

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

UPDATE BULLETIN 8 – October 2017



INTRODUCTION >

This bulletin is the eighth in a series of progress updates on the Vale of White Horse District Council's Local Plan.

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN LOCAL PLAN PART 2 PUBLICATION VERSION PUBLICITY PERIOD

We are nearly ready to submit our Local Plan 2031 Part 2 to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Before we do, we have launched a six week publicity period.

The publicity period for the Publication Version of the Local Plan Part 2 went live on Wednesday 11 October and will run until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November.

We would like to thank everyone that responded to our previous Preferred Options consultation on the Local Plan undertaken in March 2017. This helped us to get us to the point we are at now.

We have taken into account and considered all the comments received from the consultation to help shape the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

This publicity stage is more formal than the previous consultation and you must respond if you wish to be involved in the examination.

Further information on this process can be found in our guidance note available at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

LOCAL PLAN PART 2 PUBLICITY PERIOD: DATES OF EXHIBITIONS/PUBLIC MEETINGS

A series of public events are organised to enable members of the public to meet with Planning Officers to discuss the Publication Version of the plan. These are open events and there is no need to book. Please find the event details below:

Date	
Monday 6 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Abingdon and Witney College, Abingdon Campus Wootton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1GG
Tuesday 14 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Corn Exchange, Gloucester Street Faringdon, SN7 7JA
Wednesday 15 November, exhibition 4-6.30pm and public meeting 7-8.30pm	Harwell Village Hall, High Street, Harwell, OX11 0EX

HOW TO COMMENT?

You can provide your comments until 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 in the following ways:

- complete our **online questionnaire** (registration is required)
- download a comment form from our website and email it to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- collect a comment form from one of the deposit points and post it to **Planning Policy, VoWH, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB**, or
- attend one of our **public events** listed above.



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LOCAL PLAN AND GENERAL UPDATE

LOCAL PLAN PART 2: DETAILED POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL SITES

Local Plan Part 2 sets out:

- policies and locations for housing for the Vale's proportion of Oxford's housing need up to 2031, which cannot be met within the City boundaries
- policies for the part of Didcot Garden Town that lies within the Vale of White Horse District
- detailed development management policies to complement the Part 1 plan and replace the saved policies of the Local Plan 2011
- additional development sites for housing



LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

Hard copies of the Plan, appendices and a selection of supporting documents, including a series of topic papers are available at the following locations during their usual opening hours:

- our Council office at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB
- public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Botley, Didcot, Faringdon, Grove, Kennington, Wantage
- Abbey House, Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford City Council, St Aldate's

Further information can be found on our website at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

EVIDENCE BASE DOCUMENTS

We have also prepared a number of other evidence base documents to support the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 including the following:

- **Consultation Statement**
- **Equality Impact Assessment**
- **Evaluation of Transport Impacts (ETI)**
- **Green Belt Study**
- **Green Belt – Exceptional Circumstances Assessment**
- **Green Infrastructure Strategy**
- **Habitats Regulations Assessment**
- **Harwell Campus Exceptional Circumstances Report**
- **Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)**
- **Housing Trajectory**
- **Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)**
- **Landscape Capacity Study**
- **Landscape Character Assessment**
- **Leisure Strategy (including playing pitches, leisure facilities and open spaces)**
- **Retail and Town Centre Study**
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**
- **Sustainability Appraisal (SA)**
- **Sustainable Transport Study**
- **Water Cycle Study**
- **Viability Study**

You may also find our series of topic papers helpful when considering your comments. The topic papers set out the processes undertaken and evidence considered to inform the sites and policies in the Local Plan 2031 Part 2.

Copies of all our Local Plan documents and evidence base documents are also available to view and access on the Council website at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LPP2

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

Preferred Options
consultation

Review consultation responses
and update Plan; finalise
technical studies

Consultation on
Publication Version

Submission of plan to
Secretary of State

Estimated
Examination

Estimated
Adoption

MARCH
2017

MAY
2017

JULY
2017

OCT
2017

FEB
2018

JUNE
2018

DEC
2018