

Delegated authority officer decision notice

Decision made by	Tim Oruye - Head of Policy and Programmes
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Decision	To approve the modifications to the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review, detailed in Table 1, to correct spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with improvements from a presentational perspective.
Key decision?	No
If key decision, has call-in been waived by the Scrutiny Committee chair(s)?	N/A
Confidential decision, and if so under which exempt category?	No
Delegated authority reference from the constitution	At its Council meeting on 14 March 2023, South Oxfordshire District Council resolved to authorise the Head of Policy and Programmes, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body – Sonning Common Parish Council, to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.
Risks	The council is required to publish the final made version of a neighbourhood plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The modification in this decision is necessary in the preparation of the made version of the plan to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in previous iterations. The council's decision to make modifications to the plan could be challenged; however, the council has followed all appropriate processes and the nature and scale of the changes are very limited, making any challenge unlikely.
Reasons for decision	Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ("the Regulations") allows the Council to modify a neighbourhood development plan to correct errors with the permission of the Qualifying Body. At its meeting on 14 March 2023, the Council made the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan Review and Delegated to the Head of Policy and

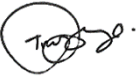
Programmes, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

The Qualifying Body – Sonning Common Parish Council – agreed for the Council to make the following modifications:

Table 1		
Section	Proposed Change	Reason/Justification
Front Cover	Replace “referendum version” with Plan Made – February 2023’	Factual correction
Page 8 - Map 1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key description for SON7 & SON7a to be relabelled to “Reserve site – withdrawn – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review”. <p>Key description for SON 8 to be relabelled to read “Reserve site – removed during examination – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review”.</p>	Factual correction
Page 9	<p>Replace “SONs 7/7a: reserve site allocated for a possible 30 homes” with “SONs 7/7a: reserve site allocated for a possible 30 homes sites – withdrawn – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review”</p> <p>Replace “SON 8: reserve site allocated for a possible 14 homes (this site, occupied by Kennylands Gymnastics, is subject to SODC covenants restricting its use to 'recreation and amenity purposes.')</p> <p>with “SON 8: reserve site allocated for a possible 14 homes – removed during examination – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review”.</p>	Factual correction
Page 23	Replace “Beyond Blackmore Lane the boundary is drawn to include the houses and gardens along the east side of the B481 and Widmore Lane, as well as the current Johnson Matthey car park at the junction of Widmore Lane and Blount's Court Road” with “Beyond	Factual correction

		<i>Blackmore Lane the boundary is drawn to include the houses and gardens along the east side of the B481 and Widmore Lane, as well as the Little Sparrows/SON 24 site and the current Johnson Matthey car park at the junction of Widmore Lane and Blount's Court Road.</i>	
Page 26		Replace <i>"Of these one (SON 7) was subsequently withdrawn by the owners and the other (SON 8) has been reappraised as part of the revision process."</i> with <i>"Of these one, SON7, was subsequently withdrawn by the owners and SON8 was removed during examination. As SON7a was contingent on the inclusion of SON7, this site has also been removed from consideration."</i>	Factual correction
Page 39		Section title <i>"Reserve Sites"</i> should be rewritten to read <i>"Reserve sites - no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review"</i>	Factual correction
Page 40		Replace <i>"Construction work on the site is well advanced"</i> with <i>"This has now been completed"</i>	Factual correction
Page 41		Add <i>"This site was removed during examination and is no longer a reserve allocation in the 2023 review"</i> . to the section on SON8	Factual correction
Page 41 - Map 5.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key description for SON7 & SON7a to be relabelled to <i>"Reserve site – withdrawn – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review"</i>. <p>Key description for SON 8 to be relabelled to read <i>"Reserve site – removed during examination – no longer reserve allocation in 2023 review"</i>.</p>	Factual correction

The Council considers the modifications necessary for the purposes of correcting spelling, grammatical and typographical or factual errors. These modifications have been incorporated into the made version of the

	<p>Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review.</p> <p>In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012, a copy of this Decision Notice will be available to view on the council's website (www.southoxon.gov.uk/sonning-common-np) and at the location set out at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The made version of the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review is available at Appendix 2.</p>			
Alternative options rejected	N/A			
Implications (Climate & Ecological, Legal, Financial, Procurement, Other).	The Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review was adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council on 14 March 2023: there are no further implications to highlight.			
Background papers considered	N/A			
Declarations/ conflict of interest?	No			
Consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Relevant Cabinet member	Councillor Anne Marie Simpson	Happy to proceed	05/06/24
Decision maker's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	<p>Signature: </p> <p>Date: 07/06/2024</p>			

Appendices

Appendix 1

This Decision Notice constitutes 'the Modification Document' required under Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The modified Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review can be inspected on the council's website www.southoxon.gov.uk/sonning-common-np, as well as at:

Reception, South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE	If you would like to view these documents at the Council offices, please contact us on 01235 422600 or email
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	planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk to book an appointment.
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In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2021, a copy of this Decision Notice ('the Modification Document') has been sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Sonning Common Council
- Any person who asked to be notified of the decision

Appendix 2

The Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – adopted March 2023.