

## Planning and Strategic Housing

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Dear Sir/Madam

### Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the Submission Draft Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP)

I am writing to advise you that the District Council has published for consultation a series of proposed Main Modifications to the submission draft Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP).

The AAP is intended to guide the future delivery of Salt Cross Garden Village, a planned new community to the north of the A40 near Eynsham. The AAP establishes a vision for Salt Cross which is supported by a series of core objectives and policies set out on a thematic basis.

The AAP was formally published in August 2020 and submitted for independent examination in February 2021 with examination hearing sessions held in June/July 2021.

Subsequently the examination was paused to enable the District Council to undertake further work on the phasing of essential infrastructure. Consultation on that additional work took place in March/April 2022 and on the 26 May 2022, the Inspectors wrote to the Council to confirm that the AAP can be made sound through a number of changes known as 'Main Modifications'.

The Council has therefore prepared a series of proposed Main Modifications (MMs) to the AAP and these have been published for a statutory 6-week period of consultation from **Friday 23 September until Friday 4 November 2022**.

### Document Availability

The following documents have been published as part of the consultation:

- Schedule of proposed Main Modifications (MMs)
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum Report
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Addendum Report

All of these documents are available online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage) and the schedule of proposed Main Modifications has also been made available at the locations listed in the table below.

If you would like to respond to the consultation, please note the following key points:

- The primary focus of the consultation is the proposed Main Modifications (MMs) to the Area Action Plan (AAP). Comments should not be submitted on aspects of the AAP that remain unaltered from the original submission draft published in August 2020.
- In addition to comments on the proposed Main Modifications, comments can also be submitted on the two accompanying SA and HRA addendum reports.

- All comments will be made publicly available and provided to the Inspectors to be taken into account in finalising their examination report.

## **When to comment**

The consultation period runs from Friday 23 September until Friday 4 November 2022.

Comments must therefore be submitted no later than **5pm on Friday 4 November 2022**

## **How to comment**

If you wish to comment on the proposed Main Modifications or the other supporting documents we would invite you to use the Council's standard response form. A separate guidance note has been made available to assist you in completing the form.

The response form and guidance note can be obtained via the following:

- Online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage)
- On request by telephoning the Planning Policy Team on 01993 861667 or emailing [planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk)

Representations may be made in writing or by way of electronic communications. The postal address for written submissions is as follows:

Planning Policy Team  
West Oxfordshire District Council  
Elmfield  
New Yatt Road  
Witney  
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Electronic representations should be sent by email to the following address:

[planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk)

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the following matters:

1. The publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Area Action Plan under Section 20 of the Act;
2. The adoption of the Area Action Plan.

## **Next Steps and Further Information**

All duly made representations will be submitted to the Inspector together with the proposed Main Modifications and supporting documentation. For further information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01993 861667 or email [planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

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West Oxfordshire District Council**

### Consultation document locations:

<p>West Oxfordshire District Council Witney Town Centre Shop 3 Welch Way Witney OX28 6JH Tel: 01993 861000 Open: Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm</p>	<p>Witney Town Council Town Hall Market Square Witney OX28 6AG Tel: 01993 704379 Open: Mon, Tues and Thurs 8.30am to 5pm, Wed 9.30am to 5pm and Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Carterton Town Council 19 Alvescot Road Carterton OX18 3JL Tel: 01993 842156 Open: Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm</p>
<p>Chipping Norton Town Council The Guildhall Market Place Chipping Norton OX7 5NJ Tel: 01608 642341 Open: Monday – Friday 9am to 1pm</p>	<p>Bampton Library Old Grammar School Church View Bampton OX18 2NE Tel: 01993 850076</p>	<p>Burford Library 86A High Street Burford OX18 4QF Tel: 01993 823377</p>
<p>Carterton Library 6 Alvescot Road Carterton OX18 3JH Tel: 01993 841492</p>	<p>Charlbury Library Charlbury Community Centre Enstone Road Charlbury OX7 3PQ Tel: 01608 811104</p>	<p>Chipping Norton Library Goddards Land Chipping Norton OX7 5NP Tel: 01608 643559</p>
<p>Eynsham Library 30 Mill Street Eynsham OX29 4JS Tel: 01865 880525</p>	<p>North Leigh Library Memorial Hall Park Road North Leigh OX29 6SA Tel: 01993 882935</p>	<p>Stonesfield Library Village Hall Longore Stonesfield OX29 8EF Tel: 01993 898187</p>
<p>Witney Library Welch Way Witney OX28 6JH Tel: 01993 703659</p>	<p>Woodstock Library The Oxfordshire Museum Fletcher's House Park Street Woodstock OX20 1SN Tel: 01993 814124 07759 140531</p>	<p>Wychwood Library 29 High Street Milton-under-Wychwood OX7 6LD Tel: 01993 830281</p>

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