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|--|------------|------------|-----|
| windfalls in Didcot | 510 | 439 | 366 |
| located sites in Didcot | | | |
| West major development area | | | |
| West East major development area | | | |
| Didcot | 512 | 444 | 366 |
| Identified windfalls in the rest of the district | 118 | 218 | 112 |
| Identified windfalls in the rest of the district | 0 | 46 | 56 |
| on allocated sites in the rest of the district | 33 | 104 | 57 |
| Works, Chinnor | | | |
| , Cholsey | | | |
| ital, Henley | | | |
| lege, Thame | | | |
| Sinodun Centre, Wallingford | | | |
| Wallingford | | | |
| and adjoining land, Crowmarsh | | | |
| Industrial Estate, Wallingford | 151 | 368 | |
| Sub total | 663 | 812 | |
| Completions | | | |
| Completions | 663 | 1475 | |
| Strategic Allocation (annualised) | 533.3 | 533.3 | |
| Cumulative allocation | 129.7 | 408.4 | |



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Executive summary

This is our eighth Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), to be known from now on as the Authority's Monitoring Report. The council produces a report each December as part of the South Oxfordshire Local Development Framework.

The first section introduces the AMR and its contents. The second shows progress in meeting the work programme in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for preparing planning policy documents.

The third section explains our methodology for policy monitoring and the fourth section sets out the results of monitoring key policy themes using a number of indicators, some of which the government prescribes. It also includes a housing trajectory.

In section five we consider whether there is a need for any review of our existing policies. It shows that this year no policy changes are required.

In previous AMRs we have updated the settlement assessment and if required amended the categories used for policies H4, H5 and H6 in the local plan. We have not carried out an update in this AMR as the council adopted its core strategy in December 2012 and this has its own settlement assessment. At the core strategy Examination in Public it was agreed that the assessment would no longer be updated annually and changes to settlement categories would only happen as a result of a review of the core strategy.

Section 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR) forms part of the South Oxfordshire Local Development Framework. Its purpose is to assess the implementation of our Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the extent to which we are successful in implementing the policies in local development documents, in our case the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.
- 1.2 Requirements have changed for the AMR. The Localism Act removes the requirement for local planning authorities to submit an AMR report to Government, but it retains the overall duty to monitor. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Bob Neill MP, wrote to authorities on 30 March 2011 announcing the withdrawal of guidance on local plan monitoring. Authorities can now choose which targets and indicators to include in the report as long as they are in line with the relevant UK and EU legislation.
- 1.3 Within this monitoring period we are monitoring policies in the Local Plan 2011. The council adopted its core strategy in December 2012 so future AMRs will also need to monitor core strategy policies as well as those policies saved in the Local Plan 2011.
- 1.4 In relation to policy implementation, this AMR reports on the previous monitoring year - 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.
- 1.5 Our AMR is divided into five sections reflecting the aims of the report:
 - Section 2** explains what progress we have made in preparing the LDF
 - Section 3** explains the approach taken to monitoring policies
 - Section 4** reports on the key policy themes in the form of objectives, policies, targets and indicators.
 - Section 5** addresses policy monitoring and whether we need to amend or delete any of our policies.

Section 2. Progress with local development framework preparation

2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the progress of planning policy documents to be prepared over the next three years. Tables from our most recent LDS (2010 – 2013) showing actual progress with our development plan documents and the timetable for future development plan document production can be found below. They show a slippage in the timetable for the core strategy, site allocations, development management policies and Didcot Area Action Plan development plan documents.

2.2 Stakeholder involvement

- We carried out a consultation on changes to the core strategy in July and August 2011. These changes were the result of findings from the EiP exploratory meeting in May 2012. Changes included an increase in housing allocations as it was concluded at the meeting that the council could not include an allowance for unallocated sites in its housing numbers.
- We also carried out a consultation in February 2012 on further changes to the core strategy that resulted from the July and November 2011 EiP hearings.
- We continued to liaise with key stakeholders and our town and parish councils, local schools and other local groups.

For further details on stakeholder involvement and other community involvement issues including Neighbourhood Plans please see the Statement of Community Involvement in section five of this report.

Building our evidence base

- updated the [Retail and Leisure Needs Assessment](#)
- completed the [Housing Needs Assessment](#)
- completed the [district wide Flood Risk Assessment](#)
- completed the [Leisure and Sports Facilities Strategy](#)
- continued work on a number of Didcot specific studies
- completed the [Housing Viability Assessment](#)
- updated the [Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment](#)
- updated the [Infrastructure Deliver Plan](#)
- completed the Evaluation of Transport Impacts ([ETI](#))
- completed the Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Study ([SCOTS](#))

You can view a full list of our evidence base to date at www.southoxon.gov.uk/evidence

Progress since the end of the monitoring period of this AMR

- 2.3 We had two core strategy Examination in Public (EiP) hearings in July and November 2011. Since 31 March 2012 we have had two further core strategy EiP hearings in May and June 2012 and a further consultation period as a result (see Statement of Community Involvement in section 5 of this AMR). The additional hearings were a result of comments received following a consultation on changes after the July and November 2011 hearings and changes to the planning system (the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework). These additional hearings and following consultation were the main causes of the slippage in the production of the other development plan documents mentioned above.
- 2.4 In October 2012 the council received the Inspector's report on the core strategy EiP and the strategy was found sound. The core strategy has now been adopted by the council. A masterplan for the redevelopment of the Oxford Brookes University campus site at Holton has also been adopted as a supplementary planning document.

SECTION 2. PROGRESS WITH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PREPARATION

Table 1: Programmed and actual progress with local development framework preparation

| | Month | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | Submission to SOS | Adoption |
|---|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Progress | A/M/J | J/A/S | O/N/D | J/F/M | A/M/J | J/A/S | O/N/D | | |
| Core Strategy DPD | LDS | M | E | | A | | | | March 2011 | Feb 2012 |
| | Actual | M | E | E | | E | | A | March 2011 | Dec 2012 |
| Sites Allocations DPD | LDS | | | | SC | | | | February 2015 | February 2016 |
| | Actual | | | | - | | | | | |
| Didcot Area Action Plan DPD | LDS | SC | | | | | | | August 2013 | May 2014 |
| | Actual | - | | | | | | | | |
| Development Management Policies DPD | LDS | SC | | | R27 | R27 | | | June 2012 | March 2013 |
| | Actual | - | | | - | - | | | | |
| AMR 2011 | LDS | | | A | | | | A | Dec 2011 | N/A |
| | Actual | | | A | | | | A | Dec 2011 | N/A |

Key to LDF milestones

B Begin preparation
P Begin public participation period
S Submit to Secretary of State
M Pre – examination meeting
SC Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal
Scoping Report for DPDs

A Adoption and publication
N/A Not applicable
R27 Regulation 27 Pre-submission consultation
E Independent Examination

Other abbreviations

DPD Development Plan Document
SOS Secretary of State

Section 3. Methodology for policy monitoring

Methodology

3.1 This report generally follows the key policy themes identified in the Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide (2005) which is now withdrawn. The themes are:

- business development
- housing
- community - local services
- biodiversity
- energy

3.2 On 30 March 2011, the Government wrote to all Chief Planners in England to announce the withdrawal of a number of guidance notes on local plan monitoring. The letter stated that 'It is a matter for each council to decide what to include in their monitoring reports'. From this date, the core output indicators listed below no longer had to be collected. However in order to allow comparisons to be made with previous AMRs, we have decided to continue monitoring the indicators below.

| Output Ref | Indicator |
|------------|--|
| 024-01 | Plan period housing targets |
| 024-02 | Net additional dwellings - in previous years |
| 024-03 | Net additional dwellings - for the reporting year |
| 024-04 | Net additional dwellings - in future years including the '5 year land supply' |
| 024-05 | Managed delivery target |
| 024-06 | New and converted dwellings - on previously developed land |
| 024-07 | Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller) |
| 024-08 | Gross affordable housing completions |
| 024-10 | Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding and water quality grounds |
| 024-11 | Change in areas of biodiversity importance |
| 024-12 | Renewable energy generation |
| 024-17 | Total amount and type of completed employment floorspace gross and net |
| 024-18 | Total amount of employment floorspace on previously developed land - by type |
| 024-19 | Employment land available - by type |
| 024-20 | Amount of floorspace for 'town centre uses' (A1, A2, B1a, and D2.) within and outside town centres |

SECTION 3. METHODOLOGY FOR POLICY MONITORING

- 3.3 As with previous AMRs we have linked them, where possible, to the objectives, targets and indicators of the key policies in the Local Plan 2011. This will reveal whether there were any problems implementing them. We discuss policies and whether there is a need for us to change any of them in section 5.

Section 4. Monitoring of Key Policy Themes

Business development and town centres

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Objective | To provide for local employment needs and meet the needs of existing firms and small businesses |
| Relevant Policies | E1 to E9 of the Local Plan |
| Targets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A year on year increase of employment land • To maintain a supply of employment land • To develop sites allocated for employment |
| Outputs | |
| 024-17 | Total amount of additional employment floorspace – by type |
| 024-18 | Total amount of employment floorspace on previously developed land (PDL) |
| 024-19 | Employment land available – by type |

4.1 Table 2 shows that there were very few completions for employment development in 2011/12. Based on the commencements and outstanding employment permissions, however, the council expects many more completions to come forward in 2012/13.

Table 2: Additional employment floorspace

| | | | B1 | B1a | B1b | B1c | B2 | B8 | Total |
|--------|--|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------------|
| 024-17 | Total amount of additional floorspace completed (sqm) | Gross | 0 | 405 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 405 |
| | | Net | -73 | -12 | 0 | 0 | -275 | -112 | -472 |
| 024-18 | Total amount of additional floorspace completed on pdl (sqm) | Gross | 0 | 405 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 405 |
| | | Net | -73 | -12 | 0 | 0 | -275 | -112 | -472 |
| | | % gross on PDL | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |

Source: CDPSmart

4.2 Indicator 024-18 relates to employment land available by type. This is shown in Table 3 below in terms of gross and net outstanding permissions. It is not possible to provide the information for outstanding allocations as they are often for a mix of housing, retail, leisure and employment uses and the policies in our Local Plan are not prescriptive about the amount of each.

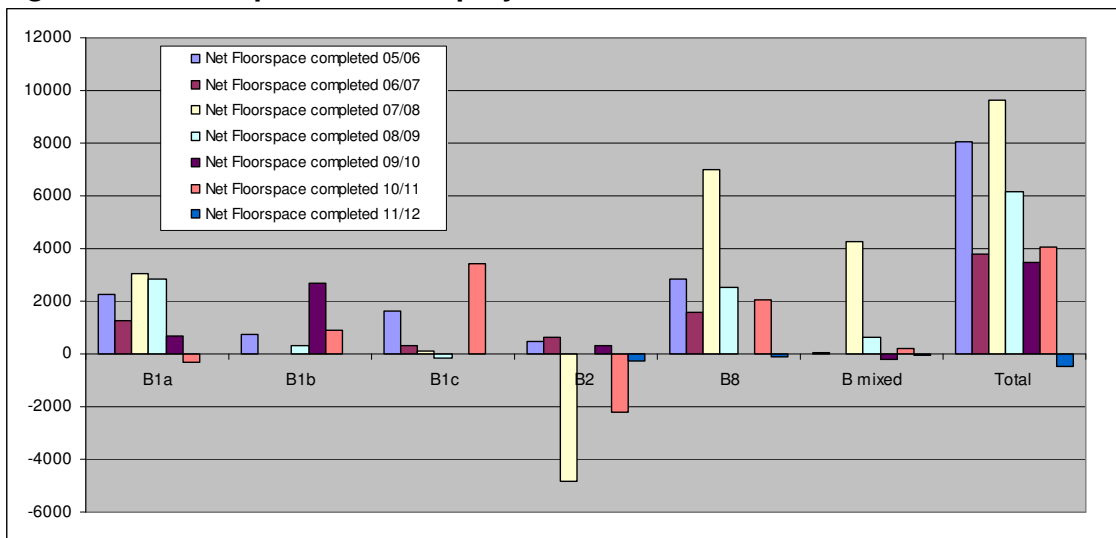
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Table 3: Employment land available by type

| | | B1a | B1b | B1c | B1 mixed | B2 | B8 | Total |
|--------|--|-------|------|------|----------|------|------|--------------|
| 024-19 | Gross floorspace with planning permission (ha) | 0.79 | 2.38 | 0.44 | 1.62 | 0.99 | 0.41 | 6.63 |
| | Net floorspace with planning permission (ha) | -0.48 | 0.18 | 0.19 | -0.84 | 0.35 | 0.00 | -0.60 |

Source: CDPSmart

Figure 2: Net completions in employment uses 2006-2012



Source: CDPSmart

4.3 Based on the information available, the loss of employment outweighs the gain this year. However, given the amount of outstanding commenced permissions, the figures for 2012/13 are expected to increase again.

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Objective | To promote vital and viable town centres |
| Relevant Policies | DID6, DID7, DID8 ,HEN2, WAL4, TC1, TC2, TC3, TC7, TC8 |
| Targets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the Local Plan allocations for new retail, office and leisure floorspace by 2011, including Didcot town centre No key town centre uses outside the town centre boundaries |
| Output 024 -20 | Total amount of completed floorspace for town centre uses within (i) town centre areas and (ii) the local authority area. |

4.4 Table 4 (i) shows that the greatest proportion of completed floorspace for town centre uses within town centres was for shops (A1). The table also shows a net loss of B1a. In 2011/12 there was no gain or loss in leisure uses (D2).

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Table 4: Floorspace completed for town centre uses

| | | | A1 | A2 | B1a | D2 | Total |
|----------------|---|-------|-----|----|------|----|-------------|
| 024-20 (i) | Completed floorspace for town centre uses within town centres (sqm) | Gross | 190 | 0 | 180 | 0 | 370 |
| | | Net | 126 | 0 | -119 | 0 | 7 |
| 024-20 (ii) | Completed floorspace for town centre uses within whole district (sqm) | Gross | 789 | 97 | 405 | 0 | 1291 |
| | | Net | 198 | 97 | -12 | 0 | 283 |

Source: CDPSmart

4.5 Table 4 (ii) shows that the greatest proportion of completed floorspace for town centre uses within the whole district was for shops (A1) then A2. The table also shows a net loss of B1a. In 2011/12 there was no gain or loss in leisure uses (D2).

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Objective | To promote vital and viable town centres |
| Relevant Policies | TC8 in the Local Plan |
| Target | No loss of shops in the primary shopping frontage which underpin the vitality and viability of the town centres |
| Output | Number of permissions/refusals for gain/loss of retail floorspace (Use Class A1) and amount of floorspace gained/lost within the primary shopping frontages of Didcot, Wallingford, Thame and Henley |

4.6 In 2011/12 there were two applications permitted that fell within a primary shopping frontage. Both applications were in Henley with one application resulting in a loss of 40 sqm of A1 floorspace (this was a change of use to a dwelling) and the other caused a 30 sqm loss of A1 floorspace (this was a change to A3).

Housing

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Objective | To meet the community's need for housing and to increase the overall supply of housing |
| Relevant Policies | H1, H2, H3 H4, H5 |
| Target | To meet the housing provisions of the South East Plan |
| Outputs 024-01, 02, 03, 04, 05 | Housing trajectory showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan period and housing targets • net additional dwellings – in previous years • net additional dwellings – for the reporting year • net additional dwellings – in future years • managed delivery target |

4.7 Housing targets for our district are contained within the South East Plan, which covers the period 2006 to 2026. The district target to 2026 is 10,940 homes,

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with 6,000 of these ring fenced to Didcot. Our core strategy is required to provide a 15 year housing supply from its date of adoption. As the core strategy was not adopted until December 2012 the plan period will need to run up to 2027. As a result we have incorporated an additional year in the housing requirement in the plan period of 547 homes. This results in a district wide target of 11,487 homes, with 6,300 of these ring fenced to Didcot. The core strategy uses only two housing land supply areas, Didcot and the Rest of the District.

- 4.8 The housing trajectories in tabular form for Didcot, the Rest of the District and the district as a whole are shown in Tables 5 to 7 below. These are also shown in graph form in Figures ~1 to ~3. The trajectories show that in the period from the 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, there were 125 net housing completions in Didcot and 355 in the Rest of the District, giving a total of 480 for the district as a whole. This is higher than the 89 we predicted for Didcot and higher than the 291 we predicted for the rest of the district in the 2010/2011 AMR. For Didcot, this was mainly due to the improvement in housing delivery on the Great Western Park site.
- 4.9 The housing trajectories shown are those as at 31 March 2012. These now include windfall projections for both Didcot and the Rest of the District. The 1154 dwellings to be divided among the larger villages can be found in the Rest of the District allocations
- 4.10 Further details can be found in our April 2012 5 year supply of deliverable sites assessment. This can be viewed via the following link: www.southoxon.gov.uk/monitoring . The assessment shows that both housing land supply areas have had a 5 year supply, and the rest of the district area had a 5% buffer (a requirement in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)).
- 4.11 However Didcot did not achieve the 20% buffer required as a result of the persistent under delivery it has experienced in recent years (also required in the NPPF). The council will work proactively to identify opportunities that can be brought forward to deliver homes to meet the buffer needed at Didcot.

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Table 5: Housing Trajectory for Didcot, 2006 to 2027, as at 31 March 2012.

| | 2006/7 | 2007/8 | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | Total 2006-2027 | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|----|
| Didcot | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Past Completions | 18 | 56 | 26 | 36 | 61 | 125 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 322 | |
| OS permissions <10 | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 46 |
| OS permissions >10 | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 43 | | | | | | | | | | | | 86 |
| Windfall rates on sites of less than 10 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 137 | |
| Projected completions - allocations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ladygrove | | | | | | | | | | 50 | 125 | 200 | 200 | 67 | | | | | | | | 642 | |
| Great Western Park | | | | | | | 204 | 223 | 276 | 303 | 148 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 133 | 2587 | |
| Vauxhall Barracks | | | | | | | | | | | | | 100 | 100 | 100 | | | | | | | 300 | |
| New allocations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| urban extension | | | | | | | | | 125 | 175 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 175 | 115 | 40 | | 2030 | |
| Orchard centre phase 2 | | | | | | | | | | 100 | 120 | 80 | | | | | | | | | | 300 | |
| Didcot total past completions | 18 | 56 | 26 | 36 | 61 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 322 | |
| Didcot total projected completions | | | | | | 0 | 224 | 243 | 412 | 682 | 647 | 591 | 611 | 478 | 411 | 311 | 411 | 386 | 326 | 251 | 144 | 6128 | |
| Didcot annualised delivery target | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 6300 | |
| Didcot cumulative completions target | 300 | 600 | 900 | 1200 | 1500 | 1800 | 2100 | 2400 | 2700 | 3000 | 3300 | 3600 | 3900 | 4200 | 4500 | 4800 | 5100 | 5400 | 5700 | 6000 | 6300 | 6300 | |
| Didcot Cumulative Completions | 18 | 74 | 100 | 136 | 197 | 322 | 546 | 789 | 1201 | 1883 | 2530 | 3121 | 3732 | 4210 | 4621 | 4932 | 5343 | 5729 | 6055 | 6306 | 6450 | | |
| Difference between cumulative housing delivery target and cumulative completions | -282 | -526 | -800 | -1064 | -1303 | -1478 | -1554 | -1611 | -1499 | -1117 | -770 | -479 | -168 | 10 | 121 | 132 | 243 | 329 | 355 | 306 | 150 | | |
| Actual Didcot annual requirement taking into account past/projected completions | 314 | 328 | 344 | 363 | 381 | 399 | 411 | 424 | 425 | 402 | 377 | 353 | 321 | 299 | 280 | 274 | 239 | 190 | 123 | -6 | | | |
| Actual Didcot annual requirement taking into account past/projected completions plus 20% buffer from 2012/13-2026/27 | 314 | 328 | 344 | 363 | 381 | 478 | 493 | 509 | 510 | 482 | 452 | 424 | 385 | 358 | 336 | 328 | 287 | 228 | 147 | -7 | | | |

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Table 6: Housing trajectory for the Rest of the District, 2006 to 2027, as at 31 March 2012.

| | 2006/7 | 2007/8 | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | Total 2006-2027 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Rest of the district | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Past Completions | 150 | 456 | 227 | 155 | 150 | 355 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1493 |
| outstanding permissions <10 | | | | | | | 105 | 105 | 76 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 286 |
| OS permissions >10 | | | | | | | 13 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 41 |
| Windfall rates on sites of <10 | | | | | | | | | | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 852 |
| Windfall rates on sites of 10-14 | | | | | | | | | | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 204 |
| Windfall rates on sites of 15-19 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 48 |
| Projected completions - allocations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairmile | | | | | | | 84 | 100 | 86 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 270 |
| Wilders | | | | | | | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Chinnor Cement Works | | | | | | | 37 | 26 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 77 |
| Mongewell Park (Carmel College) | | | | | | | | 50 | 50 | 50 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | 166 |
| Townlands Hospital | | | | | | | | | 10 | 20 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Other identified sites: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Memec | | | | | | | 4 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Thame United | | | | | | | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 |
| New allocations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford | | | | | | | | | 40 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 25 | | | | | 555 |
| Henley | | | | | | | | | | | | 66 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 67 | | | | | 400 |
| Thame | | | | | | | | | | | | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 73 | 775 |
| Larger Villages | | | | | | | | | | | | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 47 | 1154 |
| Rest of the district past completions | 150 | 456 | 227 | 155 | 150 | 355 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1493 |
| Rest of the district projected completions | | | | | 0 | 0 | 295 | 312 | 290 | 232 | 202 | 429 | 429 | 430 | 430 | 430 | 385 | 293 | 293 | 293 | 212 | 4955 |
| Rest of District Cumulative Completions | 150 | 606 | 833 | 988 | 1138 | 1493 | 1788 | 2100 | 2390 | 2622 | 2824 | 3253 | 3682 | 4112 | 4542 | 4972 | 5357 | 5650 | 5943 | 6236 | 6448 | 6448 |
| Rest of the district target | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 247 | 5187 |
| Rest of the district - difference between cumulative housing delivery target and cumulative completions | -97 | 112 | 92 | 0 | -97 | 11 | 59 | 124 | 167 | 152 | 107 | 289 | 471 | 654 | 837 | 1020 | 1158 | 1204 | 1250 | 1296 | 1261 | |
| Rest of the district annual requirement taking account of past/projected completions | 252 | 241 | 242 | 247 | 253 | 246 | 243 | 237 | 233 | 233 | 236 | 215 | 188 | 154 | 108 | 43 | -43 | -154 | -378 | -1049 | | |
| Rest of District annual requirement taking into account past/projected completions plus 5% buffer from 2012/13-2026/27 | 252 | 241 | 242 | 247 | 253 | 259 | 255 | 249 | 245 | 245 | 248 | 226 | 198 | 161 | 113 | 45 | -45 | -162 | -397 | -1101 | | |

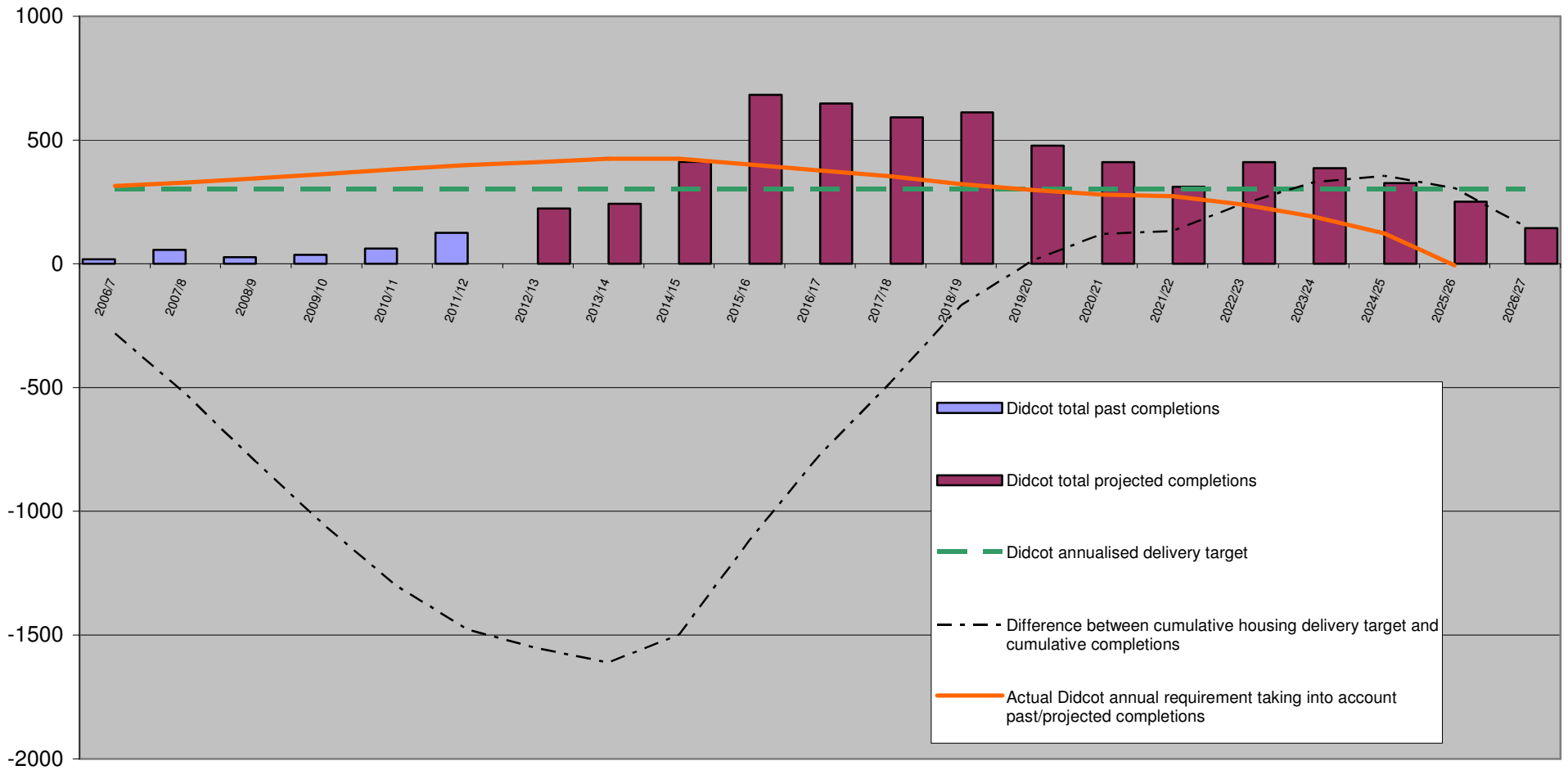
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Table 7: District wide housing trajectory, 2006 to 2027, as at 31 March 2012

| Total District | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| | 2006/7 | 2007/8 | 2008/9 | 2009/10 | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 | 2026/27 | Total 2006-2026 |
| Total district completions | 168 | 512 | 253 | 191 | 211 | 480 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1815 |
| Total district projected completions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 519 | 555 | 702 | 914 | 849 | 1020 | 1040 | 908 | 841 | 741 | 796 | 679 | 619 | 544 | 356 | 11083 |
| Total district target | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 547 | 11487 |
| Total district - difference between cumulative housing delivery target and cumulative completions | -379 | -414 | -708 | 1064 | 1400 | 1467 | 1495 | 1487 | 1332 | -965 | -663 | -190 | 303 | 664 | 958 | 1152 | 1401 | 1533 | 1605 | 1602 | 1411 | |
| Annual requirement taking account of past/projected completions | 566 | 569 | 586 | 610 | 635 | 645 | 654 | 661 | 658 | 635 | 613 | 568 | 509 | 452 | 387 | 317 | 197 | 36 | -256 | -1055 | | |
| Annual requirement taking account of past/projected completions including 20% buffer at Didcot and 5% buffer in Rest of District form 2012/13-2026/27 | 566 | 569 | 586 | 610 | 635 | 737 | 748 | 758 | 755 | 727 | 701 | 650 | 583 | 520 | 449 | 373 | 242 | 66 | -250 | -1109 | | |

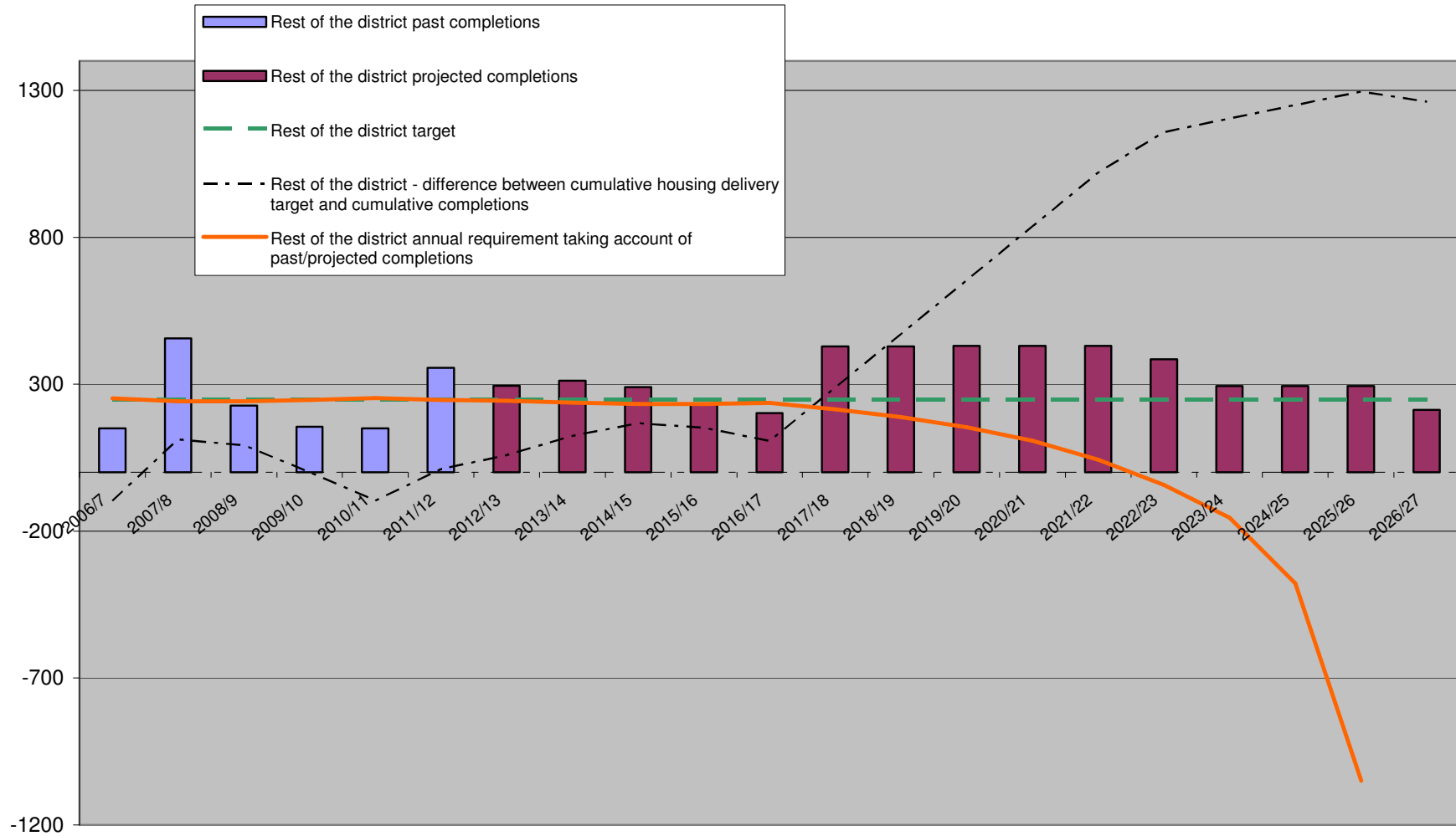
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Figure 3: Didcot housing trajectory as at 31 March 2012



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Figure 4: Rest of the district housing trajectory as at 31 March 2012



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|-------------------|---|
| Objective | To use land and resources efficiently in the provision of housing |
| Relevant Policies | H1, H2, H3, H8 |
| Target | 40% of new dwellings on previously developed land |
| Output 024-06 | New and converted dwellings on previously developed land |

4.12 We exceeded this target with 74.58% of housing completions on previously developed land in 2011/12. This is a slight drop from the 87.7% in the previous monitoring year. This was expected due to completions coming forward on the Great Western Park site in Didcot.

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| Objective | Gypsy sites (no Council objective) |
| Relevant Policies | H17 concerns the provision of new gypsy caravan sites |
| Target | No Council target |
| Output 024-07 | Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller) |

4.13 There were no net additional authorised pitches in the 2011-12 monitoring year. Our Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment and Travelling Showpeople's Accommodation Assessment are both available at www.southoxon.gov.uk/evidence

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| Objective | To increase the supply of affordable housing including on rural exceptions sites |
| Relevant Policies | H9 and H10 |
| Target | 100 affordable dwellings in 2011 -12 |
| Output 024-08 | Gross number of affordable housing completions |

4.14 189 affordable housing completions were recorded in 2011/12 which is 87 above target. Most of these were built on larger sites as part of the requirement of local plan policy H9.

Table 8: Affordable Housing Completions for 2011/12*

| Site | Number of affordable dwelling completions between 1/4/11 and 31/3/12 | |
|---|--|---|
| | Gross | Net additional (subtracting demolitions and replacements) |
| Chinnor Cement Works, Chinnor | 56 | 56 |
| Great Western Park, Didcot (Sovereign) (phase 1bl +1bll) | 25 | 25 |
| Corporation Yard, Thame | 6 | 6 |
| Olgamowforth Ph 1, Woodcote | 12 | 4 |
| Thame United Football Club, Thame | 40 | 40 |
| Amwell Place, Cholsey | 2 | 2 |
| The Oval, Didcot | 8 | 8 |
| 17-19 Emmens Close, Checkendon | 6 | 4 |
| Fairmile, Cholsey | 34 | 34 |
| Total | 189 | 179 |

Source: CDPSmart * The planning policy team do not monitor acquisitions, as they do not result in additions to the overall housing stock.

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4.15 Housing need and affordability continue to be significant problems in South Oxfordshire. The Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment and The Housing Needs Assessment look in greater detail at these issues. They are available at www.southoxon.gov.uk/evidence

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| Objective | To increase the supply of affordable housing |
| Relevant Policies | H9 |
| Target | To secure 40% affordable housing on sites greater than 0.5 hectares or 15 dwellings, and in settlements of 3000 or less, 40% affordable housing on sites capable of accommodating 5 or more dwellings |
| Output | Percentage of affordable housing completions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sites greater than 0.5 hectares or 15 dwellings in settlements of over 3000 population • sites capable of accommodating 5 or more dwellings in settlements of 3000 or less |

Table 9: Affordable Housing Completions on sites above the thresholds in policy H9

| Threshold for affordable housing | Site | Gross total units permitted | Gross affordable units completed to date | % affordable units achieved on site |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 15 | Chinnor Cement Works, Chinnor | 178 | 56 | 40% |
| 15 | Great Western Park, Didcot (Sovereign) (phase 1bl +1bl) | 313 | 25 | 30% |
| 5 | Corporation Yard, Thame | 6 | 6 | 100% |
| 15 | Olgamowforth Ph 1, Woodcote | 24 | 12 | 75% |
| 15 | Thame United Football Club, Thame | 99 | 40 | 40% |
| 5 | Amwell Place, Cholsey | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| 5 | The Oval, Didcot | 8 | 8 | 100% |
| 5 | 17-19 Emmens Close, Checkendon | 6 | 6 | 100% |
| 15 | Fairmile, Cholsey | 354 | 34 | 30% |

Source: CDPSmart

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| Objective | To encourage the provision of a range in the tenure of housing to promote mixed and more sustainable communities |
| Relevant Policies | H9 and SPG on affordable housing |
| Target | Social rented to comprise 75% of all new affordable units |
| Output | Percentage of affordable housing completions by tenure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social rented • shared ownership • other affordable • unspecified affordable |

4.16 In this monitoring year, 73% of affordable housing completions were social rented which is slightly below the target of 75%. Unlike last year, this year completions

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did provide Shared Ownership. Affordable housing completions by tenure for the 2011/12 monitoring year are set out in Table 10.

Table 10: Affordable Housing Completions for 2011/12 by tenure

| Site | Total affordable completed (gross) | Social Rented | Intermediate/Shared Ownership | Other |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Chinnor Cement Works, Chinnor | 56 | 42 | 14 | |
| Great Western Park, Didcot (Sovereign) | 25 | 18 | 7 | |
| Corporation Yard, Thame | 6 | 6 | 0 | |
| Olgamowforth Ph 1, Woodcote | 12 | 12 | 0 | |
| Thame United Football Club, Thame | 40 | 30 | 10 | |
| Amwell Place, Cholsey | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| The Oval, Didcot | 8 | 5 | 3 | |
| 17-19 Emmens Close, Checkendon | 4 | 4 | 0 | |
| Fairmile, Cholsey | 34 | 19 | 15 | |
| Total | 187 | 136 | 51 | |

Source: CDPSmart

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| Objective | To increase the percentage of smaller dwellings to meet identified needs and to ensure a mix of types |
| Relevant Policies | H7 |
| Target | To ensure at least 45% of dwellings built for sale on the open market on sites suitable for 2 or more dwellings are 2 bedroom dwellings |
| Output | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> size of dwellings permitted on sites suitable for 2 or more dwellings size of all market dwellings permitted |

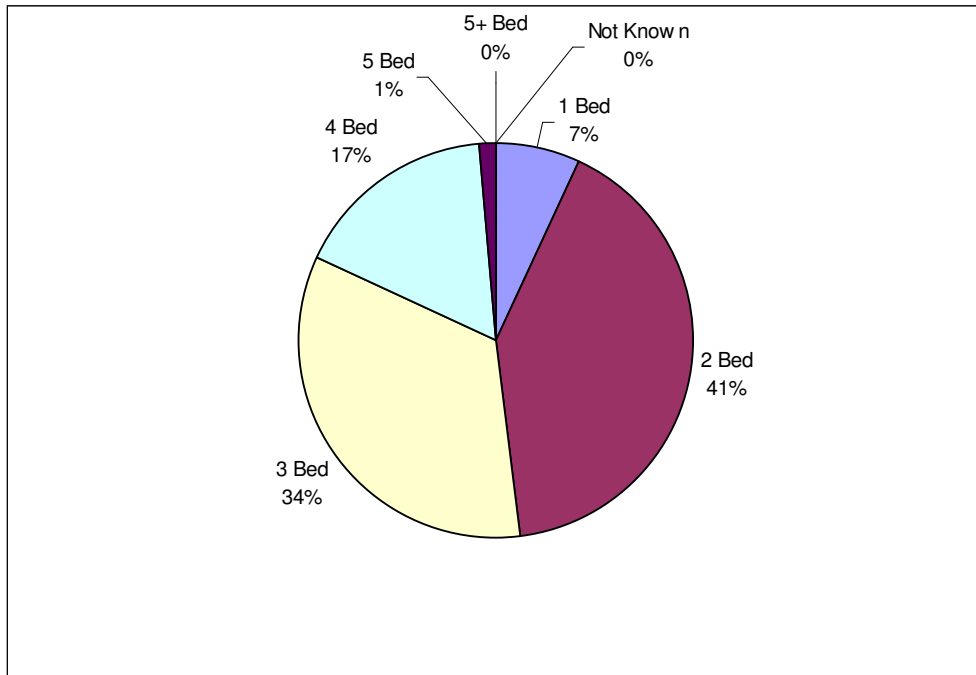
4.17 Local Plan Policy H7 requires a mix of dwelling types and sizes in new residential developments. The policy applies only to market dwellings, the mix for affordable housing is dealt with separately in Policy H9.

4.18 The South Oxfordshire District Council Housing Needs Survey, published in October 2000 and updated in February 2004, showed that 45% of the total shortfall in dwellings was for two bed dwellings. We have updated information on housing need in the Housing Needs Assessment 2011.

4.19 Figure 6 below shows that 41% of housing permissions on sites containing two or more dwellings were for two bed dwellings.

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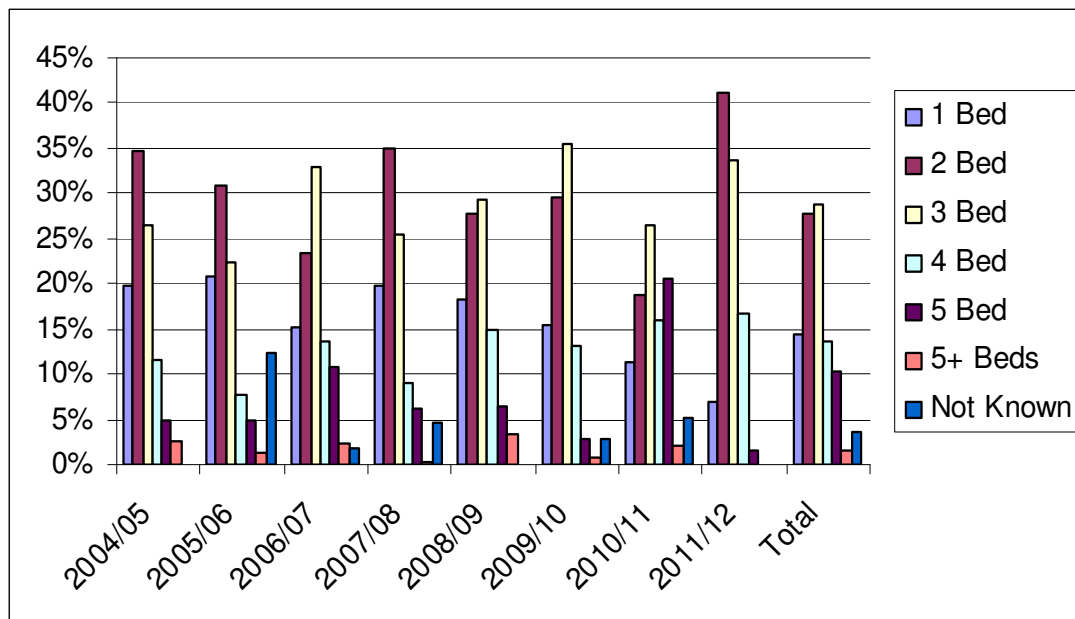
Figure 6: The size of market dwellings permitted on sites of 2 or more dwellings (gross) 2011/12



Source: CDPSmart

4.20 Figure 7 shows the proportion of one and two bedroom dwellings permitted over the last seven years.

Figure 7: The comparison of the sizes of dwellings on sites of two or more market dwellings (gross) over the past seven monitoring years

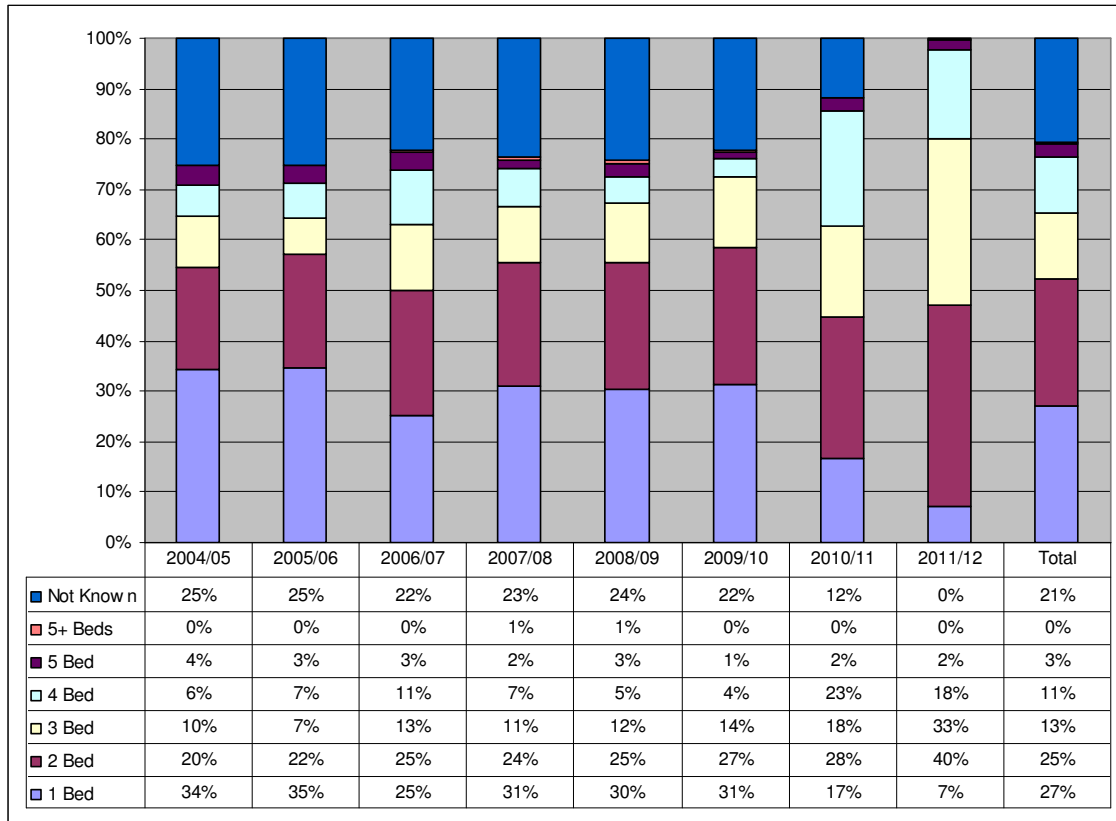


Source: PPMS until 2010/11 - CDPSmart 2011/12

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4.21 Although Policy H7 relates only to sites of two or more dwellings, the objective is to address the overall supply of different sized dwellings. Figure 8 shows what proportions (in terms of bedroom numbers) we are achieving when all housing permissions are included.

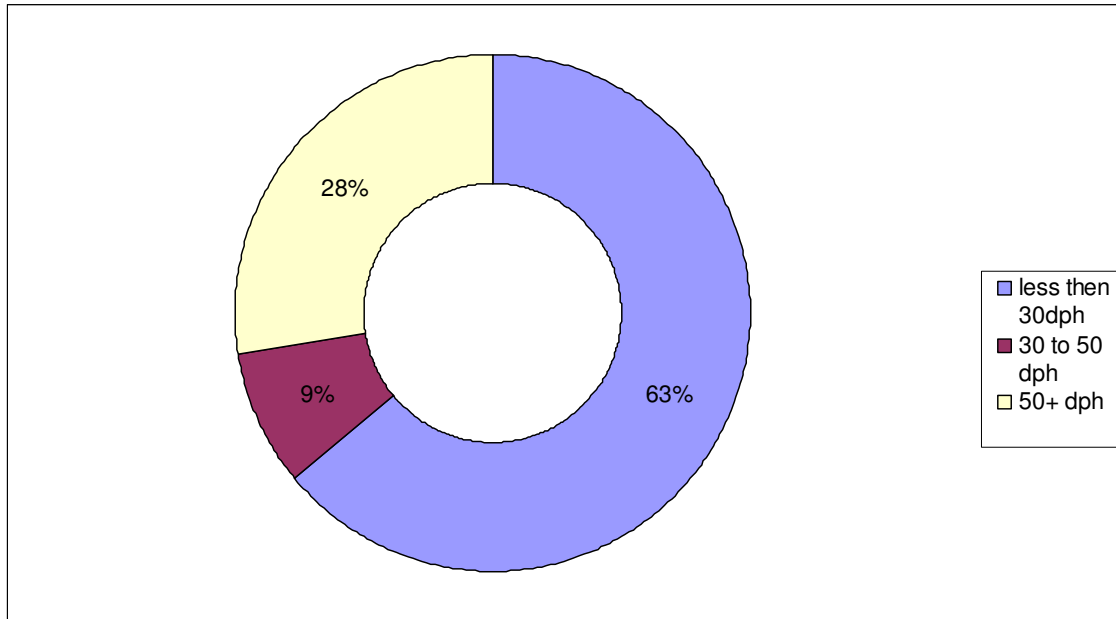
Figure 8: All market housing permissions by bedroom number (gross) 2004-2012



Source: PPMS until 2010/2011 / CDPSmart 2011/2012

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| Objective | To use land and resources efficiently in the provision of housing |
| Relevant Policies | H8 |
| Target | Achieve densities of 30 dwellings or more per hectare on housing sites outside town centre locations, and 40 dwellings or more in town centre locations |
| Output | Percentage of new dwellings completed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than 30 dph • between 30 and 50 dph • above 50 dph |

4.22 Figure 9 below shows that the proportion of developments less than 30 dph has increased to 63% in 2011/12. In 2010/11 the number was 28%. The large number of completions on allocated sites such as Great Western Park (25dph), Chinnor Cement works (23dph) and Fairmile Hospital (13dph) are the main cause for the decrease. The remaining 37% achieved a density of 30+ dph.

Figure 9: The proportion of dwelling completions by density in 2011/12

Source: CDPSmart

Community - local services, health, education and crime

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| Objective | To encourage the retention of recreation and community facilities |
| Relevant Policies | CF1 |
| Target | No loss of community facilities and services where it is considered a use may be economically viable |
| Output | Number of permissions/refusals for change of use of a community facility |

4.23 In 2011/12 the council permitted four applications which resulted in the loss of a community facility. Two of the applications were for the conversion of public houses. It was considered by officers that the non-conformist chapel in Benson would not result in a loss of an community facility. The chapel in Horspath was no longer considered an 'essential community facility' within the meaning in policy CF1, therefore a change of use was considered acceptable.

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| Objective | To encourage the provision of recreation and community facilities |
| Relevant Policies | CF2 |
| Target | No council target |
| Output | Number of permissions/refusals for new community facilities |

4.24 There were no permissions in 2011/12 for the provision of recreation and community facilities.

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Flood Protection

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| Objective | To minimise the risks and impact of flooding |
| Relevant Policies | EP5 |
| Target | No development in areas of flood risk or against advice on water quality |
| Output | Number of permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality |

4.25 There were twelve objections from the Environment Agency to planning applications on flooding grounds. Out of these applications a total of six were approved after revising the proposal or after resubmitting an acceptable FRA. The remaining applications were either refused or withdrawn.

| Decision | Application number | Description | Reason to object |
|--|--------------------|--|--|
| Application approved, amended the proposal | P11/W0605 | Replacement Boathouse on the same footprint as a previously existing one. / | Risk to life and / or property |
| Withdrawn | P11/E0652 | Permanent use of land for the storage and launching of unpowered boats and erection of store to house traditional rowing boats. **No E or paper file created** / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA Submitted |
| Withdrawn | P11/W0595 | Change of Use from B1 office to C3, private dwelling. Replacement of three part glazed external doors with three fully glazed external doors. Replacement of one external window with one fully glazed external door. Minor internal alterations to facilitate | PPS25/TAN15 - Request for FRA/FCA |
| Application approved, amended the proposal | P11/E0691 | Formation of a third nine holes at The Oxfordshire. / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA submitted (Surface Water) |
| Withdrawn | P11/W0842 | Formation of two no. wet docks and dinghy slipway. Alteration of entrance gates. / | PPS25/TAN15 - Request for FRA/FCA |
| Application approved, EA withdrew their objection | P11/E1155 | Material change of use of agricultural land to polo training arena and balancing pond with associated landscaping. / | PPS25/TAN15 - Request for FRA/FCA |
| Application refused, appeal dismissed | P11/W1294 | Erect new dwelling with associated site works. / | Part C of Exception Test not passed |
| Refused | P11/E1205/O | Outline application for development of site for residential purposes (up to 115 dwellings) together with leisure facilities and new vehicular access, landscaping and provision of 40% affordable housing. / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA submitted (Surface Water) |
| Application approved, Applicant revised FRA | P11/W1505 | 2 Bed single storey dwelling with detached garage. As amended by drawing no. 11049-P01 Rev B and letter from agent rec on 23.11.11. / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA Submitted |
| Withdrawn | P11/E1533 | New tennis court with enclosure / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA Submitted |
| Application approved, the economic benefits outweighs the objection. | P11/E2199/RET | Temporary 3 year change of use of part country park frontage to mooring and base for 2 cruise boats at site A and C. / | Development next to a watercourse/flood defence |
| Application approved, Applicant revised FRA | P11/W0551/RET | Retention of 3 ponds / | Unsatisfactory FRA/FCA Submitted |

Biodiversity

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| Objective | To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the district |
| Relevant Policies | C6, C7, C8 although we can only have influence where biodiversity is related to a planning application. |
| Target | No net loss of priority species and habitats or loss of designated area and none of the designated sites in South Oxfordshire adversely affected by new developments |
| Output 024-11 | Change in areas and populations of biodiversity importance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in priority habitats and species (by type) and • Change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value |

4.26 Table 11 below provides details of the areas of sites designated for their biodiversity importance. There has been no change to the majority of these sites between the 2011 AMR and this year's report.

4.27 The analysis of the changes in area of Local Wildlife and Geological Sites is really a measure of the survey activity of that year (as determined by the subsequent site selection panel decisions); the figures for 2011 contained within the table below are the outcomes from the March 2012 site selection panel meeting (at which point the 2011 surveyed sites designated as LWS or LGS, or de-selected were confirmed).

4.28 There was a 58.95 hectares increase to the extent of the local wildlife sites resource in South Oxfordshire in 2011, based on decisions made by the site selection panel meetings in December 2011 and March 2012. There was also an overall increase of the resource in Oxfordshire. The decisions on sites are shown in the table below, with a colour coding scheme used to highlight changes in the area of local wildlife sites.

4.29 The extent and number of local geological sites in South Oxfordshire remained unchanged (as it did in Oxfordshire as a whole) in 2011 as no meetings of the site selection panel took place in the last 12 months.

4.30 The calculations of % of designated sites within both South Oxfordshire and the County as a whole are based on GIS determinations of geographic areas as follows:

- Area of South Oxfordshire district: 67,659 hectares
- Area of Oxfordshire 259,846 hectares

4.31 The following table identifies the areas of sites designated for their environmental value within South Oxfordshire.

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Table 11: Areas of sites of biodiversity and geological importance

| Designated site | Area in hectares (2010) | Oxon Area in hectares (2010) | Area in hectares (2011) | As % of South Oxon | Oxon Area in hectares (2011) | As % of Oxon |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) | 1551.7 | 4465.17 | 1551.7 | 2.3 | 4465.17 | 1.7 |
| Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) | 227.9 | 576.9 | 227.9 | 0.3 | 576.9 | 0.2 |
| Local Wildlife Sites | 1356.03 | 5380.4 | 1415.11 | 2.1 | 5445.71 | 2.1 |
| Sites of Local Interest for Nature Conservation (SLINCs)* | n/a | 202.5 | n/a | n/a | 202.5 | 0.08 |
| Local Nature Reserves | 19.3 (4 sites) | 50.2 | 19.3 (4 sites) | 0.03 | 50.2 | 0.02 |
| Local Geological Sites | 42.54 (5 sites) | 583.07 (plus 3 unmapped sites) | 42.54 (5 sites) | 0.02 | 583.07 (plus 3 unmapped sites) | 0.22 |

Note: Local Wildlife Sites were previously known as County Wildlife Sites

* The status of SLINCs is the subject of review by Oxford City Council. Those of Local Wildlife Site standard are now counted within the figures for that site designation

Source: TVERC

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| | A reduction in the resource |
| | No significant change in the resource |
| | An increase in the resource |

4.32 Table 12 below provides details of the UK BAP priority habitats which have been identified within South Oxfordshire.

4.33 There have been few changes to the amounts of UK BAP priority habitats in South Oxfordshire in this reporting year. However, the most notable change has been the increase in the amount of heathland resource as a result of better mapping of the habitat at Kingwood Common Local Wildlife Site. In addition, a small increase in the lowland mixed deciduous woodland resource has been identified, also at Kingwood Common Local Wildlife Site.

Table 12 :UK BAP priority habitat resource in South Oxfordshire district

| UK BAP priority habitat type | Area (hectares) 2010-11 | County context 2010-11 | Area (hectares) 2011-12 | County context 2011-12 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Arable field margins | Not known | Not known | Not known | Not known |
| Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh | 503.53 | 4750.90 | 503.5 | 4816.32 |
| Eutrophic standing water | 119.70 | 933.20 | 119.7 | 741.01 |
| Hedgerows | Not known | Not known | Not known | Not known |
| Lowland beech and yew woodland | 758.23 | 777.36 | 758.2 | 777.34 |

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| UK BAP priority habitat type | Area (hectares) 2010-11 | County context 2010-11 | Area (hectares) 2011-12 | County context 2011-12 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Lowland calcareous grassland | 259.21 | 732.71 | 259.3 | 732.72 |
| Lowland dry acid grassland | 10.39 | 48.75 | 10.38 | 48.26 |
| Lowland Fens | 32.34# | 142.96# | 32.36# | 145.65# |
| Lowland heathland | 2.74 | 2.96 | 3.60 | 3.82 |
| Lowland meadows | 95.30 | 1081.27 | 95.31 | 1086.71 |
| Lowland mixed deciduous woodland | 1005.55 | 4518.41 | 1008.0 | 4550.22 |
| Mesotrophic lakes | Not known | Not known | Not known | 116.87 |
| Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land | Not known | Not known | Not known | Not known |
| Ponds | Not known | 3.79 | Not known | 4.63 |
| Purple moor grass and rush pastures | 2.26 | 14.09 | 2.26 | 14.09 |
| Reedbeds | 1.49 | 25.82 | 1.50 | 26.39 |
| Rivers | Not known | Not known | Not known | Not known |
| Traditional Orchards | 88.84 | 326.21 | 88.81 | 321.00 |
| Wet woodland | 20.27 | 137.94 | 20.26 | 146.87 |
| Wood pasture and parkland | 452.91 | 1858.82 | 452.9 | 1858.81 |
| Total area of BAP priority habitat | 3352.76 | 15329.37 | 3356.08 | 15390.71 |

Combined figure of Fen and Reedbed resource

Source: TVERC

Distribution and status of farmland birds

4.34 This indicator uses an established list of 19 species, identifiable as farmland birds, compiled by RSPB. Records associated with these species generated through British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) breeding bird surveys in specific 1km x 1km squares are then used to determine a farmland bird index. TVERC has obtained these records and followed the RSPB methodology to plot the trend in changes in the index over time. To establish a timeframe from which any kind of meaningful trend can be identified, a shifting baseline has been used and changes in bird populations in subsequent years (over a 10 year window) are then relative to that baseline year. This latest assessment of the farmland bird index trend uses a baseline of 2002.

4.35 Figure 10 below provides an indication of plotted changes over time in the county. Survey figures for the South Oxfordshire district showed a fall in the district index compared to 2010, and based on data collected in 2002. Once again, there was a fall in the squares which were surveyed (from 15 to 14). The South Oxfordshire index value is also lower than the county-wide figure.

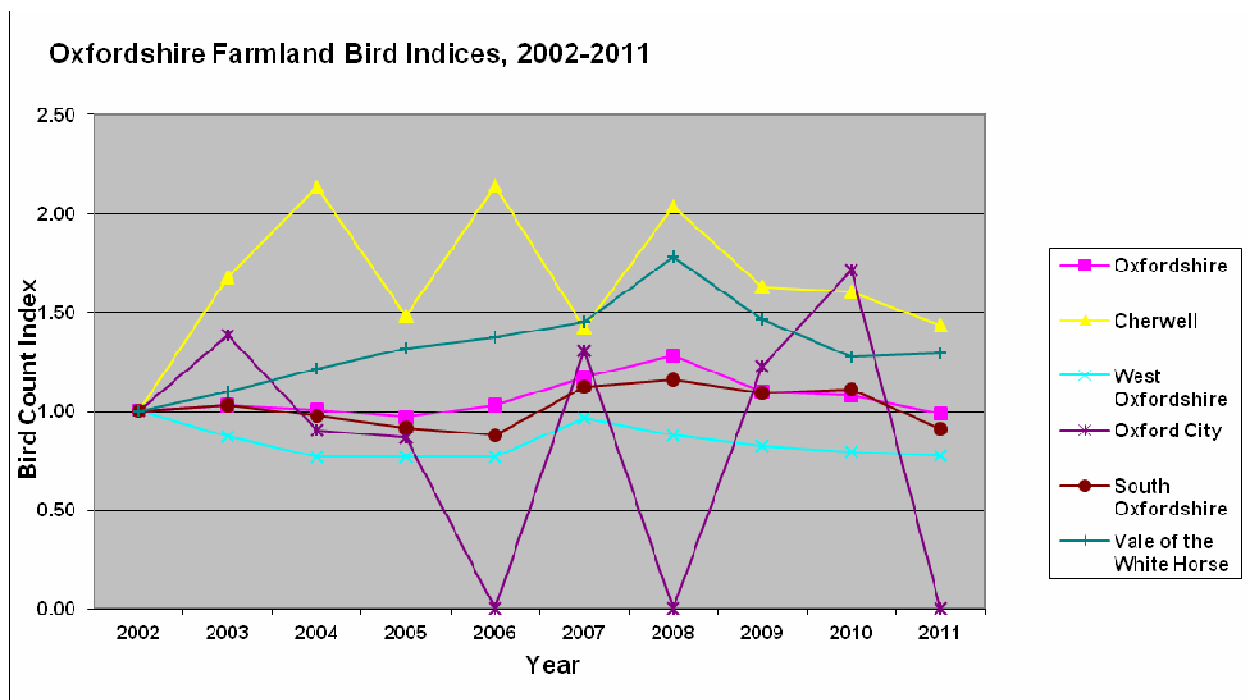
4.36 Survey data were generated in the field by BTO survey volunteers and compiled by BTO officers in Thetford. These records were then made available to TVERC for processing at a district-specific level, using the methodology established by RSPB Central England Office staff.

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4.37 The 2011 Breeding Bird Survey effort amounted to 14 km² of South Oxfordshire's land area of 677 km² – just over 2% - being surveyed. This means the resulting farmland bird index is heavily weighted to reflect the trends of species that are most numerous, and fluctuating, such as woodpigeon, jackdaw and rook.

4.38 The data have been collected by known BTO surveyors who have been directed to specific areas within Oxfordshire to conduct breeding bird surveys of an established methodology. The reliability of the species records is dependent on the number of 1km squares which have been surveyed in a season. This varies from year to year. As a consequence, the reliability of the resulting farmland bird figures (above) is open to debate.

Figure 10. Changes in Oxfordshire farmland bird species index, 2002-11



Source: TVERC

Energy

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| Objective | To encourage the production and use of renewable energy |
| Target | See Table below |
| Output 024-12 | Renewable energy generation |

4.39 The data below was supplied by TV Energy. Table 13 illustrates the renewable energy installed capacity figures in SODC compared to the SEERA 2010 renewable energy installed capacity targets. TV Energy had previously used installed capacity figures to enable an easy assessment on local data compared to the SEERA 2010 installed capacity targets. This table has been included to show the progress that has been made since last time if the 2010 targets were still present. As 2010 has passed, the SEERA targets have been replaced with the EU 2020 energy generation targets. It is for this reason that TV Energy now uses energy generation data as it enables an easy comparison for local data compared to the EU targets.

Definitions:

- capacity - The amount of electric power for which a generating unit is rated by the manufacturer.
- **installed capacity** refers to the overall sum of the manufacturer-rated capacities of equipment. This could be on one property or within a district.
- energy generation: the amount of energy produced from the generating unit. This figure varies on the size of the unit or system and environmental factors.

Table 13: South Oxfordshire renewable energy capacity 31 March 2011

Extracted 30/11/11 from TV Energy installations database

| Technology | Installed capacity | Indicative 2010 target | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Electricity, kW _e | % target attained |
| Electricity | Electricity, kW _e | Electricity, kW _e | % target attained |
| Biogas/sewage gas | 680 | 366 | 186% |
| Wind | 51 | 3,531 | 1% |
| Biomass | 0 | 7,669 | 0% |
| Solar PV | 7,420 | 281 | 2,641% |
| Hydro | 160 | n/a | n/a |
| TOTAL | 8,311 | 11,847 | 70% |

| Technology | Installed capacity | No target |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Heat | Thermal, kW _{th} | |
| Biogas/sewage gas | 0 | |
| Biomass | 2272 | |
| Solar thermal | 82 | |
| Heat pumps | 298 | |
| TOTAL | 2652 | |

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Table 14: South Oxfordshire Renewable Energy Generation**Renewable Energy Generation**

| Technology | Annual Output | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Electricity | Electricity, MWh _e | 2020 target MWh | % target attained |
| Biogas/sewage gas | 2,564 | | |
| Wind | 45 | | |
| Biomass | 0 | | |
| Solar PV | 3,917 | | |
| Hydro | 253 | | |
| Heat | Thermal, MWh _{th} | | |
| Biogas/sewage gas | 0 | | |
| Biomass | 3962 | | |
| Solar thermal | 93 | | |
| Heat pumps | 876 | | |
| TOTAL Heat and Elec | 11,710 | | |
| Renewable Transport Estimate | 55,060 | | |
| Total Energy | 66,770 | 562,500 | 12% |

Section 5. Policy Review

- 5.1 One of the functions of this report is to assess whether we need to amend or replace the policies in the LDF, either because they are not working or to reflect changes in national or regional policy. The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 was adopted on 20 January 2006 and the policies it contains have been saved until they are replaced by later plans.
- 5.2 The former Government Office for the South East agreed which policies in our local plan we should save beyond 20 January 2009 and through this process we carried out a thorough assessment of the policies in terms of whether:
- there was a clear strategy
 - they had regard to the community strategy
 - they were effective for any part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged
 - they were necessary and did not merely repeat government policy.
- 5.3 Most of our local plan policies were saved, except for:

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| C5 | Protection of agricultural land |
| GB3 | The use of land in the Green Belt |
| EP5 | Flood risk |
| H1 | The amount and location of housing |
| A6 | Agricultural workers' dwellings |
| A7 | Agricultural workers' dwellings |
| RUR14 | Siarey's Timber Yard, Chinnor |
| RUR15 | Mackenzie Myers, Watlington |
| DID6 | The expansion of Didcot town centre |
| THA2 | The Phoenix Trail |
| THA4 | Rycotewood College |
| WAL1 | Wantage Road |
| WAL3 | Station Road Industrial Estate |

- 5.4 We have tested the effectiveness of many saved policies through this AMR as a lot of our indicators relate directly to policies. This is particularly the case for housing indicators. No changes are required to these policies.
- 5.5 Some policies, by their very nature, are difficult to monitor within our resource and time constraints. Some can also be subjective. We have included in Appendix 1 a schedule of all our existing policies (indicating those which are to be saved) and given a brief note on monitoring. We also give an update on the progress of our site specific allocations including site allocations.
- 5.6 There is potentially a huge amount of monitoring that we could carry out. It is not possible or practical to provide comprehensive monitoring on all policies in our Local Plan; we have over 170 policies. In future, in line with the new planning system, documents will contain fewer policies so monitoring will be more manageable. We have tailored this AMR to consider the most important

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topics at this time and to correspond with the output indicators we have decided to monitor. On all applications we monitor (we do not monitor residential extensions, advertisements or temporary permissions and some other types of applications) we include the list of policies in the Local Plan that were considered by the case officer. We are therefore able to run queries from our monitoring system on any policy if the need arises and assess the effect of a particular policy.

- 5.7 Our core strategy is expected to be adopted in December 2012. This plan has its own monitoring framework. The next AMR we produce will include monitoring of both the Local Plan 2011 policies and core strategy policies.
- 5.8 Appendix 3 of the AMR shows how the policies in the local plan conform with the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 5.9 A number of the policies in the core strategy will fully or partially replace policies in the Local Plan 2011. These are shown in Appendix 4.

Statement of Community Involvement

- 5.16 Our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in July 2006. It explains how we will involve the community in the development of planning policy documents and in planning applications. We state that in the AMR we will indicate whether a formal review of the SCI is needed.
- 5.17 From July to August 2011 we undertook a Core Strategy Addendum consultation. This consultation took place as a result of soundness concerns raised by our Inspector assessing our core strategy. These recommendations emerged after we held an exploratory meeting on our core strategy. The changes enabled us to proceed to examination hearings. The same publication mechanisms that were utilised for the core strategy proposed submission consultation were used for this consultation. We received approximately 270 representations, which were submitted to the Inspector for review.
- 5.18 At the start of July 2011 we had our first round of core strategy examination hearing sessions. The formal notification process was followed, which was supported by the Programme Officer working on the examination. The first hearing period looked at matters such as economy, retail, environment, Henley and rural communities.
- 5.19 We held the second round of core strategy examination hearing sessions in November 2011. This covered the other aspects of the core strategy such as, the overall strategy, Thame, Henley part 2, quality development, Didcot, Wallingford, moving around and infrastructure. As with the previous hearing stage the formal notification process was followed, which was supported by the Programme Officer working on the examination.
- 5.20 As part of our aim to implement continuous improvements we conducted a series of customer review focus groups with a range of stakeholders from December 2011 to February 2012. The stakeholders ranged from town and parish councils, planning agents/architects and other frequent users of the planning service. The feedback that was gathered was used to form the basis of short term, medium term and long term actions to be carried forward by the service. The work also helped to form evidence for part of the council's Customer Service Excellence application.
- 5.21 The council commissioned consultants to look at the overall infrastructure framework for the Science Vale UK area. We supported consultation on this, which was focussed on the Science Vale UK area, for our district this was mainly Didcot. The consultation involved a questionnaire, exhibition and workshops with young people from Didcot's secondary schools. The feedback gathered from this has been used to form a baseline report, which identifies a range of issues to be tackled by future policy documents.
- 5.22 We conducted area application publications for our two 'Front Runner' Neighbourhood Development Plans, Thame and Woodcote. Neighbourhood Development Plans are a new initiative brought out by government to help enable local communities to have a greater say in how their local area grows

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and develops over the future. The 'Front Runner' schemes are specific local authority neighbourhood plan projects, where the government has allocated funding to support the plan process. The publications did not attract high response rates, with around 20 responses or lower for each publication. However, as this is a publication process not a consultation, the response rate was expected to be low. The information was used to form the basis of approving the submitted neighbourhood plan area designations.

- 5.23 In February 2012 to March 2012 we undertook a further core strategy publication period. This publication period was in relation to the issues identified as part of the previous core strategy hearing sessions (July and November 2011). We received approximately 250 representations. All representations received were submitted to the core strategy Inspector for consideration. These submissions in turn prompted the Inspector to hold another round of core strategy hearing sessions in June 2012.
- 5.24 March 2012 saw us develop and hold our first 'Planning Applications of Wider Community Significance Disability Panel' meeting. The panel had been three years in the making and had support from the corporate projects officer (equalities). The report produced was submitted to the planning agents in relation to the application, to provide them with further insight into disability issues and make any amendments to their plan.
- 5.25 We followed the guidance in the SCI in undertaking these consultations. However, we did note that there were a number of consultations/publications that ran through holiday periods. Our SCI identifies that when the production schedules allow, we should try to avoid this. Unfortunately on those occasions production schedules did not afford this opportunity. On most occasions we did try to provide additional consultation time as a compensatory mechanism. The SCI is in the process of being reviewed to take account of amended government regulations.

Appendix 1: Monitoring of Saved Policies in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011

| Policy Number | Subject of Policy | Monitoring comment |
|---------------|---|--|
| | The General Approach | |
| G1 | General restraint and sustainable development | Many of these general policies are monitored on the monitoring system but do not form part of the AMR. |
| G2 | Protection and enhancement of the environment | |
| G3 | Locational strategy | |
| G4 | Development in the countryside and on the edge of settlements | |
| G5 | Making the best use of land | |
| G6 | Promoting good design | |
| | Landscape | |
| C1 | Landscape character | Many of the landscape policies are subjective. |
| C2 | Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty | |
| C3 | The River Thames and its valley | |
| C4 | The landscape settings of settlements | |
| | Biodiversity | |
| C6 | Biodiversity conservation | Biodiversity monitoring is currently carried out by Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre. |
| C7 | Protection of designated sites | |
| C8 | Species protection | |
| C9 | Landscape features | |
| | Green Belt | |
| GB1 | The extent of the Green Belt | We monitor whether development is in the Green Belt or not. |
| GB2 | New buildings in the Green Belt | |
| GB4 | Visual amenity | |
| | The Historic Environment | |
| CON1 | Listed buildings | Much of this data is recorded elsewhere and would require a subjective assessment. |
| CON2-3 | Alterations and extensions to listed buildings | |
| CON4 | Use and changes of use of listed buildings | |
| CON5 | The setting of listed buildings | |
| CON6-7 | Proposals affecting a conservation area | |
| CON8 | Advertisements in conservation areas and on listed buildings | |
| CON9 | Blinds and canopies in conservation areas | |
| CON10 | Burgage plots | |

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| Policy Number | Subject of Policy | Monitoring comment |
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| CON11-14 | Archaeology and historic building analysis and recording | |
| CON15 | Historic battlefields, parks, gardens and landscapes | |
| CON16 | Common land | |
| Environment Protection | | |
| EP1 | Prevention of polluting emissions | We have carried out a strategic flood risk assessment for Didcot and for the rest of the district. |
| EP2 | Noise and vibrations | |
| EP3 | Light pollution | |
| EP4 | Protection of water resources | |
| EP6 | Surface water protection | |
| EP7 | Groundwater protection | |
| EP8 | Contaminated land | |
| EP9 | Hazardous substances | |
| Encouraging sustainable and high-quality development | | |
| D1 | Good design and local distinctiveness | We adopted the new South Oxfordshire Design Guide in March 2008. The Chilterns Conservation Board carry out a Chilterns Building Design Award annually. The Chilterns AONB covers approximately half of South Oxfordshire and is an incentive to achieving high quality development; both in terms of design and sustainability. |
| D2 | Vehicle and bicycle parking | |
| D3 | Plot coverage and garden areas | |
| D4 | Privacy and daylight | |
| D5 | Promoting mixed-use development | |
| D6 | Design against crime | |
| D7 | Access for all | |
| D8 | Energy, water and materials efficient design | |
| D9 | Renewable energy | |
| D10 | Waste management | |
| D11 | Infrastructure and service requirements policy | |
| D12 | Public art | |
| Housing | | |
| H2 | Sites identified for housing | See housing section where policies are specifically identified in relation to objectives and targets. |
| H3 | Phasing of development | |
| H4 | Towns and larger villages outside the Green Belt | |
| H5 | Larger villages within the Green Belt and smaller villages throughout the district | |
| H6 | Locations where new housing will not be permitted | |
| H7 | Range of dwelling types and size | |
| H8 | Dwelling densities | |
| H9 | Affordable housing | |
| H10 | Rural affordable housing on exception sites | |

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| Policy Number | Subject of Policy | Monitoring comment | |
|---|---|--|------------------------|
| H11 | The sub-division of dwellings and multiple occupation | | |
| H12 | Replacement dwellings | | |
| H13 | Extensions to dwellings | Residential extensions not currently monitored. | |
| H14 | Lifetime homes | Not currently monitored. | |
| H15-16 | Residential caravans and mobile homes | Residential caravans not currently monitored. | |
| H17 | Gypsies | See housing section, indicator H4. | |
| H18 | Extension of gardens | Extension of gardens not currently monitored. | |
| Recreation | | | |
| R1-2 | Formal recreation | We have carried out a PPG17 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facility Assessment, which assesses provision in the district. | |
| R3 | Indoor sports facilities | | |
| R4 | Recreation in the countryside | | |
| R5 | Golf courses and golf driving ranges | | |
| R6-7 | Informal recreation | | |
| R8 | Public rights-of-way | | |
| R9 | River Thames | | |
| R10 | The keeping of horses | | |
| Community facilities | | | |
| CF1 | Safeguarding community facilities and services, including recreation facilities | | See community section. |
| CF2 | Provision of community facilities and services | | |
| CF3 | Safeguarding the vitality and viability of neighbourhood and local centres | | |
| Business, industry, storage & distribution | | | |
| E1 | Didcot | See business section. There are not a large number of applications each year for additional employment provision. We have completed an Employment Land Review which is available on our website http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/content/planning/policy/south-oxfordshire-employment-land-review.en | |
| E2 | Henley, Thame and Wallingford | | |
| E3 | The rural areas | | |
| E4 | General employment policy | | |
| E5 | General employment policy | | |
| E6 | Retention of employment sites | | |
| E7 | Working from home | | |
| E8 | Re-use of rural buildings | | |
| E9 | Institutions in the countryside | | |
| Agriculture | | | |
| A1-2 | Agricultural buildings | We record information on planning applications relating to all elements of agriculture listed on the left. We do not receive a large number of applications where these policies are relevant. | |
| A3 | Farm diversification | | |
| A4 | Farm shops | | |

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| Policy Number | Subject of Policy | Monitoring comment | |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| A5 | Garden centres | | |
| | Tourism | | |
| TSM1 | General approach to tourism | We record information on planning applications relating to the provision of tourist facilities and additional non-residential floorspace. We do not receive many applications relating to tourism. | |
| TSM2 | Tourist attractions and facilities | | |
| TSM3-4 | Serviced accommodation, public houses and restaurants | | |
| TSM5 | Self-catering accommodation | | |
| TSM6 | Caravan and camping sites | | |
| | | | Not currently monitored. |
| TE1 | Telecommunications policy | Not currently monitored by Planning Policy, but the telecommunications register is maintained in development management. | |
| AD1 | Advertisements policy | Not monitored. | |
| | Supporting vital and viable town centres | | |
| TC1 | Extending the range and quality of facilities | See business and community sections. | |
| TC2 | Extending the range and quality of facilities | | |
| TC3 | Environmental improvements | | |
| TC4-6 | Encouraging a diversity of uses | | |
| TC7 | Protecting town centres from out-of-centre development | | |
| TC8 | Protection of the retail function in town centres | | |
| | Promoting a sustainable transport strategy | | |
| | | | |
| T1-2 | Transport requirements for new development | Not monitored in this AMR. County Council and Highways Agency carry out transport monitoring also. | |
| T3 | Transport assessments and travel plans | | |
| T4-6 | Public transport and interchanges | | |
| T7 | Cycling and walking | | |
| T8 | Car parks and on-street parking | | |
| T9 | Service areas | | |
| T10-11 | Lorries and freight distribution depots | | |
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| Policy Number | The rural areas – site specific proposals | Monitoring comment |
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| RUR1-2 | Oxford Brookes University, Holton | Work is being undertaken on a masterplan for the site to guide future redevelopment proposals and is expected to be |

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| Policy Number | The rural areas – site specific proposals | Monitoring comment |
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| | | adopted by end of 2012. |
| RUR3-5 | Culham Science Centre and the JET Project | Work is being undertaken on a masterplan for the site to guide future redevelopment proposals Permissions was granted for Manufacturing and Assembly Facility in January 2012. |
| RUR6-8 | Number 1 Site, Culham | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| RUR9 | Sandford Sewage Treatment Works | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| RUR10 | Fair Mile Hospital, Cholsey | Work has commenced. At the end of 2011/12 monitoring period there were 84 completions |
| RUR11 | Chinnor Cement Works | Work has commenced. At end of 2011/12 monitoring period there were 73 dwellings completed. |
| RUR 12 | Mongewell Park, Crowmarsh | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| RUR13 | The Wilder's site and adjoining land, Crowmarsh | Work has commenced. At the end of 2011/12 monitoring period there were 2 completions. |
| RUR16 | Shotover Country Park | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| | Didcot | |
| DID1 | Major Development areas at Didcot | See DID2. |
| DID2 | Didcot West Major Development Area | Reserved Matters Planning applications received and permitted in October 2011 for 250 dwellings. |
| DID3 | Ladygrove East Major Development Area | The council resolved to grant planning permission in July 2006 subject to finalising the legal agreement. Work on finalising the legal agreement still underway. |
| DID4 | Vauxhall Barracks | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| DID5 | Land at Station Road and Haydon Road | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| DID7 | Regeneration of Market Place and Broadway | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| DID8 | Land to the east of the Didcot town centre expansion scheme | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| DID9 | Land at Southmead Business Park | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| DID10-11 | Land at Didcot Parkway railway station | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| | Henley | |
| HEN1 | Townlands Hospital | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| HEN2 | Market Place Mews expansion | Permission granted for 14 residential units in 2007, but development has not started. An application to extend the time to commence the permissions was granted in October 2010. Work is expected to start in Jan 2013 |
| HEN3 | Land at Reading Road Industrial Estate | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| HEN4 | Informal open space | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |

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| Policy Number | The rural areas – site specific proposals | Monitoring comment |
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| | Thame | |
| THA1 | Thame Cattle Market, North Street | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| THA3 | Land adjacent to 32 Upper High Street | No applications submitted within 2011/12 monitoring period. |
| | Wallingford | |
| WAL2 | Redevelopment of Lamb Garage site, Castle Street | All completed |
| WAL4 | Waitrose supermarket and public car park at 11-16 St Martins Street | No applications submitted within the 2011/12 monitoring year. |
| WAL5 | Land at Hithercroft Estate | No applications submitted within the 2011/12 monitoring year. |
| WAL6 | Cholsey and Wallingford Railway | No applications submitted within the 2011/12 monitoring year. |

Appendix 2: Glossary of terms

| Acronym | Term in full | Explanation |
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| AMR | Authority's Monitoring Report | LDD required each year showing progress with policy delivery and the work programme in the LDS. |
| CDPSmart | | A system within the council for monitoring planning applications against policy requirements |
| DPD | Development Plan Document | A type of LDD which carries significant weight in the development management process. DPDs are spatial planning documents which are subject to independent examination. |
| | Development Plan | A plan comprising the Regional Spatial Strategy and the DPDs contained within the LDF. |
| | Examination | An examination of the 'soundness' of DPDs held in public by a Planning Inspector. It replaces the Local Plan Inquiry. |
| GIS | Geographical Information System | System that stores information electronically on maps. |
| LDD | Local Development Document | An individual component or document of the LDF. |
| LDF | Local Development Framework | The portfolio of LDDs which provides the spatial planning framework. |
| LDS | Local Development Scheme | A 3 year work programme for production of LDDs. |
| NPPF | National Planning Policy Framework | Statements of national planning policy produced by Government, replacing Planning Policy Statement (PPS) |
| ODO | Oxfordshire Data Observatory | A data and information resource funded by the local authorities of Oxfordshire, Oxfordshire County Council, Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, and the Learning and Skills Council. |
| ONS | Office for National Statistics | National data and information resource. |
| SA | Sustainability Appraisal | A process of appraising policies for their social, economic and environmental effects, which must be applied to all DPDs and SPDs. See also SEA Directive. |
| SCI | Statement of Community Involvement | A compulsory LDD that explains the council's intended approach to public participation in LDF production and in the determination of planning applications. |
| SEA | Strategic Environmental Assessment | Assessments made compulsory by a European Directive (the SEA Directive). To be implemented in planning through Sustainability Appraisal of DPDs and SPDs. |
| SOLP | South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 | Local Plan prepared by South Oxfordshire District Council to guide development in the district to cover the period up to 2011 |
| SPD | Supplementary Planning Document | Optional LDDs adopted by the council, these hold less weight in the determination of applications than DPDs. They replace Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). |
| SSSI | Sites of Special Scientific Interest | SSSIs are the country's very best wildlife and geological sites as designated by Natural England. |
| TVERC | Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre | Supplies biodiversity data for the Thames Valley area. |
| UK BAP | UK Biodiversity Action Plan | UK government's targeted action plan to respond to the Convention on Biological Diversity. |

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| Local Plan Policy | Title of Policy | Commentary on consistency with the National Planning Policy Framework | Core Strategy policy that will replace or partially replace the Local Plan policy (if any) | Conclusion |
|-------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| G1 | General restraint and sustainable development | Policy provides a presumption in favour of sustainable development at Didcot but is less positively worded with regard to the other towns and villages. | CSS1 | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| G2 | Protection and enhancement of the environment | Inspector in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 & APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | CSS1 | Fully consistent |
| G3 | Locational strategy | Consistent with core principle that requires patterns of growth to be to make fullest use of sustainable transport and focus significant development in sustainable locations. | CSS1 | Fully consistent |
| G4 | Development in the countryside and on the edge of settlements | Policy is consistent with para 17 (bullets 1, 5 & 11 and para 55 of the NPPF. Inspectors in appeals APP/Q3115/A/11/2166761, APP/Q3115/A/12/2169532 and APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found this policy to be consistent with NPPF. | CSS1 | Fully consistent |
| G5 | Making the best use of land | Consistent with core principle requiring effective re-use of previously developed land, also para 111. Para 74 of NPPF protects existing open space. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| G6 | Promoting good design | Inspectors in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 & | CSQ3 | Fully consistent |

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| | | APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | | |
| C1 | Landscape character | Inspectors in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 & APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | CSEN1 | Fully consistent |
| C2 | Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty | Inspectors in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 & APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | CSEN1 | Fully consistent |
| C3 | The River Thames and its valley | Consistent with para 109 of the NPPF which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| C4 | The landscape setting of settlements | Inspectors in appeals APP/Q3115/A/11/2166761 and APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| C6 | Biodiversity conservation | Consistent with para 118 of the NPPF which states LPAs should aim to conserve and enhance biodiversity and ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity through development. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| C7 | Protection of designated sites | Consistent with para 118 of the NPPF which states LPAs should aim to conserve and enhance biodiversity and ensure there is no net loss to biodiversity through development. Policy C7 states that development that is likely to adversely affect a SSSI will not be permitted, although NPPF para 118 allows it when the benefits of the development clearly outweigh the impacts on features of the site and broader impacts on the national network of SSSIs. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| C8 | Species protection | Consistent with para 117 of the NPPF which requires the protection and recovery of priority species. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| C9 | Landscape features | Inspector in appeal | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| | | APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | | |
| GB1 | The extent of the Green Belt | Consistent with Section 9 of the NPPF on 'Protecting Green Belt Land' which requires LPAs to establish Green Belt boundaries to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns (one of the five purposes of the Green Belt) | CSEN2 | Fully consistent |
| GB2 | New buildings in the Green Belt | Consistent with para 89 of the NPPF which lists types of development which would not constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt | CSEN2 | Fully consistent |
| GB4 | Visual amenity | Consistent with para 81 of the NPPF which states that LPAs should plan positively to enhance the visual amenity of the Green Belt | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON1 | Listed buildings | Policy CON1 states that proposals for the demolition of a listed building will not be permitted (although lower case text for the policy states that national policy will be taken into account when considering schemes which involve the demolition of a listed building). Para 132 of the NPPF states that substantial harm or loss of a grade I or grade II* heritage asset should be wholly exceptional, and exceptional in the case of grade II assets. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON2 | Alterations and extensions to listed buildings (extension) | The NPPF does not have a policy on alterations and extensions to listed buildings specifically, but para 58 states that plans should have policies that set out the quality of development required. It goes on to say that planning policies should ensure development responds to local character and history and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| CON3 | Alterations and extensions to listed (alteration) | See CON2 above | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON4 | Use and change of use of listed buildings | The NPPF does not have a policy on the reuse of listed buildings specifically but see CON 2 above | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON5 | The setting of listed buildings | Inspector in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2166761 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON6 | Proposals affecting a conservation area | Consistent with para 138 of the NPPF which seeks to protect buildings that contribute positively to a conservation area. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON7 | Proposals affecting a conservation area | Consistent with para 137 of the NPPF which states that proposals which preserve or contribute positively to conservation areas should be treated favourably. Although the NPPF however does not specifically refer to development outside of a conservation area, NPPF para 129 requires LPAs to have regard to the impact of all proposals on heritage assets including their setting. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON8 | Advertisements in conservation areas and on listed buildings | The NPPF does not refer specifically to advertisements in conservation areas but does seek to preserve and enhance conservation areas. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON9 | Blinds and canopies in conservation areas | The NPPF does not refer specifically to blinds and canopies in conservation areas but does seek to preserve and enhance conservation areas. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON11 | Archaeology and historic building analysis and recording | Consistent with para 139 of the NPPF which states that heritage assets of archaeological interest with equivalent significance to scheduled monuments should be subject to the same policies as designated assets. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| CON12 | Archaeology and historic building analysis and recording | Consistent with para 128 of the NPPF which requires, where necessary, a field evaluation on sites proposed for development which may have potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON13 | Archaeology and historic building analysis and recording | Consistent with para 139 of the NPPF which states that heritage assets of archaeological interest with equivalent significance to scheduled monuments should be subject to the same policies as designated assets. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON14 | Archaeology and historic building analysis and recording | Consistent with para 128 of the NPPF which requires an applicant to submit a desk-based assessment and where necessary a field evaluation where a proposal affects a heritage asset. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON15 | Historic battlefields, parks, gardens and landscapes | Consistent with para 132 of the NPPF which states that substantial harm to or loss of notable scheduled monuments including battlefields and historic parks and gardens should be wholly exceptional. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CON16 | Common land | The NPPF does not specifically reference common land or village greens, but it does however allow communities through local and neighbourhood plans to designate Local Green Spaces in order to rule out their development except in very special circumstance | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP1 | Prevention of polluting emissions | Consistent with para 109 of the NPPF which prevents both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution or land instability. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| EP2 | Noise and vibration | Consistent with para 109 of the NPPF which prevents both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution or land instability. Para 123 of the NPPF sets out that planning policies and decisions should avoid noise from giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of new development. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP3 | Light pollution | Consistent with para 125 of the NPPF which states by encouraging good design, planning policies and decisions should limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP4 | Protection of water resources | Para 94 of the NPPF states that LPAs should adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change including water supply. Para 156 states that LPAs should have strategic priorities to deliver infrastructure, including water supply infrastructure. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP6 | Surface water protection | Consistent with para 103 that requires LPAs to ensure that development is appropriately flood resilient and resistant, including safe access and escape routes where required, and that any residual risk can be safely managed, including by emergency planning | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP7 | Groundwater protection | Para 94 of the NPPF states that LPAs should adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change including water supply. Para 156 states that LPAs should have strategic priorities to deliver infrastructure, including water supply infrastructure. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| EP8 | Contaminated land | Consistent with para 121 of the NPPF which states planning policies and decisions should ensure that the site is suitable for its new use taking account of ground conditions and land instability, including from natural hazards or former activities. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| EP9 | Hazardous substances | The NPPF does not refer specifically to hazardous substances but para 120 does state that to prevent unacceptable risks from pollution and land instability, planning policies and decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D1 | Good design and local distinctiveness | Inspectors in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 & APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D2 | Vehicle and bicycle parking | NPPF para 39 establishes the principles for setting local parking standard, which in this case are contained in Appendix 5 of the Local Plan. Consistent with NPPF para 64 in relation to design of parking, and para 35 which requires safe and secure layouts which minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists and pedestrians. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D3 | Plot coverage and garden areas | Consistent with NPPF core principle that seeks a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D4 | Privacy and daylight | Consistent with NPPF core principle that seeks a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D5 | Promoting mixed use development | Consistent with the many references throughout the NPPF supporting mixed use development | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D6 | Design against crime | Consistent with para NPPF paras 58 and 69 on creating safe and accessible environments. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| D7 | Access for all | The Local Plan policy is more detailed than the NPPF in this area, but the principle of accessibility is supported, particularly in NPPF para 32. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D8 | Energy, water and materials efficient design | Consistent with NPPF para 96. | CSQ2 | Fully consistent |
| D9 | Renewable energy | Consistent with NPPF core principle | CSQ1 | Fully consistent |
| D10 | Waste management | NPPF does not contain specific waste policies, which will be published as part of the National Waste Management Plan for England. However Policy D10, is in conformity with the environmental role of planning system outlined in para 7. Design management of waste is incorporated into general paragraphs on design such as NPPF para 64. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| D11 | Infrastructure and service requirements policy | In general conformity with the need to provide infrastructure. Policy refers to "fairly and reasonably related", which is in conformity with para 173 of NPPF. | CSI1 | Fully consistent |
| D12 | Public art | No reference to public art. However, consistent with design section of NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| H2 | Sites identified for housing | The policy identifies key sites the Council wishes to see developed in the plan period. This is consistent with Para 47 of the NPPF. | CSH1 | Fully consistent |
| H3 | Phasing of development | Monitoring the release of land to ensure that a sufficient amount is released to meet the (Structure Plan) housing requirement is consistent with the NPPF para 47. Refusing planning permission for greenfield sites that come forward on the basis that other brownfield sites are available is not consistent with the NPPF and goes beyond para 111 policy of encouraging re-use of previously developed land. | CSC1 | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| H4 | Towns and larger villages outside the Green Belt | Policy is consistent with NPPF para 58. Inspector in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 (ref application P11/E0431) found policy to be consistent with the NPPF. | Town policies & CSR1 | Fully consistent |
| H5 | Larger villages within the Green Belt and smaller villages throughout the district | Policy is consistent with NPPF para 58. Inspector in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2167064 (ref application P11/E0431) found policy to be consistent with the NPPF. | CSR1 | Fully consistent |
| H6 | Locations where new housing will not be permitted | The policy takes its lead from policy G4 and is consistent with Para 17 (bullets 1, 5 & 11 and Para 55 of the NPPF. Inspectors in appeals APP/Q3115/A/12/2169509 and APP/Q3115/A/12/2169532 found policy to be consistent with NPPF. The applications refs are P11/E1712 and P11/W1284. | CSS1, CSR1, CSH1 | Fully consistent |
| H7 | Range of dwellings types and sizes | Requiring a mix of housing size to meet identified need is consistent with para 50 of the NPPF, bullet point 2. | CSH4 | Fully consistent |
| H8 | Dwelling densities | Consistent with NPPF para 47, bullet point 5. | CSH2 CSQ3 | Fully consistent |
| H9 | Affordable housing | Consistent with NPPF para 47, bullet point 1. Consideration of the viability of affordable housing provision (as set out at Para 5.40 of the Local Plan) is consistent with para 173 and 174 of the NPPF. | CSH3 | Fully consistent |
| H10 | Rural affordable housing on exception sites | Rural exception sites are promoted at para 54 of the NPPF. Policy H10 requires that exception sites are solely for affordable housing. However, para 54 of the NPPF and the definition of rural exceptions sites in the glossary explain that small numbers of market housing may be allowed at the local authority's discretion, for example where essential to enable the delivery of affordable units without grant funding. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| H11 | The sub-division of dwellings and multiple occupation | The NPPF does not specifically refer to the sub-division of dwellings and multiple occupation. However, this form of development and the purpose of Policy H11 (e.g. to ensure that there is no harm to the amenity of neighbouring residents or harm to the character of the surrounding area etc) is consistent with the overall aims in chapters 6 and 7 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| H12 | Replacement dwellings | The NPPF does not specifically refer to replacement dwellings. However, the purpose of Policy H12 is consistent with chapters 6 and 7 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| H13 | Extensions to dwellings | Inspector in appeals APP/Q3115/A/11/2166761 & APP/Q3115/D/12/2171404 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| H14 | Lifetime homes | The policy is consistent with the overarching aim of the NPPF to deliver a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community (para 50). The viability of providing the proportions of the development designed to Lifetime Homes standards set out in the lower case text will need to be considered as set out in paras 173 and 174 of the NPPF. | CSH4 | Fully consistent |
| H15 | Residential caravans and mobile homes | Proposals for new residential caravans or mobile home sites or extensions to existing sites are to be considered in accordance with the housing policies in the Local Plan. Therefore, see above H2 - H14. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| H16 | Residential caravans and mobile homes | Proposals for the redevelopment of residential caravan or mobile home sites for permanent residential development are to be considered in accordance with the housing policies in the Local Plan. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| | | Therefore, see above H2 to H14. | | |
| H17 | Gypsies | Government policy on this subject is set out in 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites', CLG March 2012, rather than the NPPF. Para 10 of the CLG document recommends criteria-based policies (such as Policy H17) to guide land supply allocations and where there is no identified need. It supports many of the principles of Policy H17, such as treating new pitches in the Green Belt as inappropriate development (para. 14) and not adversely affecting the settled community (the overarching aim in para. 3). In South Oxfordshire there is an identified need (to be updated in a forthcoming new Gypsy, Travelling and Travelling Showpeople's Accommodation Assessment) which will be addressed through new pitch allocations in the Site Allocations DPD and Didcot Area Action Plan. This is confirmed in Core Strategy Policy CSH5. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| H18 | Extension of gardens | Inspector in appeal APP/Q3115/A/11/2166761 found policy to be consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R1 | Formal recreation | Supported by 'Promoting Healthy Communities' chapter 8 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R2 | Formal recreation | Supported by 'Promoting Healthy Communities' chapter 8 of the NPPF. Para 73 states that policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of need. Policy refers to The Six Acre Standard, which still applies. References to infrastructure as per comment to Policy D11. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R3 | Indoor sports facilities | Supported by 'Promoting Healthy | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| | | Communities' chapter 8 of the NPPF. | | |
| R4 | Recreation in the countryside | Policy is consistent with relevant chapters on the natural environment, historic environment, Green Belt etc. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R5 | Golf courses and golf driving ranges | Policy is consistent with relevant chapters on the natural environment, historic environment etc. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R6 | Informal recreation | Supported by 'Promoting Healthy Communities' chapter 8 of the NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R7 | Informal recreation | Consistent with NPPF para 28 on supporting rural tourism. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R8 | Public rights of way | Consistent with NPPF para 75. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R9 | River Thames | Consistent with "Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment" chapter. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| R10 | The keeping of horses | Consistent with relevant chapters. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CF1 | Safeguarding community facilities and services, including recreation facilities | Consistent with NPPF para 28 that states that planning policies should promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CF2 | Provision of community facilities and services | Consistent with NPPF para 28 that states that planning policies should promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| CF3 | Safeguarding the vitality and viability of neighbourhood and local centres | One of the core principle of the NPPF is to promote the vitality of the main urban areas and support thriving rural communities. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| E1 | Didcot | Parts (i), (ii) and (iii) consistent with NPPF in supporting economic development. However, reference to Policy E4 means that policy is not entirely consistent with NPPF (see section below on this policy). | CSEM2 | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| E2 | Henley, Thame and Wallingford | Policy is restrictive and is not flexible as required by para 21. Policy does not conform with presumption in favour of sustainable development (see section on Policy E4) | CSEM2, CSTHA1, CSWAL1 | Not consistent |
| E3 | The rural areas | The principle of the policy is consistent with the NPPF, though it is not positively worded. The criteria (i) - (vii) are consistent with the various sections of the NPPF. Reference to Policy E4 is not consistent (see section on Policy E4). | CSR2 | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| E4 | General employment policies | Policy suggests housing growth and consequently employment growth will be restricted to that allocated in the plan. This is not consistent with presumption in favour of sustainable development. It is not consistent with Core Principle of Planning to "proactively drive and support sustainable economic development to deliver homes, business and industrial units...". Policy is restrictive and is not flexible as required by para 21. | CSEM2 | Not consistent |
| E5 | General employment policies | Criteria (1) - (vii) are consistent with relevant sections of NPPF and would need to be met to ensure development is sustainable. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| E6 | Retention of employment sites | Policy does not seek the long term protection of employment sites but allows a reasonable period for the investigation of alternatives, it is therefore consistent with the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| E7 | Working from home | Para 21 of NPPF requires LPA to facilitate flexible working practices such as integration of residential and commercial uses within the same unit. Policy allows for this in principle. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| E8 | Re-use of rural buildings | Consistent with NPPF para 28 and para 55. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| E9 | Institutions in the countryside | Policy supports the sustainable growth and expansion of business and enterprise in rural areas. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| A1 | Agricultural buildings | In accord with NPPF para 28, which supports development of agricultural businesses. Criteria in policy are consistent with relevant sections of NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| A2 | Agricultural buildings | Consistent with NPPF para 123 requires that adverse impacts on health and quality of life should be mitigated and reduced to a minimum. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| A3 | Farm diversification | Consistent with NPPF para 28 supporting diversification of agricultural businesses | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| A4 | Farm shops | Consistent with NPPF para 28. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| A5 | Garden centres | No specific coverage of garden centres in the NPPF. However, para 25 instructs that the sequential approach to assessing applications for main town centre uses (including retail development - see the NPPF glossary) should not apply to applications for small scale rural development; while para 28 promotes a strong rural economy including the growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas and promotes agricultural diversification and rural tourism and leisure developments. The controls on location in Policy A5 are therefore more restrictive than the NPPF, although the stance on Green Belt locations remain consistent with NPPF | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| | | (para 89). The emphasis on preservation and enhancement of the AONB is consistent with the wider caveat about proposals respecting the character of the countryside (para 28 bullet point 3). | | |
| TSM1 | General approach to tourism | Not much on tourism in NPPF, though the principle is supported. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TSM2 | Tourist attractions and facilities | Not much on tourism in NPPF, though the principle is supported. Criteria are in conformity with relevant sections of NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TSM3 | Serviced accommodation, public houses and restaurants | Nothing of direct relevance, however principles of policy are supported. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TSM4 | Serviced accommodation, public houses and restaurants | Nothing of direct relevance, however principles of policy are supported. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TSM5 | Self-catering accommodation | See Housing Policies and Policy E8 explanation. | Not applicable | |
| TSM6 | Caravan and camping sites | Nothing of direct relevance, however principles of policy are supported. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TE1 | Telecommunications policy | Consistent with "Supporting high quality communication infrastructure" chapter. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| AD1 | Advertisements policy | Consistent with NPPF para 67. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TC1 | Extending the range and quality of facilities | Consistent with NPPF para 23, especially bullet point 6 on allocations. | CST1 | Fully consistent |
| TC2 | Extending the range and quality of facilities | Consistent with NPPF para 23 bullet point 3 on defining town centre boundaries and setting policies for proposals within it. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TC3 | Environmental improvements | This policy for environmental improvements is consistent with NPPF para 23 bullet points 1 (town centre vitality) and 4 (reflecting individuality of | CST1,CSDID1,CSWAL1, CSTHA1,CSHEN1 | Fully consistent |

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| TC4 | Encouraging a diversity of uses | Consistent with NPPF para 23 bullet point 9 on encouraging residential development within town centres for reasons of town centre vitality. | CSWAL1,CSTHA1, CSHEN1 | Fully consistent |
| TC5 | Encouraging a diversity of uses | Protecting against loss of residential uses in town centres in consistent with NPPF para 23 bullet point 9 | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TC6 | Encouraging a diversity of uses | Consistent since office uses in town centres are defined as a type of main town centre use (see NPPF Annex 2 glossary). | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| TC7 | Protecting town centres from out-of-centre development | In line with NPPF para 23 in setting a policy for the consideration of proposals for main town centres uses not in or adjacent to town centres. Although the approach in the policy text of TC7 is more categorically negative than the NPPF (which at paras 24-27 allows for such proposals to be tested against a sequential test and an impact test), these tests are addressed in paras. 7.30 and 7.31 of the lower case text of the Local Plan, so are covered. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| TC8 | Protection of the retail function in town centres | In defining primary shopping frontages and setting policies for proposals for changes of use within it, this policy is partially consistent with NPPF para 23 bullet point 3 on defining primary shopping areas and setting policies for proposals within it. However the Local Plan does not distinguish between primary and secondary frontages within the primary shopping areas as set out in NPPF bullet point 3. This will be addressed in the Site Allocations DPD and or neighbourhood plans. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| T1 | Transport requirements for new developments | The requirements of the policy are consistent with paras 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T2 | Transport requirements for new developments | The requirements of the policy are consistent with paras 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T3 | Transport assessments and travel plans | Paras 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35 of the NPPF provide the justification for transport assessments and travel plans. Paras 32 and 36 specifically refer to the need to provide transport assessments and travel plans. | CSM2 | Fully consistent |
| T4 | Public transport and interchanges | The aim of this policy is consistent with paras 29, 30 and 31 of the NPPF. | CSM1 | Fully consistent |
| T5 | Public transport and interchanges | The aim of this policy is consistent with paras 29, 30 and 31 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T6 | Public transport and interchanges | Protecting existing rail facilities is consistent with the overall aim of balancing the transport system in favour of sustainable transport modes (see paras 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35). Protecting former rail facilities is consistent with the above where there is robust evidence to do so (para 41). | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T7 | Cycling and walking | The policy is consistent with the overall aim of balancing the transport system in favour of sustainable transport modes (see paras 29, 30, 32, 34 and 35). | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T8 | Car parks and on-street parking | The policy is consistent with paras 29, (and in particular) 39 and 40 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| T9 | Service areas | <p>The policy seeks to locate new petrol filling stations within the built up areas of the towns and larger villages only, so they can act as local services. This is consistent with aim of the NPPF to promote sustainable modes of transport (see paras 29 and 35).</p> <p>The NPPF (at para 31) requires LPAs to work with neighbouring authorities and transport providers to establish strategies for matters which include roadside facilities for motorists. Until a strategy is in place which supersedes the stance taken in Policy T9 to additional motorway service stations, the policy is consistent with the NPPF.</p> | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| T10 | Lorries and freight distribution depots | <p>The desire of the policy that lorry traffic should, wherever possible, use the major road network and that new freight distribution depots should be located near rail, pipeline or waterway networks is consistent with paras 30, 34 and 35 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The refusal of an application would need to be considered against para 32, bullet 3 of the NPPF which states that "Development should only be prevented or refused on transport grounds where the residual cumulative impacts of development are severe".</p> | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| T11 | Lorries and freight distribution depots | <p>The desire of the policy that lorry traffic should, wherever possible, use the major road network and that new freight distribution depots should be located near rail, pipeline or waterway networks is consistent with paras 30, 34 and 35 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The refusal of an application would need to be considered against para 32, bullet 3 of the NPPF which states that "Development should only be prevented or refused on transport grounds where the residual cumulative impacts of development are severe".</p> | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| RUR1 | Oxford Brookes University, Holton | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for infill on brownfield land. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR2 | Oxford Brookes University, Holton | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for complete redevelopment of brownfield site. | CSEM5 | Fully consistent |
| RUR3 | Culham Science Centre and the JET Project | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for infill on brownfield land. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR4 | Culham Science Centre and the JET Project | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for complete redevelopment of brownfield site. | CSEM3 | Fully consistent |
| RUR5 | Culham Science Centre and the JET Project | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF and general support of economic development. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR6 | Number 1 Site, Culham | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for infill on brownfield land. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR7 | Number 1 Site, Culham | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF, particularly para 89, which allows for complete redevelopment of brownfield site. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| RUR8 | Number 1 Site, Culham | Consistent with Green Belt chapter of the NPPF and general support of economic development. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR9 | Sandford Sewage Treatment Works | This is a brownfield site and one of the core principles of the NPPF is to encourage the effective use of land by re-using land that has been previously developed. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR10 | Fair Mile Hospital, Cholsey | Site under construction. The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR11 | Chinnor Cement Works | Site under construction. The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR12 | Mongewell Park, Crowmarsh | At planning application stage. The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR13 | The Wilder's site and adjoining land, Crowmarsh | Site under construction. The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| RUR16 | Shotover Country Park | Most of Shotover Park is a SSSI. Its protection is consistent in part with para 118 of the Framework that states development which would have an adverse impact on a SSSI would not normally be permitted. It goes on to say that an exception would be where the benefits of the development clearly outweigh the negative impacts. This policy does not solely relate to nature conservation, it also aims to conserve this area as an open space for recreation. Para 74 of NPPF seeks to protect open space although contains caveats about when their loss can be permitted. | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |

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| DID1 | Major development areas at Didcot | The policy is consistent with paras 56, 57 and 58 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| DID2 | Didcot West Major Development Area | The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF. However, the viability of providing the infrastructure listed will need to be considered against paras 173 and 174 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| DID3 | Ladygrove East Major Development Area | The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF. However, the viability of providing the infrastructure listed will need to be considered against paras 173 and 174 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| DID4 | Vauxhall Barracks | The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF. However, the viability of providing the infrastructure listed will need to be considered against paras 173 and 174 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| DID5 | Land at Station Road and Haydon Road | Identifying a site for a mixed use development of residential and business uses is not in conflict the aims of chapters 1 and 6 of the NPPF. | CSDID1 | Fully consistent |
| DID7 | Regeneration of Market Place and Broadway | Fully consistent with para 23 of the NPPF. | CSDID1 & 2 | Fully consistent |
| DID8 | Land to the east of the Didcot town centre expansion scheme | Fully consistent with paras 23 and 24 of the NPPF. | CSDID2 | Fully consistent |

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| DID9 | Land at Southmead Business Park | Consistent with para 21 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| DID10 | Land at Didcot Parkway railway station | Fully consistent with the overall aim of Chapter 4 of the NPPF. | CSDID1 | Fully consistent |
| DID11 | Land at Didcot Parkway railway station | Consistent with Para 21 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| HEN1 | Townlands Hospital | The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| HEN2 | Market Place Mews expansion | A mixed-use town centre allocation fully consistent with para 23 of the NPPF. However the cap on the quantum of employment floorspace is not consistent with the flexibility sought by NPPF para 21 (see also Policy E2 above). | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| HEN3 | Land at Reading Road Industrial Estate | Consistent with para 21 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| HEN4 | Informal open space | Consistent with paras 70 and 73 of the NPPF on promoting healthy communities. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| THA1 | Thame Cattle Market, North Street | A mixed-use retail-led allocation consistent with para 23 of the NPPF. However the cap on the quantum of employment floorspace is not consistent with the flexibility sought by NPPF para 21 (see also Policy E2 above). | Not applicable | Consistent, in part, with NPPF |
| THA3 | Land adjacent to 32 Upper High Street | Consistent with paras 70 and 73 of the NPPF on promoting healthy communities. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| WAL2 | Redevelopment of Lamb Garage site, Castle Street | The policy identifies a key site necessary to the delivery of the housing strategy. This is consistent with para 47 of the NPPF (N.B. this development has been completed) | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| WAL4 | Waitrose supermarket and public car park at 11-16 St Martins Street | A mixed-use town centre allocation fully consistent with para 23 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

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| WAL5 | Land at Hithercroft Estate | Consistent with para 21 of the NPPF. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |
| WAL6 | Cholsey and Wallingford Railway | Fully consistent with para 41 of the NPPF on protecting sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice. | Not applicable | Fully consistent |

Appendix 4: Schedule of Local Plan Policies to be replaced by the Core Strategy

| Policy Number | Policy Title/Purpose | Replacement Policy |
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| G1 | General restraint and sustainable development | CSS1 |
| G2 | Protection and enhancement of the environment | CSS1 |
| G3 | Locational strategy | CSS1 |
| G4 | Development in the countryside and on the edge of settlements | CSS1 |
| G6 | Promoting good design | CSQ3 |
| C1 | Landscape character | CSEN1 |
| C2 | Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty | CSEN1 |
| GB1 | The extent of the Green Belt | CSEN2 |
| GB2 | New buildings in the Green Belt | CSEN2 |
| D8 | Energy, water and materials efficient design | CSQ2 |
| D9 | Renewable energy | CSQ1 |
| D11 | Infrastructure and service requirements policy | CSI1 |
| H2 | Sites identified for housing | CSH1 |
| H3 | Phasing of development | CSC1 |
| H4 | Towns and larger villages outside the Green Belt | Towns policies & CSR1 |
| H5 | Larger villages within the Green Belt and smaller villages throughout the district | CSR1 |
| H6 | Locations where new housing will not be permitted | CSS1 CSR1 CSH1 |
| H7 | Range of dwelling types and size | CSH4 |
| H8 | Dwelling densities | CSH2, CSQ3 |
| H9 | Affordable housing | CSH3 |
| H14 | Lifetime homes | CSH4 |

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| E1 | Didcot | CSEM2 |
| E2 | Henley, Thame and Wallingford | CSEM2, CSTHA1, CSWAL1 |
| E3 | The rural areas | CSR2 |
| E4 | Employment generating development | CSEM2 |
| TC1 | Extending the range and quality of facilities | CST1 |
| TC3 | Environmental improvements | CST1, CSDID1, CSWAL1, CSTHA1, CSHEN1 |
| TC4 | Encouraging a diversity of uses | CSWAL1, CSTHA1, CSHEN1 |
| T3 | Transport assessments and travel plans | CSM2 |
| T4 | Public transport and interchanges | CSM1 |
| RUR2 | Oxford Brookes University, Holton | CSEM5 |
| RUR4 | Culham Science Centre and the JET Project | CSEM3 |
| DID5 | Land at Station Road and Haydon Road | CSDID1 |
| DID7 | Regeneration of Market Place and Broadway | CSDID1 & 2 |
| DID8 | Land to the east of the Didcot town centre expansion scheme | CSDID2 |
| DID10 | Land at Didcot Parkway railway station | CSDID1 |
| <p>These policies are partially replaced by the new core strategy policies and will be fully replaced when the new development management policies are adopted.</p> | | |



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