisance, such as **from** shading or leaf litter.	Adds punctuation and clarification.

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	Minor	After Policy NH5 – District-valued landscapes, before supporting text	Add overview map showing the location of the nine district-valued landscapes. See '*Proposed Modifications to the Plan presented separately due to size of graphic*' below.	Adding clarity in reference to Q16.1.5 in the MIQs.
	Minor	Paragraph 12.34	12.34 ~~The Chilterns National Landscape is currently undergoing a boundary review led by Natural England. If any land within the district-valued landscapes becomes part of the National Landscape, the National Landscape designation will take precedence.~~	Delete paragraph 12.34 because the boundary review process has paused.
	Minor	Policy NH7 – Tranquillity	[a]*Making use of the User Guidance within the Tranquillity Assessment* ***(2024)***	Clarify document reference
	Minor	(New) Paragraph 12.41	Addition of text at new paragraph 12.41: **Direct impacts are those arising from the development itself and its immediate physical presence and operation. For example, the visual presence of buildings and structures, noise generated by activities on the site, lighting, or the loss or deterioration of features that contribute positively to tranquillity. These may affect the tranquillity of the site itself or nearby areas through visual and/or noise intrusion.** **Indirect impacts are effects arising as a consequence of the development which may extend beyond the development site. Examples include increased traffic movements on the surrounding highways, changes in activity levels, additional lighting associated with access routes, visual effects arising from infrastructure serving the development, or effects experienced from surrounding countryside,**	Clarification relating to Q16.1.15

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			publicly accessible locations, and the Public Rights of Way network. Such impacts may alter the experience of tranquillity even where they do not arise directly from the built form of the development itself.	
	Main	NH12 - Historic Battlefields, Registered Parks and Gardens and Historic Landscapes	New text at the end of the policy: **7) Applicants must demonstrate that all other options for their conservation or use have been explored, including securing their optimum viable use.**	Council are open to modification as stated in examination library reference LPA48, in response to the Regulation 19 response from Historic England
AM26	Minor	Paragraph 12.62	Both councils have declared climate emergencies and have set targets to become carbon neutral districts~~, with South Oxfordshire currently aiming to reach this in 2030, and Vale of White Horse currently aiming to reach this~~ by 2045.	Consequential change due to a main modification

Chapter 13: Infrastructure, tourism, connectivity and communications

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Minor	Policy IN1 – Infrastructure and service provision	2) Planning permission will only be granted for developments where the infrastructure and services needed to meet the needs of the new development are already in place or can be provided. Where appropriate, and agreed with the council, financial contributions payable to an agreed timetable will be sought to enable the delivery of infrastructure and/or services by another party. Alternatively, infrastructure and/or services may be required to be delivered by the developer to an agreed timetable. Infrastructure and/or services includes the requirements set out in the	Omission of County Council document relevant to this policy

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			councils' Infrastructure Delivery Plan[a], the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document[b], the safeguarded schemes listed in Policy IN3 (Transport infrastructure and safeguarding), Housing Infrastructure Fund infrastructure, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), **Movement and Place Plans,** Leisure Facilities Assessment and Strategy[c] and Playing Pitch Strategy[d], Green Infrastructure Strategy and Open Space Study[e], any relevant made neighbourhood plans, and/or infrastructure and services needed to mitigate the impact of the new development to make it acceptable in planning terms.	
	Minor	Policy IN3 – Transport infrastructure and safeguarding	a) Maintaining, improving and adding to walking and cycling infrastructure, including, for example, through development of further Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) and delivery of schemes included in existing LCWIPs as well as delivering schemes included in the Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN)a and, where appropriate, the Science Vale ~~Area Strategy~~ **Movement and Place Plan**;	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update

Chapter 14: Monitoring and Review

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Category/ Policy No./ Paragraph No.	Modification	Reasons
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy SP7: A Strategy for Thame	Change to indicator as follows: ~~Number of net new dwellings allocated or permitted in Thame Neighbourhood Plan Review~~ **Covered by other indicators in framework** Change to target as follows: ~~143 homes between (as of 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2043) allocated~~ **Covered by other targets in framework**	Indicator no longer needed as Thame Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted and incorporated these targets. Indicator changed to be consistent with other towns.

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	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy HOU1: Housing requirement	Change targets as follows: South Oxfordshire: **827 homes per annum** ~~2021/22 to 2035/36 – 909 homes per annum~~ ~~2036/37 to 2040/41 – 579 homes per annum~~ Vale of White Horse: **705 homes per annum** ~~2021/22 to 2030/31 – 816 homes per annum~~ ~~2031/32 to 2040/41 – 633 homes per annum~~	Consequential amendment to plan period, and update to reflect change in local housing need through the housing requirement
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy HOU2: Sources of housing supply	Change target as follows: To deliver the number of homes between **1 April 2025** ~~2021~~ to **31 March 2043** ~~2041~~ as set out in the policy	Consequential amendment to plan period, and update to reflect change in local housing need through the housing requirement
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy JT1: Meeting employment needs	Change targets as follows: **25.6** ~~25.8~~ hectares **during** ~~by the end of~~ the plan period within South Oxfordshire District. **110.5** ~~113.2~~ hectares **during the plan period** within Vale of White Horse District**.**	To update employment land requirement and reflect changes in plan period. Minor typo fixed (full stop added)
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy AS16: Vauxhall Barracks	Removal of indicator and target relating to employment and retail floorspace on Vauxhall Barracks site: Remove indicator as follows: ~~Amount of new employment and retail floorspace (within Use Class E) permitted at Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot~~	Indicator and target removed because this policy does not relate directly to employment and retail floorspace.

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			Remove target as follows: ~~All relevant planning permissions to be granted in accordance with the policy.~~	
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy NH1: Biodiversity designations	Amend indicator as follows: **Total areas of Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and UK NERC Act section 41 habitats; and total area and condition of SSSIs, as reported by Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre** ~~Mean biodiversity net gain from permitted major developments~~ Amend target as follows: **No target** ~~20%~~	Indicator moved from policy NH2 and changed to include SSSIs. Correction due to aligning the wrong indicator and targets with the wrong policy.
	Main	Monitoring Framework Policy NH2: Nature recovery	Amend indicator as follows: **Mean biodiversity net gain from permitted major developments** ~~Total areas of Local Wildlife Sites, Local Geological Sites and UK NERC Act section 41 habitats as reported by Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre~~ Amend target as follows: **20%** ~~To ensure positive progress on key indicators.~~	Indicator moved from policy NH1. Correction due to aligning the wrong indicator and targets with the wrong policy.
	Main	Monitoring Framework IN5: Cycle and car parking standards	Amend indicator as follows: **The proportion of relevant planning permissions granted in accordance with the policy** ~~Number of controlled parking zones within the district~~ Amend target as follows: **All relevant planning permissions to be granted in accordance with the policy** ~~To increase the modal share of active travel methods~~	Indicator changed because this policy does not relate to controlled parking zones.

Chapter 15: Local Plan Explainer

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There are currently no modifications proposed for Chapter 15.

Appendices

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	Minor	Appendix 1. Glossary	New entry: **Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)** **This indicates how likely it is that a flood event will occur each year. It can be expressed as a percentage (such as 1%) or chance of occurrence (such as 1 in 100).**	For clarity
AM27	Minor	Appendix 1. Glossary - National Highways definition	Amend typographical error to the National Highways definition as follows: ~~Formally~~ Formerly Highways England, National Highways is the executive non-departmental public body responsible for managing motorways and major roads in England.	Typographical correction
AM28	Minor	Appendix 1. Glossary - Health Infrastructure Provision	Amend the name of the Health Infrastructure Provision definition as follows: **Health ~~Infrastructure~~ Care Provision** A collective term for primary care (GP practices, plus community pharmacists, dentists and opticians), community healthcare, acute provision and specialist provision.	Consistency with the policies throughout the plan

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MM16	Main	Appendix 2. Chapter 2	Amend status of policies in Appendix 2: Chapter 12 as follows: NH5 District-valued landscape – ~~Strategic~~ Non-strategic NH6 Landscapes – ~~Non-strategic~~ Strategic	Correction of an error which arose from the re-ordering of NH policies between Regulation 18 and Regulation 19
	Main	Appendix 4. Housing Trajectory	Please see extract of housing trajectories modification in '*Proposed Modifications to the Plan presented separately due to size of graphic*' below.	Updated 2026 housing land supply position Consequential amendment to plan period Confirmation of housing requirement
	Minor	Appendix 5. Carried forward allocations from previous local plans	To contribute towards infrastructure in the Science Vale ~~Area Strategy~~ **Movement and Place Plan**.	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
	Minor	Appendix 5. Carried forward allocations from previous local plans	**HOU2p Monks Farm (North Grove) (carried over from the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031: Part 1)** …To contribute towards infrastructure in the Science Vale ~~Area Strategy~~ **Movement and Place Plan** as set out in the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan.	Oxfordshire County Council Document Terminology Update
		Appendix 5. Carried forward allocations from previous local plans	Remove HOU2w, Land North of East Hanney from the carried forward allocations from previous plans: ~~**HOU2w North of East Hanney (carried over from the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031: Part 2)**~~ ~~Housing Allocation Up to 80 dwellings, subject to masterplanning~~ ~~Site Specific Requirements:~~	See pages 151 to 152 of our response to the Inspectors' Key Issues (examination library reference: LPA48). The councils included this site in Appendix 5 as Vale of White Horse Planning Committee had resolved to grant planning permission, subject to a S106 agreement being

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			~~Key objectives:~~ ~~• To deliver a high quality and sustainable village extension to the north of East Hanney village which is in keeping with the~~ ~~rural setting and character of the area and integrates with the centre of the village so residents can access existing facilities.~~ ~~Urban design principles:~~ ~~• The site should seek to maximise connectivity with the existing settlement to the south.~~ ~~• Provide a pedestrian link to Ashfields Lane, for safe access to the bus stop and village facilities.~~ ~~• Masterplanning should take into account the strategy for introducing a more positive and sensitive edge to the development,~~ ~~in relation to the existing settlement.~~ ~~• Lower densities should be located towards the southern boundary of the development. Dwellings closest to Ashfields Lane~~ ~~should have a frontage onto the lane, reflecting the existing pattern of development.~~ ~~Utilities:~~ ~~• Upgrades to the sewer network may be required ahead of occupation.~~ ~~Access and highways:~~ ~~• Consider in detail access arrangements for the site.~~ ~~• Contribute towards infrastructure improvements along the A338 (Frilford Lights) and elsewhere if required.~~ ~~South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan 2041 (Publication Version) 502~~ ~~• Contribute towards the further enhancement of bus services in the area.~~ ~~• A junction capacity assessment is required~~ ~~Social and community:~~	signed, on 11 May 2022. However, Vale of White Horse District Council is now treating this application as withdrawn as the housebuilder has confirmed they are unable to make further progress on the legal agreement. This site would no longer conform with the spatial strategy in SP1.

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			~~• Contribute towards improvements to the existing healthcare and other community facilities in the area.~~ ~~• Contribute towards the expansion of the existing St. James Primary School and any necessary additional nursery provision.~~ ~~• Contribute towards the expansion of existing secondary school places in the area~~	

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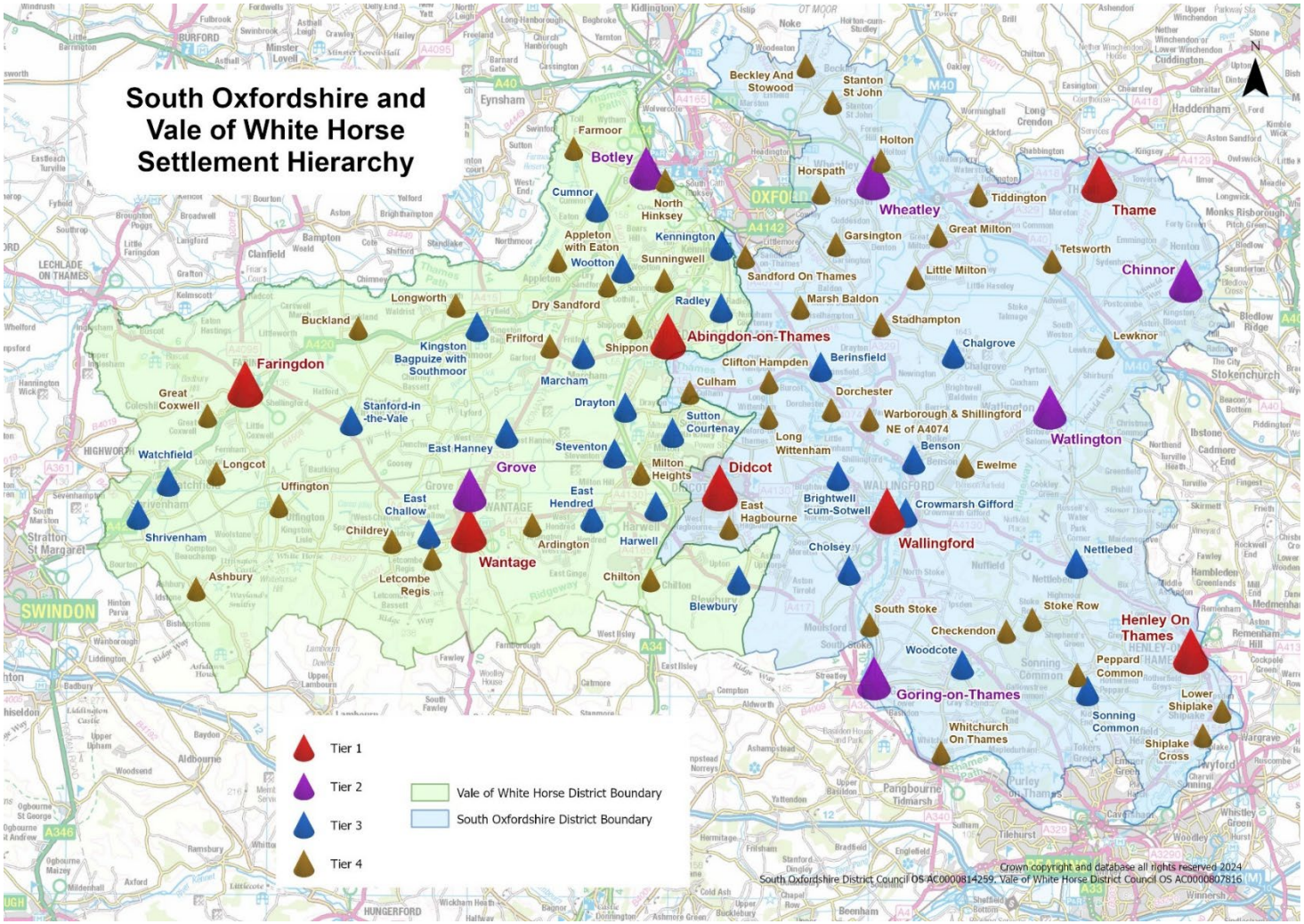
AM10: Policy SP1 – Spatial strategy



Policy HOU2 – Sources of supply

Policy HOU2 - Sources of Housing Supply

1) Within South Oxfordshire, the housing supply comprises the following:

Source of supply	Net number of homes 2025-2043 ~~2021-2041~~
Completions as of 31 March 2026	**891** ~~3,316~~
Committed development as of 1 April 2026	
Sites with planning permission	**6,357** ~~5,035~~
Sites allocated by neighbourhood plans	**749** ~~760~~
Supply from allocations in the Joint Local Plan	**7,994** ~~8,134~~
Windfall allowance	**1,666** ~~2,590~~
Total	**17,557** ~~**19,978**~~

2) Within the Vale of White Horse, the housing supply comprises the following:

Source of supply	Net number of homes 2025-2043 ~~2021-2041~~
Completions as of 31 March 2026	**1,055** ~~3,737~~
Committed development as of 1 April 2026	
Sites with planning permission	**8,891** ~~10,185~~
Sites allocated by neighbourhood plans	0
Supply from allocations in the Joint Local Plan	**3,341** ~~3,183~~
Windfall allowance	**1,470** ~~2,590~~
Total	**14,757** ~~**19,779**~~

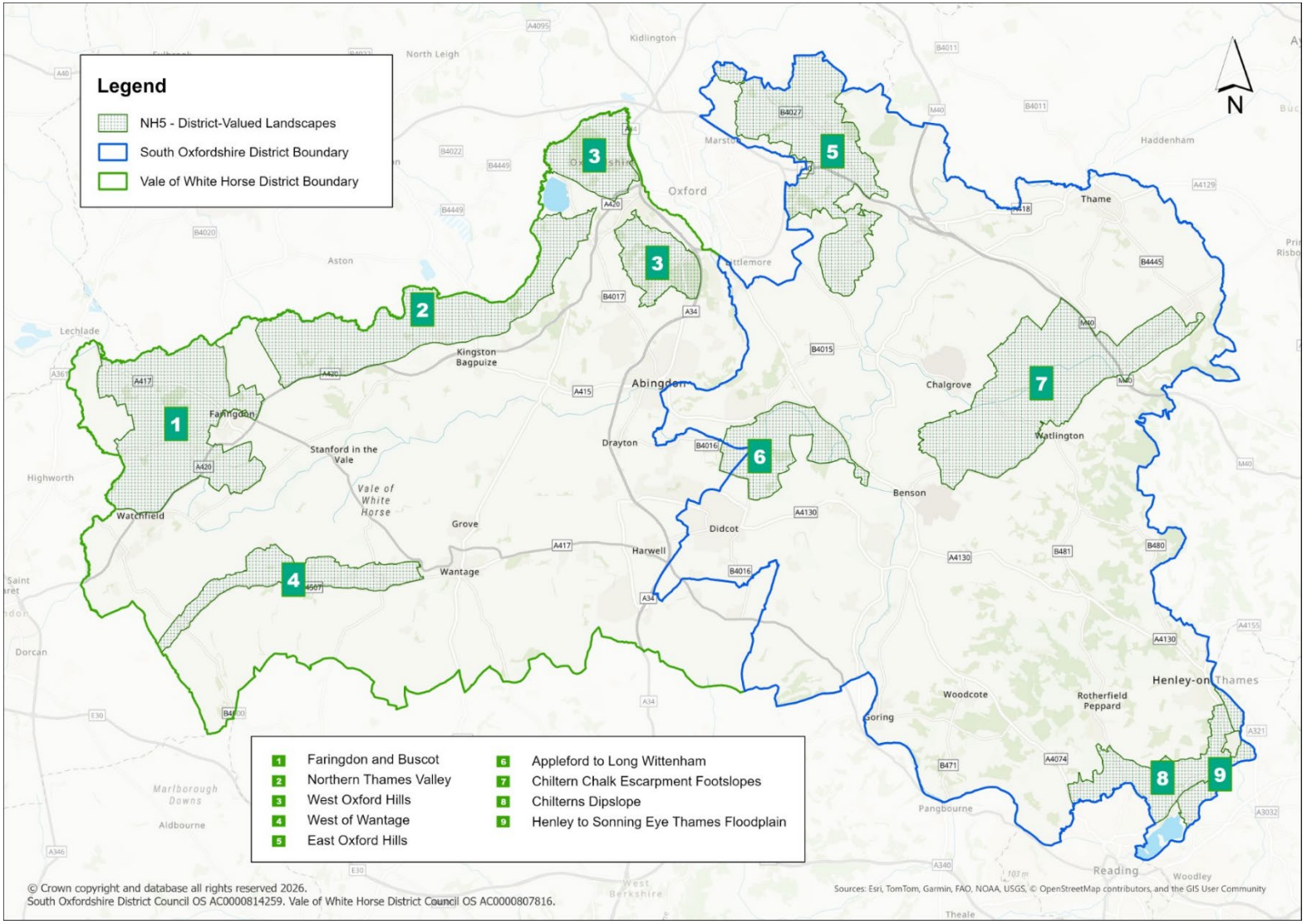
3) The following sites with planning permission, allocated in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 or the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2) are carried forward and continue to form part of the housing supply. Their expected housing contribution is reflected in the sites with planning permission above (from **2025 to 2043** ~~2021 to 2041~~). This local plan presents the existing policies for these sites in Appendix 5.

Sites carried forward from the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035:		
Site name		**Total homes allocated by existing policy**
a	Ladygrove East	642
b	Didcot North East	2,030
c	Land West of Wallingford	555
d	Land at Wheatley Campus, Oxford Brookes University	500
e	Joyce Grove Nettlebed	20

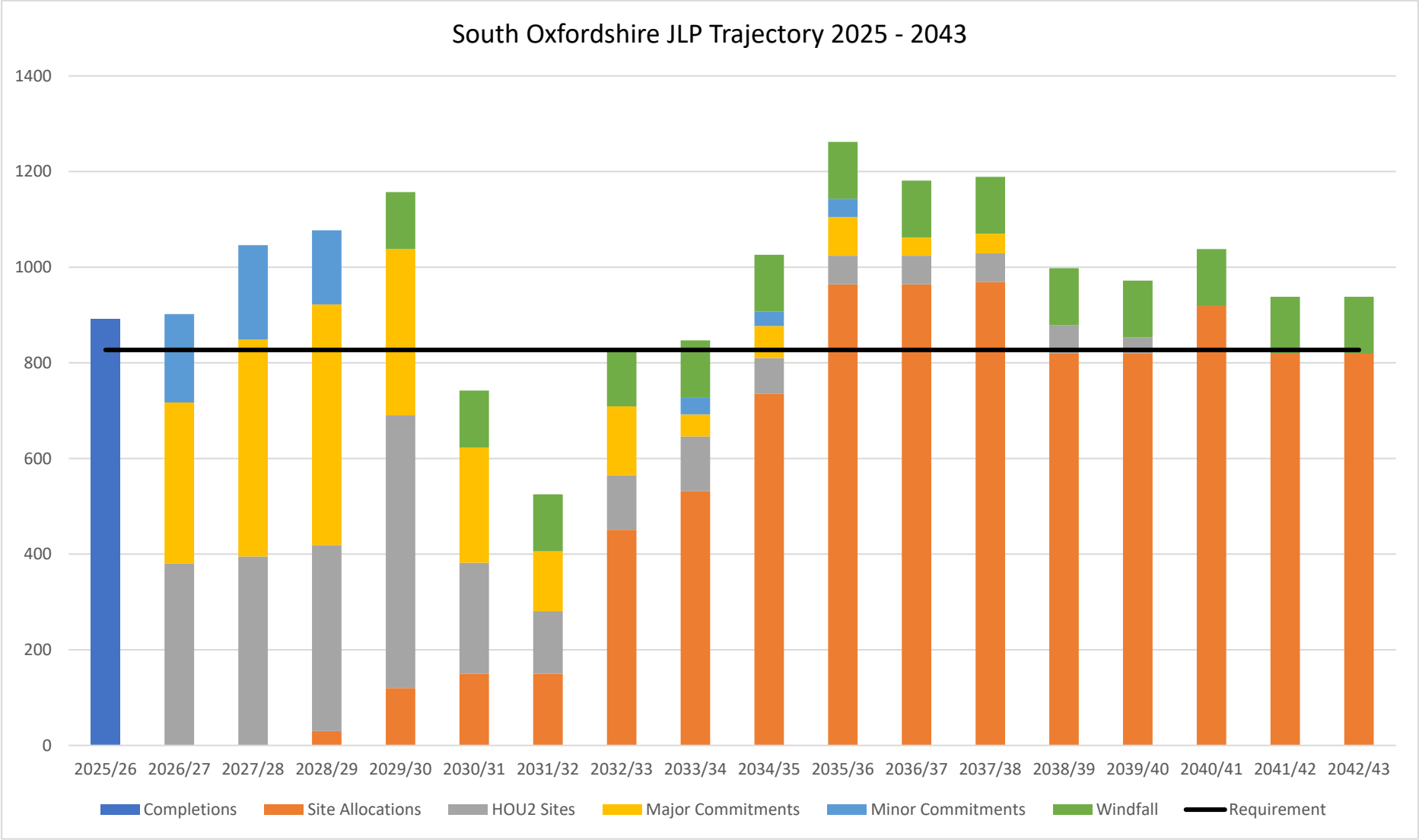
Sites carried forward from the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 (Parts 1 and 2):		
Site name		**Total homes allocated by existing policy**
~~f~~	~~North-East of East Hanney~~	~~50~~
~~g~~	~~South-West of Faringdon~~	~~200~~
f ~~h~~	Milton Heights	400
g ~~i~~	North-West Radley	240
~~k~~	~~North of Shrivenham~~	~~500~~
h ~~k~~	North of Shrivenham	500
i ~~l~~	West of Stanford-in-the-Vale	200
j ~~m~~	Land South of Park Road, Faringdon	350
k ~~n~~	North of Abingdon-on-Thames	800

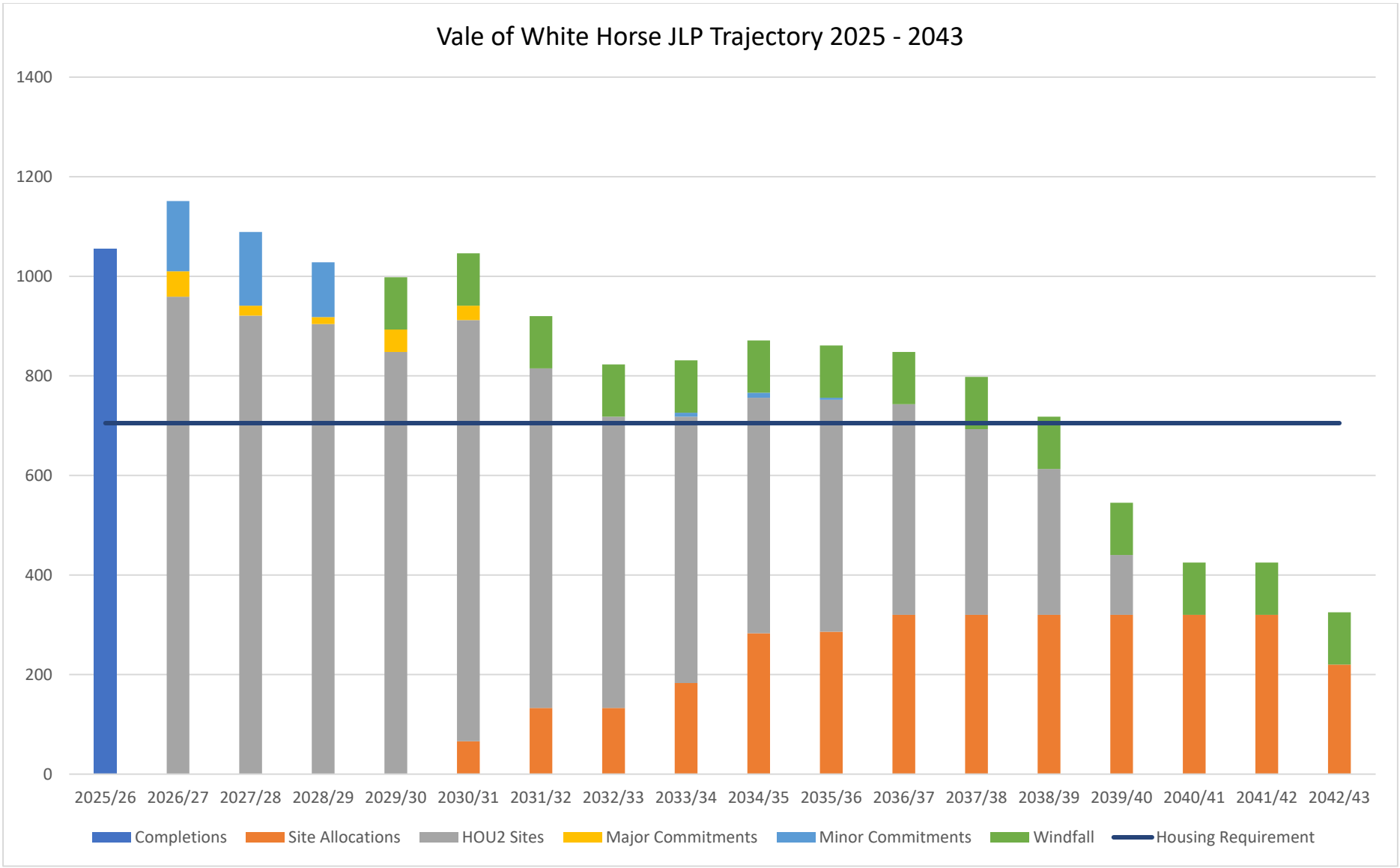
l ~~o~~	South of Faringdon	200
m ~~p~~	Monks Farm (North Grove)	885
n ~~q~~	Grove Airfield	2,500
o ~~r~~	Valley Park	2,550
p ~~s~~	East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor	600
q ~~t~~	South-East of Marcham	90
r ~~u~~	Crab Hill (North East Wantage and South East Grove)	1,500
s ~~v~~	North-West of Abingdon-on-Thames	200
t ~~x~~	Land east of Sutton Courtenay	220

Policy NH5 District Valued Landscapes (an overview map)



Appendix 4. Housing Trajectory




Vale of White Horse JLP Trajectory 2025 - 2043
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2042/43
Completions
Site Allocations
HOU2 Sites
Major Commitments
Minor Commitments
Windfall
Housing Requirement

Policies Map

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Map layer	Modification	Reasons
PM01	N/A	Allocations: Carried forward residential allocations	Removal of site HOU2f North-East of East Hanney	Factual correction as the site has now completed and does not need to be carried forward
PM02	N/A	Allocations: Carried forward employment allocations	Amend site boundary for JT1d: Hithercroft Industrial Estate Wallingford (see '*Modifications for the Policies Map presented separately due to size of graphic*' below)	Correction to reflect the vacant area available on the site as part of the site has been built out since the original allocation
PM03	N/A	Green Belt	Edit Green Belt boundary in line with Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan (see '*Modifications to the Plan presented separately due to size of graphic'* below)	Factual correction to reflect the changes that have arisen from the Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan
PM04	N/A	Karstic Susceptibility Hazard Map	Amend the key for the layer to remove the word "subsidence" throughout	Update to align with the Technical Note wording for consistency
PM05	N/A	Light Pollution and Dark Skies, Night Lights	Amend title of layer as follows: Light Pollution ~~Night Lights~~ (NanoWatts/cm2/sr)	Clarification for ease of understanding
PM06		Multiple layers	Remove mapping data beyond the district boundaries for the following map layers (main map): • Ancient Woodlands • Chiltern Way • Conservation Areas • Conservation Target Areas	Clarification for where the policies of the plan apply and update to align with latest dataset (Agricultural Land Classification layer)

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Map layer	Modification	Reasons
			• District Valued Landscapes • Lowland Fen Habitats • National Nature Reserve • Scheduled Monuments Policies Map plus layers: • Agricultural Land Classification (and update to latest dataset issued by Natural England) • Flood Risk • Hydrological Risk Zones • Karstic Susceptibility Hazard Map • Lowland Fen Risk Zones Night lights NanoWatts (Light Pollution as per PM05)	
	N/A	Allocations: Residential focused allocations	Amendment to Policies Map shown in blue:	Amend Policies Map to reflect the removal of Thames Water's land from the AS3 Land south of Grenoble Road allocation, as requested in Thames Water's Regulation 19 representation. This also aligns with our SOCG with Thames Water (examination library reference LPA22).

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			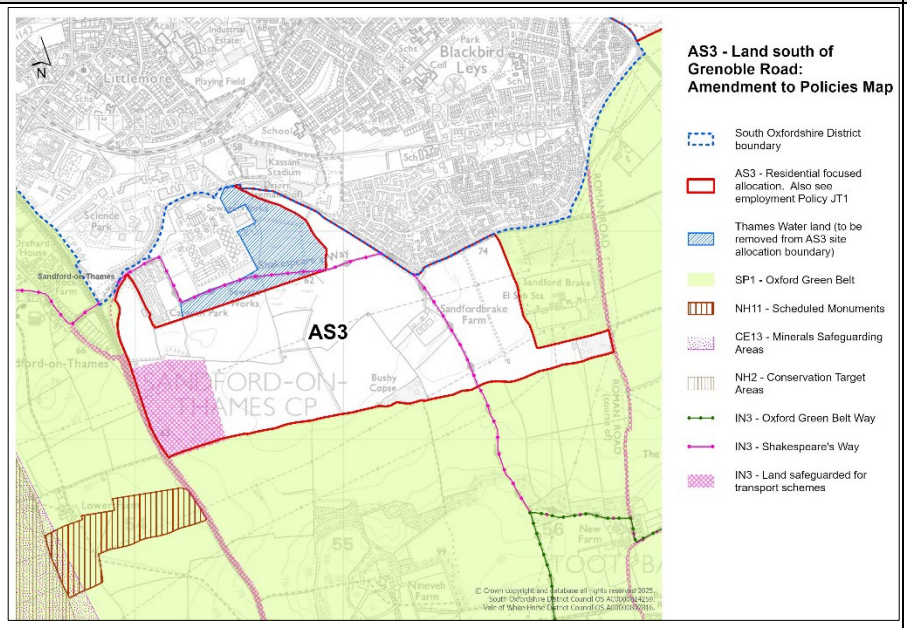	
	N/A	Nature Recovery, Heritage and Landscape: NH2 - Conservation Target Areas	Delete Conservation Target Areas.	Oxfordshire LNRS adopted October 2025 supplants CTAs.
	N/A	Policies map plus – Joint Local Plan CE6 – Flood Risk	Amend subheading: CE6 - Flood Risk **(SFRA 2024)** Delete the following datasets that originate from the Level 1 SFRA (2024) as they have been superseded by the Level 1 SFRA Addendum (2026):	To take account of the findings of the Level 1 SFRA Addendum (2026).

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Map layer	Modification	Reasons
			~~• Flood Zone 2~~ ~~• Flood Zone 3~~ ~~• Flood Zone 3b Functional Floodplain~~ ~~• Flood Zone 3b Future Functional Floodplain~~ ~~• Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Sea~~ ~~• Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (1 in 30)~~ ~~• Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (1 in 100)~~ ~~• Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (1 in 1000)~~ ~~• Flood Risk Cumulative Impact Assessment~~ Reorganise the remaining data under this heading and provide additional explanation to make the datasets more accessible. Add an additional subheading: **CE6 – Flood Risk (SFRA 2026 Update)** Add the following datasets from the Level 1 SFRA Addendum (2026): • **Flood risk from rivers: Flood Zone 3b; Flood Zone 3; Flood Zone 2** • **Future flood risk from rivers: Future Flood Zone 3b** • **Flood risk from surface water: High risk; medium risk; low risk** • **Flood risk cumulative impact assessment: High sensitivity; medium sensitivity; low sensitivity**	
	Main	Neighbourhood Plans	Update Policies Map with allocations for all Neighbourhood Plans made since the JLP was submitted: • Thame NDP 2 • Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan Review • Wantage Neighbourhood Plan • Warborough and Shillingford Neighbourhood Plan Review	Alignment with Neighbourhood Plans

Mod No.	Minor / Main	Map layer	Modification	Reasons
	Main	Climate Change and Improving Environmental Quality: CE9 – Air Quality Management Areas	Update Policies Map with updated AQMAs (only Botley remains, all others have been revoked).	Updates to changes (changed on DEFRA website as well)
	Main	Infrastructure, Transport, Connectivity and Communications: IN3 – Transport infrastructure and safeguarding	Amendment to Policies Map for proposed safeguarding area for Wantage and Grove Railway Station, shown in red below. Please note that the identified land is additional to the area currently safeguarded and does not result in any removal of safeguarded land as currently shown in the policies map:	Amend Policies Map to reflect the latest work undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council on safeguarded land to support the delivery of Wantage & Grove Railway Station.

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			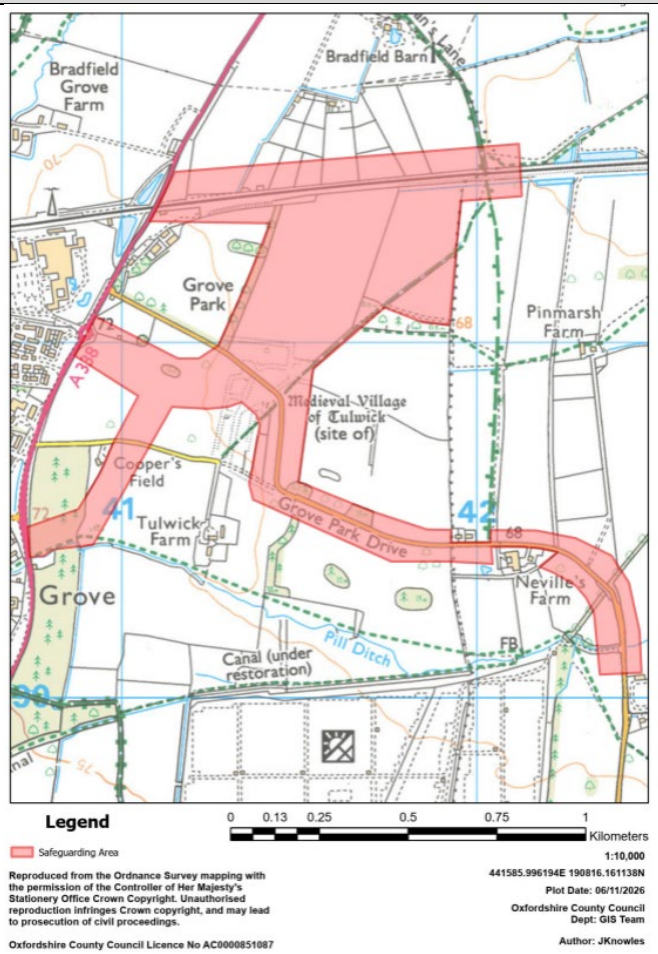	

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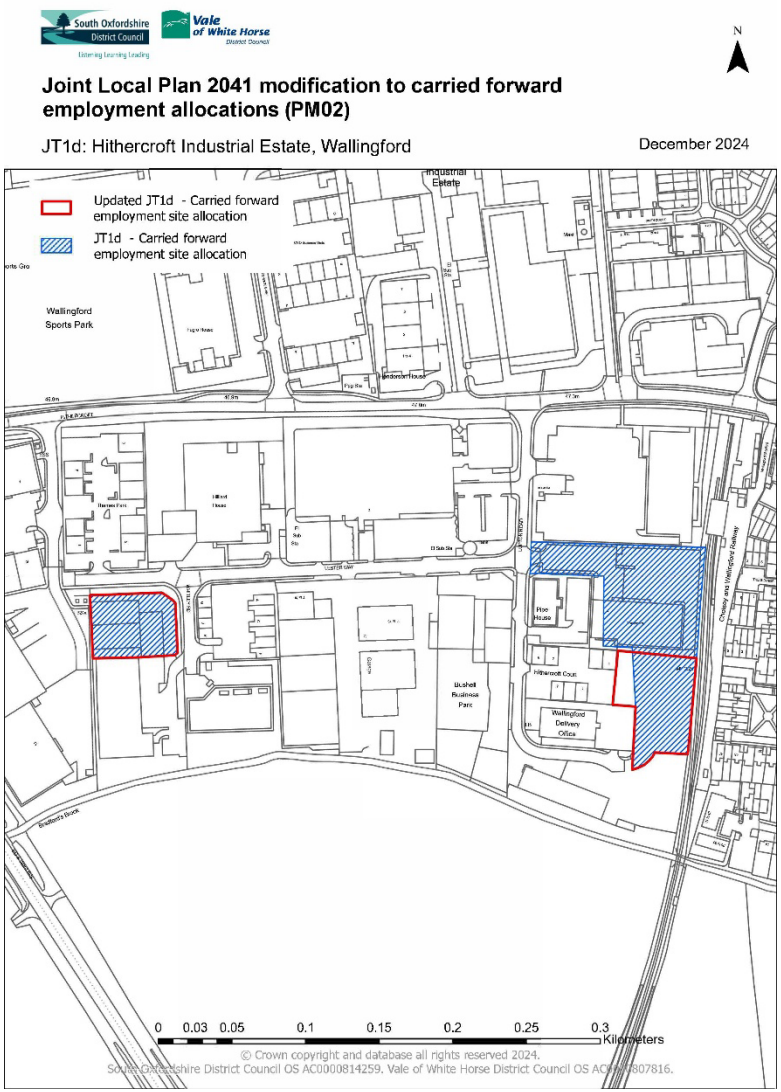
	Main	Infrastructure, Transport, Connectivity and Communications: IN3 – Transport infrastructure and safeguarding	Amendment to Policies Map shown in red below: 	Amend Policies Map to reflect the latest work undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council on safeguarded land to support the delivery of Watlington Relief Road.

Modifications for the Policies Map presented separately due to size of graphic



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SP1 - Oxford Green Belt: Wheatley

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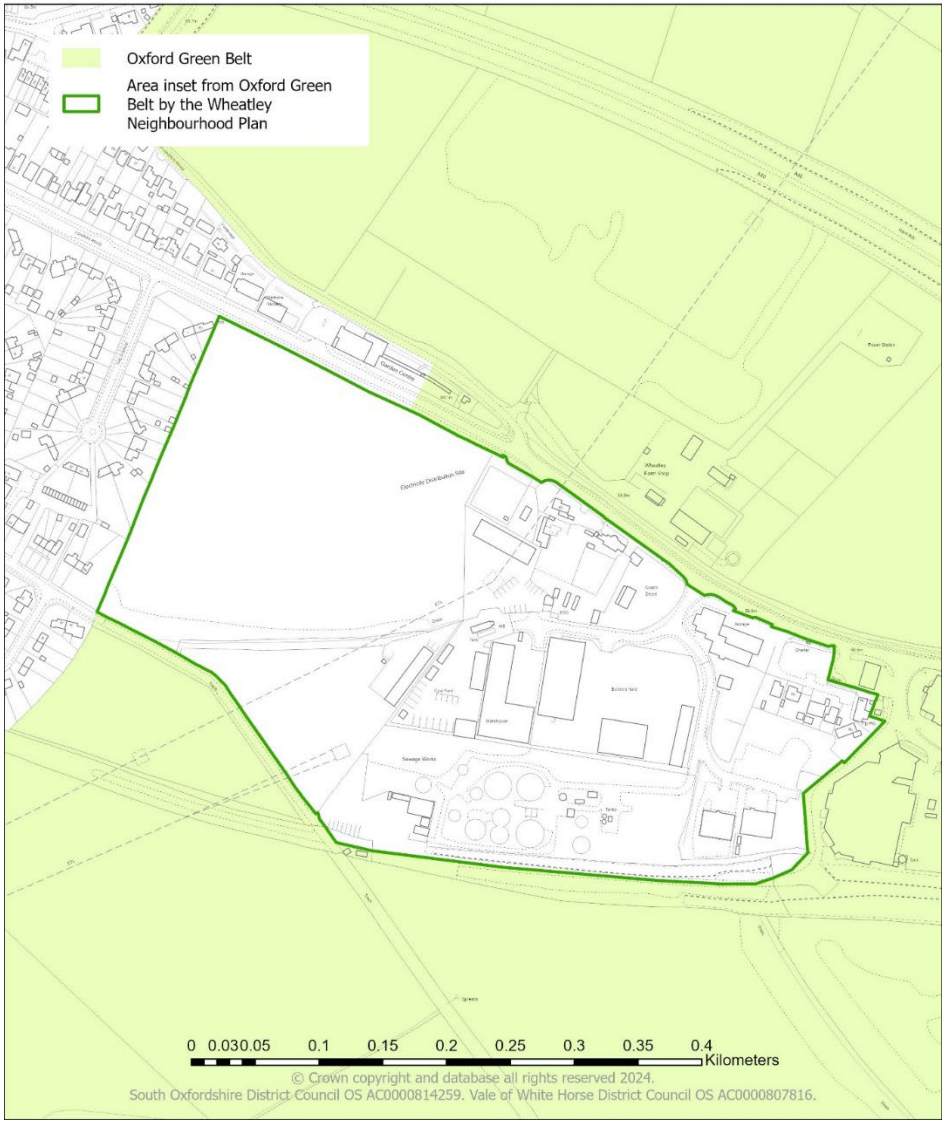

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Mod No.	Minor / Main	Paragraph No.	Modification	Reason
SA01	N/A	Paragraph 6.61	Update South Oxfordshire's net zero carbon targets	Update in relation to South Oxfordshire District Council's latest climate action targets.
SA02	N/A	Paragraph 6.10.1	Amend housing supply figures for South and Vale respectively in line with Policy HOU2 of JLP	Update to reflect latest figures in Policy HOU2 – Sources of housing supply

Note: the Sustainability Appraisal report will be updated before the Main Modifications consultation stage, to include these and potentially wider updates.

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