



Initial Draft 'Health Check' Review Report for: Reg. 14 Pre-Submission Version Shrivenham Neighbourhood Development Plan

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1.0 Context:

1.1 Under the Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning Programme RTPI/Planning Aid is using NPIERS to source suitably qualified and experienced reviewers to undertake 'health checks' on emerging Neighbourhood Development Plans or Orders that are eligible for the government funding under this programme.

1.2 The 'health check' review:

- a. is an independent desk based review designed to help both the qualifying body and the local planning authority to identify issues that may cause delay or rejection of Plans or Orders at the submission or independent examination stages;**
- b. considers whether there are any obvious problems in meeting the basic conditions and other legal requirements;**
- c. imitates formal examination but is less comprehensive and only deals with the Plan or Order, and where requested, the Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements, but not background documentation or processes;**
- d. does not involve re-writing the Plan or Order but provides general advice on what changes need to be made, and:**
- e. is advisory only and has no legal status.**

2.0 Findings:

- 2.1 Work is underway to achieve a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Shrivenham Parish (excluding that part of the Parish which is owned by the Ministry of Defence as part of the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom) and progress has been made to the point where a Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (PSDNDP) has been prepared in partnership between Shrivenham Parish Council (SPC) and Shrivenham Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (SNDPSG). The PSDNDP is intended to be open to public consultation once this commissioned review has been undertaken.**
- 2.2 It is evident from PSDNDP that considerable effort has been put into their preparation. The PSDNDP have been advanced by the SNDPSG in partnership with SPC as the 'qualifying body'. The SNDPSG is comprised of members of SPC, local residents and other community representatives. The PSDNDP has been developed through wide consultation, exploiting an inclusive approach to stakeholder engagement, with technical support provided by Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).**
- 2.3 The PSDNDP focusses on issues central to community aspirations derived from local consultation and providing 'strategic recommendations' and 'development management policies'. It may be considered to have the potential to offer a sound basis for future decision making in respect of planning proposals emerging in the plan area over the next 15 years, subject to certain adjustments which are outlined in the recommendations provided below.**
- 2.4 The recommendations contained in this Health Check are provided in the spirit of a 'critical friend' and aim to enable SNPSG and SPC achieve a 'made' plan that will help strengthen community sustainability and cohesion.**

3.0 Recommendations – Shrivenham Neighbourhood Development Plan

1. Plan Document - augmented to address:

- (a) Cover Page – the start date should be added to make clear the period the Plan is intended to cover (e.g. 'Shrivenham Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2031');**
- (b) Enumeration of Pages – Change to single sequential numbering from start to finish of SNDP for ease of reference (e.g. initial Introduction and Foreword numbered as if they fall within Section 1 (whereas they precede and are separate from same)).**
- (c) Enumeration of individual paragraphs throughout – to supplement the current page, chapter and section numbering and enable greater ease of reference and use of document for Development Management purposes;**
- (d) Sections – each section/chapter of the SNDP requires a title confirming its content, as opposed to just a heading which only enumerates the first page;**
- (e) Introduction (Pages 1 – 2) should be combined with Foreword (Page 3) under the single title of Foreword – remove potential for confusion with '1.1 Introduction' (Page 4)**
- (f) Foreword – the brief explanation of SNDPSPG membership in third paragraph should be expanded to explain more clearly its composition (e.g. are any volunteers not local residents, are they from local businesses within the SNDP area, etc.);**
- (g) Figure 1.2 Map to Show Parish Boundaries of Shrivenham – include demarcation of area of Parish excluded from the SNDP and amend title accordingly and include reference to this in final paragraph of Section 1 on the preceding page (e.g. as shown in Figure 1.2);**

- (h) Figure 1.3 Map to Show Indicative Delivery Areas and Phasing of Swindon Eastern Expansion – move below following paragraph '1.2.3 Swindon Eastern Expansion', which relates to same;**
 - (i) Figure 2.1 Map of the Western Vale Sub-area (numbered references not used) – either remove this map completely (adjusting the textual references within the Plan) or replace the map with a version that completely removes the irrelevant reference numbers for the sake of clarity;**
 - (j) Figure 2.3 Tuckhill Meadows - expanded to include or replaced with a location plan;**
 - (k) Table 1 Environmental Analysis (PEST) – should be moved to follow Paragraph 2.2 Environmental Analysis (PEST) with text of paragraph referring to its location amended accordingly;**
 - (l) P1 to P14, E1 to E14, S.1 to S.14 and T.10 to T.10 – should be indented for clarity.**
 - (m) Policy LC.5 - Insert all the detailed maps from the LGS Assessment which clearly identify the precise location and boundaries of each of the Local Green Spaces, so their designated boundaries are clearly represented in the Plan and immediately accessible below the Policy and its supporting text to ease referencing and make the policy more readily usable as a Development Management tool.**
- 2. Appendices - expanded to include:**
- (a) Basic Conditions Statement and VWHDC confirmation of compliance;**
 - (b) Copy of Screening Opinion from VWHDC confirming full SEA and/or HRA of SNDP not required.**
- 3. Development Management Policy Wording - to be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate in the light of issues identified herein, within Part III below (and/or subsequently at formal Examination or Referendum).**

Part I – Process

	Criteria	Response/Comments
i.	Have the necessary statutory requirements been met in terms of the designation of the neighbourhood area?	In order to fully comply with Regulation 15 of the current Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, the Plan document must (a) make clear the date on which the Neighbourhood Area was formally designated. The SNDP does so in the second paragraph of section 1.1
ii.	If the area does not have a parish council, have the necessary statutory requirements been met in terms of the designation of the neighbourhood forum?	The Plan needs to include reference that Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) has formally accepted/approved Shrivenham Parish Council (SPC) as a Qualifying Body (QB) in the form of the SNDPSG and therefore able to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan by confirming the formal designation of the neighbourhood area. Recommendation 1(a): Confirmation of VWHDC acceptance of SPC & SNDPSG as a QB should be included in the second paragraph of section 1.1
iii.	Has the plan been the subject of appropriate pre-submission consultation and publicity, as set out in the legislation, or is this underway?	Yes. The SNDPSG have confirmed in the Consultation Statement that the requisite pre-submission consultation undertaken by VWHDC in compliance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 including consultation with the bodies referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations. This consultation was undertaken between 8 th October 2018 to 18 th November 2018.
iv.	Has there been a programme of community engagement proportionate to the scale and complexity of the plan?	It is essential to demonstrate that a logical and proportionate programme of community consultation has occurred over a period of more than 18 months. The text of the Pre-Submission Version SNDP refers to contributions received from individuals, groups and other bodies, throughout the various stages of consultation undertaken to date. The Consultation Statement, when finalised, must be able to effectively demonstrate appropriate community engagement/involvement throughout the process, from 'neighbourhood area' designation to the SNDP being formally 'made'. Recommendation 1(b): Community Engagement Timeline / Consultation Statement should be

		amended to include a clear Project Plan through to SNDP being formally 'made' and be updated to ensure proper co-ordination of remaining plan-making stages. This Consultation Statement should be specifically referenced within the text of the Plan.
v.	Are arrangements in place for an independent examiner to be appointed?	Unknown at present. The Local Planning Authority (VWHDC) is empowered to appoint an independent examiner, but only with the agreement of the Qualifying Body. Any person appointed as independent examiner must be appropriately qualified and experienced and not have any conflict of interest. It is good practice to be able to demonstrate a proper selection process has occurred. NPIERS will, on request, nominate an available, suitably qualified and experienced, Approved Independent Examiner with no conflicting interests in development/land affected by the SNDP.
vi.	Are discussions taking place with the electoral services team on holding the referendum?	Unknown at present. This is a matter which the SNDPSG may discuss with the District Council at the appropriate time, either pre- or post-Examination.
vii.	Is there a clear project plan for bringing the plan into force and does it take account of local authority committee cycles?	No detailed Project Plan covering the period right up the Plan being 'Made' (post-Referendum) taking account of ENC Committee cycles is presently displayed on the webpage for the SNDP. The Consultation Statement provides a comprehensive and practical guide to the stages of plan making being undertaken. There are certain statements on timeframes which will need to be reviewed and updated to clarify the future timetable in the context of progress to date and actions outstanding including issues arising from this 'health check' review which will enable the revised publication to incorporate an up to date, tailored Project Plan available for public scrutiny on the website against which progress can be monitored as the Neighbourhood Plan is taken to a successful outcome of being 'made'. Recommendation 1(c): Community Engagement Timeline / Consultation Statement should include clear Project Plan through to NDP being formally 'made' and be updated to ensure proper co-ordination of remaining plan-making stages.
viii.	Has a SEA screening been carried out by the LPA?	No. The Pre-Submission Version SNDP contains no statement confirming that both SEA & HRA screening has been carried out and a formal Screening Opinion provided by VWHDC. Such a Screening Opinion should be made available on the

		<p>website and referred to within the Draft Plan as part of the suite of Background Documents. Every Neighbourhood Plan must be accompanied by either a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report that includes a description of the process undertaken and the information set out in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations, or a Screening Opinion from the District Council that provides a reasoned justification why a SEA is not required.</p> <p>Recommendation 1(d) Include reference to and copy of Screening Opinion from VWHDC confirming full SEA and/or HRA of SNDP not required.</p>
ix.	<p>Has an HRA screening been carried out by the LPA?</p>	<p>Yes. There needs to be a copy of the HRA screening carried out by ENC made available to view on the SPC website.</p> <p>Recommendation 1(e) Include reference to and copy of Screening Opinion from VWHDC confirming full SEA and/or HRA of NDP not required.</p>

Part II – Content

	Criteria	Response/Comments
i.	Are policies appropriately justified with a clear rationale?	<p>Yes, with the following observations and qualifications (see Part III and Recommendation 1 above). The Pre-Submission Version SNDP has logic, clarity and quality in its presentation. Statements in this version of the SNDP confirm publicity and consultation undertaken at various stages has been extensive, thorough, and most importantly effective in ensuring that the NDP is shaped by local opinion. The Plan document provides a comprehensive, coherent explanation of the proposed policies, accompanied by a well presented reasoned justification. For policies to fulfil their function of being used in the formal consideration and determination of planning applications and appeals by the Local Planning Authority and the Planning Inspectorate they must relate to land use decision making and be clear and unambiguous.</p> <p>Recommendation 2(a) - SNDP Development Management policy wording to be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate in the light of issues identified (either within this Health Check in Part III and/or subsequently at formal Examination or following Referendum).</p>
ii.	Is it clear which parts of the draft plan form the 'neighbourhood plan proposal' (i.e. the neighbourhood <i>development plan</i>) under the Localism Act, subject to the independent examination, & which parts do not form part of the 'plan proposal', and would not be tested by the independent examination?	<p>Yes. The Plan clearly establishes the nature of the SNDP as part of the emerging Development Plan for the area with the intention that the entire Consultation Draft should form the SNDP proposal. The Pre-Submission Version NDP clearly identifies and separates recommendations/aspirations from Development Management and spatial policies thus providing the essential clarity required as to which are the 'Policies' contained within the SNDP that are to be used in the formal consideration and determination of planning applications within the designated Neighbourhood Area. There are a variety of other documents referred to in the Plan which are clearly identified as separate, supporting documents, not forming part of the Plan itself.</p> <p>Recommendation 2(b): Augment current title 'Section 4' to reinforce/clarify that it contains the 'Development Management Policies' within the Plan.</p>

iii.	Are there any obvious conflicts with the NPPF?	No. The Pre-Submission Version SNDP is very clear in aligning itself with the relevant District Plan and not seeking to compromise the implementation of its strategies and policies.
iv.	Is there a clear explanation of the plan's contribution to achievement of sustainable development?	Yes. The Plan document offers clear explanation of the NDP's intended contribution, particularly in its policies and their justification. Any Sustainability Statement prepared should provide substantial detail in demonstration of the anticipated, positive contribution the NDP will make.
v.	Are there any issues around compatibility with human rights or EU obligations?	None apparent at present. The Basic Conditions Statement which needs to be produced should provide the necessary clarity on this aspect. Recommendation 2(c): Include reference to a completed Basic Conditions Statement and VWHDC confirmation of compliance within the text in Section 1 of the Plan.
vi.	Does the plan avoid dealing with excluded development including nationally significant infrastructure, waste and minerals?	Yes. The Basic Conditions Statement should provide the necessary clarity on this aspect. Recommendation 2(d): Include reference to and/or copy of Basic Conditions Statement and VWHDC confirmation of compliance;
vii.	Is there consensus between the local planning authority and the qualifying body over whether the plan meets the basic conditions including conformity with strategic development plan policy and, if not, what are the areas of disagreement?	To be confirmed. The Basic Conditions Statement should provide the necessary clarity on this aspect. Recommendation 2(e): Include reference to and/or copy of Basic Conditions Statement and VWHDC confirmation of compliance;
viii.	Are there any obvious errors in the plan?	None that appear material to its potential performance as part of the district wide development plan which are not addressed by the above Recommendations and following suggested textual alterations.
ix.	Are the plan's policies clear and unambiguous and do they reflect the community's aspirations?	Yes, subject to the above Recommendations and following suggested textual changes.

Note: Parts I and II of this 'health check' have been completed first, with concise commentary text, stating whether each criterion has been met, with a brief explanation. Recommendations for action suggested have been included and these actions transferred to the 'Summary of Recommendations' section at the beginning of the report. The report is intended to assist the qualifying body in identifying any possible issues to be addressed by them prior to submission. It aims to be written in clear, concise and accessible way with recommendations that are practical and constructive. The report does not provide any guarantee that further issues to be addressed will not be identified by any subsequent formal Examination and/or Referendum. The following Part III contains observations and recommendations with (where relevant) rewording for 'development management' policies within the Draft Plan.

Part III – Development Management Policies

Policy No.	Policy Title	Draft Policy Text	Suggested Revisions to Policy Text
DS1	Settlement Gap Development	Proposals shall respect the individual and distinct identity of Shrivenham Village and the open gaps between it and Watchfield Village, Bourton Village, Longcot Village and Swindon. Development will not be permitted if it contributes to the reduction of visual and physical separation of Shrivenham from surrounding settlements and/or harms the setting and identity of presently distinct areas. This is in accordance with saved Policy NE10 from the VWHDC local plan 2011.	<p><i>Replace 'will' with 'shall' to make the policy more forceful/commanding.</i></p> <p><i>Replace 'not be' with 'only' and 'contributes to the reduction' with 'preserves' to ensure the policy needs to be positively worded.</i></p> <p><i>Move last sentence to supporting text/justification.</i></p>
H1	General Requirements for Development	Developments will be supported provided that they: 1. are appropriately located, in accordance with the policies of this Neighbourhood Development Plan taken as a whole and Core Policies CP3 and CP4 of the Local Plan 2013 Part 1; 2. conform with the recommendations to plan, manage and protect distinctiveness within the corresponding character areas, as defined in the Landscape Character Assessment and subsequent updates commissioned by Shrivenham Parish Council; 3. preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the village and its landscape setting, as described in the Village Character Assessment and the Landscape Character Assessment and subsequent updates commissioned by Shrivenham Parish Council; 4. protect heritage assets and their settings; 5. have no detrimental impact on views, both within the conservation area and of the surrounding landscape; 6. complement, enhance and reinforce local distinctiveness; 7. demonstrate that the proposed use of greenfield sites, rather than	<p><i>Remove 'in accordance with the policies of this Neighbourhood Development Plan taken as a whole' as unnecessary. All a Plan's Policies must be considered together where relevant to a particular form of development</i></p>

		available brownfield and/or infill sites is necessary 8. are without detriment to the amenities of adjoining occupiers by reason of loss of light, overlooking or overbearing impact.	
H2	Housing Mix	Proposals for new development shall demonstrate that they take account of and address the housing needs of residents as identified within the Housing Needs Survey 2017. Developers will be encouraged to provide housing suitable for the elderly as well as affordable starter homes.	<i>No comment</i>
H3	Sites within the Built Up Area	New buildings or extensions will be supported where they do not dominate neighbouring buildings, close important gaps or impede local views. Strong justification will be needed for buildings which are over-large within their plot.	<i>Thought should be given to qualifying 'over-large' (e.g. 'occupy more than 30% of their plot') to remove vagueness of definition and improve practicality of use for Development Management purposes.</i>
H4	Preferential Access to Housing	All new social and affordable housing should initially be offered to people with a strong connection to the parish before being offered to those in adjoining parishes until tenancy secured.	<i>Replace 'should' with 'shall' to make the policy requirement more compelling. Remove 'until tenancy secured' as irrelevant and perhaps relocate reference to supporting text.</i>
H5	Preferential Access for Elderly and Younger	Strong support will be given to developments that offer houses specifically for elderly residents and starter homes for first time buyers.	<i>No comment</i>
D1a	Design Features for Sites within the Built Up Area	The following provides a summary of design features of individual dwellings to be addressed within this policy. Normally in a conventional design the following will be expected: <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge heights not exceeding that of buildings in the immediate vicinity <input type="checkbox"/> Facades, windows etc following DG58-61 in the Vale Design Guide. <input type="checkbox"/> Materials and colour palette will follow the Vale Design Guide, Section E zone 1A; <input type="checkbox"/> At the edge of the settlements and for stand-alone developments landscape is the dominant feature. DG77-81 of the Vale Design Guide is relevant here and will be followed. Weight will also be	<i>Remove first sentence to supporting text preceding the policy.</i> <i>Replace 'Normally in a conventional design the following will be expected:' with 'New dwelling design shall (unless the individual and distinctive character of immediately adjacent dwellings/buildings dictates otherwise) incorporate the following:'</i> <i>Use lower case Roman numerals to enumerate each of the criteria/caveats to make the policy easy to use and refer to for Development</i>

		given to outstanding or innovative designs which help to raise the standard of design more generally in the areas while respecting the local context and character of the village as identified in the Village Character Assessment 2017 (Sections 1.6.4, 4.2.1, 5.2.2, 6.2.2, 7.2.2, 8.2.2, 9.2.2, 10.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.2.3, 12.2.1, 13.2.2).	<i>Management purposes.</i>
D1b	Design	All new developments must be in keeping with the characteristics of each village area as outlined in the Village Character Assessment. They must also demonstrate high quality design which should include respecting the scale and appearance of the existing built environment, responding to and integrating with local surroundings and landscape context. New developments should use soft boundaries such as trees, hedges or planting to enclose the front of plots in keeping with the character of the village. The principles outlined in the Vale Design Guide Sections 5 and 6 should be followed.	<i>No comment</i>
D1c	Design - Storeys	In order to respect the established character of Shrivenham (Village Character Assessment section 1.8.3 and Appendix E) new buildings should be no more than 2 storeys plus pitched roof unless the use of dormer windows is acceptable.	<i>Consider absorbing the requirements of this policy into D1a above as it is a detailed design requirement easily added to the criteria/caveats that policy D1a already contains</i>
D2	Style of Buildings	The development of buildings in the High Street will only be supported where the size, style and materials are in keeping with existing character and in line with VWHDG Section E and Village Character Assessment section 5.2.2	<i>Suggest amending policy title to add 'in the High Street'</i>
D3	Provision of Support for Electric Vehicles in New Development, Extensions and Change of Use	Proposals for new development and, wherever practicable, for redevelopment including extensions and change of use shall include provision for charging electric vehicles, such provision to include access to sufficient electric power; safe and secure facilities for the	<i>No comment</i>

		disposition of charging cables and, where necessary, provision for billing users.	
P1a	Design - Parking	Urban parking courts in the front of properties are to be avoided. Designs following Principle 82 of the Vale Design Guide will be supported. Design should ensure that parking for at least 2 cars per property is provided in a discrete and sensitive manner. The overall number of parking spaces per development should be sufficient to contain all the parking within the development without overspill onto surrounding roads.	<i>Augment policy title by adding 'Layout' to the end to clarify the purposed of the policy.</i> <i>Delete first sentence and insert into end of second sentence ', avoiding 'urban' parking courts in front of properties'</i> <i>Insert 'Parking layout' in front of 'Designs' and change first letter of same to lower case.</i>
P1b	Parking Provision for New Developments	Applications for new development including extensions and/or change of use should provide, as a minimum, the parking spaces per dwelling as detailed in Table 8 below. Such extensions should not lead to any reduction in off-street parking notwithstanding Table 8.	<i>Delete 'Applications for' as unnecessary.</i> <i>Delete 'Such' and replace with 'Any'</i> <i>Insert 'the level of parking provision for new-build development provided in'</i>
P2a	Village Centre Parking and Accessibility	Applications and opportunities that involve the re-organisation of existing highways and parking to improve disabled access and include more efficient use of parking spaces will be supported.	<i>Replace 'Applications and opportunities that involve the re-organisation' with 'Opportunities to re-organise'</i>
P2b	Village Centre 'Park & Ride'	Applications for a 'park and ride' facility near the 66 bus route will be supported	<i>No comment</i>
P2c	Timed Parking & Delivery Vehicles	A significant increase in the need for parking to access the amenities in the High Street is anticipated. Innovative measures for dealing with this, including timed parking and staggering of delivery times will be supported by the SNDP and by local businesses, where they are provided as part of development proposals.	<i>Replace 'Vehicles' in title with 'Timing'</i> <i>Remove first sentence to supporting text.</i>
EE1a	Employment Sites	Proposals where jobs for local people are retained or created, or where existing businesses are to be expanded will be strongly supported	<i>No comment</i>

EE1b	Residential Sites	Proposals for change of use of residential properties to enable small business development that is compatible with a residential area will be permitted where there is no detriment to surrounding residents. Such proposals would be actively encouraged in the High Street to enhance retail or support services.	<i>Change title to 'Residential to Business' to clarify purpose and relevance</i> <i>Replace 'would' with 'will' to be more positive</i>
EE1c	Commercial Sites	Proposals for change of use of commercial premises to enable residential development will be permitted where there is no detriment to surrounding residents. Such proposals should demonstrate that they do not irrevocably prevent future reversion to commercial use, for example by closing off vehicle access, or removing storage and/or parking spaces.	<i>Change title to 'Commercial to Residential' to clarify purpose and relevance</i>
EE2	Diversity of Businesses and Services	New businesses that enhance the diversity of the Village Centre will be strongly supported.	<i>No comment</i>
LC1	Protecting the Setting of the AONB	Any proposal for development within the setting of the North Wessex Downs AONB shall identify and assess its potential effect on associated views and vistas, wildlife and human habitat and amenity with reference to the Landscape Character Assessment attached to this plan (Appendix 4). The Vale Local Plan part 1 policy CP44 states that 'The setting of the AONB will be protected from harmful development and where possible enhanced.' Detrimental change must be justified and mitigated.	<i>Remove second sentence to supporting text as purely descriptive</i>
LC2	Landscape Setting	Planning applications for developments where the site borders the landscape setting of the village should include appropriate landscape buffering with suitable planting as identified in a landscape and visual impact assessment. Boundaries of new developments will be wildlife friendly, reflect the traditional rural context of the village and be defined by walls, post and rail	<i>Remove 'Planning applications for' as unnecessary and change first letter of 'developments' to upper case</i> <i>Replace 'will' in second and third sentences to 'shall' to make a binding requirement</i>

		fencing or hedges consisting of native species. These boundary features will be of a height which preserves the open views –close board fencing is not consistent with this policy. The strategic development planned for LCA7 should maintain the existing field patterns in design and layout.	
LC3a	Remote and Tranquil Settings	LCA2 and LCA13 are disconnected from the village and have a strong rural character. The setting and feeling of separation in these areas should be maintained. LCA1, LCA2, LCA3 and LCA5 are identified as having a tranquil and secluded character. Development proposals must maintain the seclusion and tranquillity of these areas.	<i>Replace full stop at end of first sentence with comma and insert 'and' after and change first letter of 'The' at beginning of second sentence to lower case. Change 'should' to 'shall' to make policy requirement stronger. Replace full stop at end of third sentence with comma and change first letter of 'Development' to lower case</i> <i>First and third changes above are required to change otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component of a specific requirement of the policy</i>
LC3b	Rural Landscape Setting of Listed Buildings	The rural setting of the listed buildings situated within the wider landscape outside the built area of the village shall be preserved. Development proposals shall maintain or enhance the rural setting of these Listed Buildings, including the views across the landscape to them, both from the village and from the wider area.	<i>Delete first sentence to remove unnecessary repetition</i> <i>Delete 'Development' as unnecessary</i> <i>Capitalise first letter of 'proposals'</i> <i>Replace 'of these' with 'within the wider landscape outside the built-up area of the village of'</i>
LC4a	Historic Views	The Village Character Assessment (VCA 5.2.7) identifies a number of valuable historic views. Development proposals that preserve and enhance these views will be strongly supported.	<i>Replace full stop at end of first sentence with 'and' and change first letter of 'Development' to lower case</i> <i>Required to change otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component & specific requirement of the policy</i>

LC4b	Views and Vistas within the Village	The views listed in table 9 below have been identified as important to the village. Development proposals that preserve and enhance these views will be strongly supported.	<i>Replace first full stop with 'and' and first letter of 'Development' to lower case</i> <i>Changes otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component of a specific requirement of the policy</i>
LC4c	Panoramic View in the Surrounding Landscape	The Landscape Character Assessment has identified a number of panoramic views from the landscape surrounding the built area of the village. No tall structures that would be visually intrusive and detract from the wide ranging views in these areas will be allowed.	<i>Replace first full stop with colon</i> <i>Changes otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component of a specific requirement of the policy</i>
LC5	Designation of Green Spaces	The following locations are designated as Local Green Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> The allotments <input type="checkbox"/> The Recreation ground <input type="checkbox"/> 'Garage' island <input type="checkbox"/> Pump Island <input type="checkbox"/> Coppidthorne Meadow <input type="checkbox"/> Corner of Youghal Close/Berens Road <input type="checkbox"/> The Wilts and Berks Canal, including the pathway alongside it <input type="checkbox"/> The Pocket Park in Stainswick Lane Development on the designated Local Green Spaces will only be considered acceptable in exceptional circumstances where it is compatible with the reasons for which the land was designated. Development that would improve access to or enhance the use of such spaces will be supported provided that the integrity of the spaces is maintained.	<i>Enumerate the criteria of the policy with lower case Roman numerals to aid clarity of reference and use for Development Management purposes. 'exceptional circumstances' needs definition for Development Management purposes. Replace first full stop with colon and insert 'i.e.' after to bring clarity required.</i> <i>Insert all the detailed maps from the LGS Assessment which clearly identify the precise location and boundaries of each of the Local Green Spaces, so their designated boundaries are clearly represented in the Plan and immediately accessible below the Policy and its supporting text to ease referencing and make the policy more readily usable as a Development Management tool</i>
HE1		Policy HE1: All developments shall respect any features of historic interest and conserve and enhance them. Developer contributions will be sought where appropriate in order to improve the management, quality and understanding of historic features.	<i>Missing title. Insert 'Historic Features' as title</i>

HE2a	Green Environment – Existing Trees	Development proposals should seek to retain and manage trees and groups of trees. Where removal of a tree has taken place a replacement of similar amenity value and root area should be provided on site.	<i>No comment</i>
HE2b	Green Environment – New Planting	Wherever possible the planting of additional trees and hedging should be included in new developments, particularly local species in keeping with the character of the area. UK government policy (Conservative Manifesto) is to increase the national tree population in order to capture greenhouse gases. Development that results in either a loss or no net growth in the local tree population will be resisted.	<i>Remove second sentence to supporting text as unnecessary descriptive element not forming a requirement within the policy</i>
HE2c	Maintenance of Planted Area Including Buffers and Planting	Arrangements for the ongoing maintenance of and future replanting of planted areas within sites must be made such that there is a clear on-going responsibility and on-going funding for this. Where development proposals involve the provision of such spaces the supporting information should define the mechanism for management and the means by which management companies will be established, where appropriate, with responsibility for ongoing maintenance.	<i>Insert 'Development proposals shall include' at beginning of first sentence and change first letter of 'Arrangements' to lower case</i> <i>Replace 'must be made such' with 'so'</i>
HE3a	Hedgerows and Trees	Important hedgerows and trees have been identified in most of the landscape character areas. Development proposals should maintain and enhance the hedgerows and trees in these areas with local native species.	<i>Replace first full stop with 'and' and change first letter of 'Development' to lower case. Changes otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component of a specific requirement of the policy</i>
HE3b	Ancient Woodland	Ancient woodland is found in LCA1, LCA5 and LCA10. Development proposals bordering the areas must protect and enhance the ancient woodland. Proposals which have an adverse impact on these areas of ancient woodland will be resisted.	<i>Replace first full stop with 'and' and change first letter of 'Development' to lower case</i> <i>Changes otherwise purely descriptive components into an integral component of a specific requirement of the policy</i>

HE4a	Green and Wildlife Movement Corridors	Wherever possible development proposals should seek to maintain and enhance the connectivity of all green corridors and wildlife. All applications should clearly demonstrate appropriate measures to secure safe freedom of movement throughout the development site.	<i>No comment</i>
HE4b	Protection of Biodiversity during Development	All new development sites must have a plan to protect existing wildlife and habitats during the construction process. This may include the provision of fencing' around a site to exclude great crested newts and all other protected species during the development process. Enforcement of such measures will be actively pursued during the building process.	<i>Replace 'sites must have' with 'proposals must be accompanied by'</i> <i>Remove second sentence to supporting text as purely explanatory/descriptive.</i> <i>Delete last sentence as the enforcement of planning conditions is a discretionary power held by the Local Planning Authority and not the Parish Council. Any breach of the requirements of the current Wildlife & Countryside Act is also a power held by the Natural England.</i>
HE4c	Provision of Suitable Habitats for Indigenous Wildlife	All new developments should include suitable habitat for indigenous species and demonstrate movement corridors which meet their needs Where great crested newts are present suitable ponds should be included in the plans.	<i>Insert full stop before 'Where'</i>
PROW1	Public Rights of Ways and Cycleways	Development must preserve the character and setting of all Public Rights of Way and Cycleways around the village and must not detract from their character or the experience of their use. Proposals for improvements to existing footpaths especially to improve access for the less able will be supported. Planning applications including reserved matters applications shall include proposals (i) to develop traffic free cycle routes around the village and (ii) make provision for connecting pedestrian routes through and around the village to/from the development. Proposals to install additional managed crossings across larger village roads will be supported.	<i>Delete second 'must' as unnecessary repetition</i> <i>Replace 'to' with 'where such works would'</i>

		Development sites which impact upon the Shrivenham Circular Walk shall ensure it is maintained and/or extended while any work is being carried out.	
PROW2	Improving Wheelchair Access	Applications for proposals that increase accessibility for wheel chair users to facilities in the High Street will be strongly supported.	<i>Delete 'Applications for' as unnecessary and capitalise first letter of 'proposals'</i>
PROW3	Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way have been identified in most of the landscape character areas. Development proposals should retain the Public Rights of Way identified in Landscape Character Areas and should maintain or enhance the experience of their use. The Rights of Way in LCA 7 have been identified as ancient tracks. The strategic development allocated in this area should preserve these tracks and their sense of antiquity.	<i>Delete whole policy as a combination of unnecessary repetition of PROW1 and of descriptive text which should be moved to the supporting text for PROW1</i>
CSH1a	Community Facilities	Development proposals that enhance existing local public services, community services and facilities will be supported.	<i>No comment</i>
CSH1b	Thames Water	No new development will be occupied until sufficient infrastructure to process and treat foul water has been provided and is operational. Development to provide such infrastructure to support Thames Water's capacity to deliver water appropriately and to process and treat foul water will be supported.	<i>Replace 'will' with 'shall' to make it an enforceable requirement.</i>
CSH2	Memorial Hall	Proposals to enhance and improve the facilities at the Memorial Hall and to provide suitable additional facilities on the Recreation Ground will be strongly supported.	
CSH3	Requirement for a CEMP (Construction Environment	All planning applications will be accompanied by a CEMP which will include the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Working Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery Arrangements <input type="checkbox"/> Materials storage locations <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of	<i>Enumerate all the criteria with lower case Roman numerals to make referencing easier and a more effective Development Management tool</i>

	Management Plan)	workers' litter during development. <input type="checkbox"/> Repair of damaged amenities and infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrangements for parking of site operations vehicles <input type="checkbox"/> Dust suppression facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Wheel cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Mud removal arrangements	<i>Replace 'will' with 'shall' to make it an enforceable requirement</i>
DP1	Delivery and Pre-Application Engagement	In line with paragraph 66 and 188-191 of the NPPF developers are strongly encouraged to work with the community in developing proposals and any amendments to those proposals including reserved matters.	<i>Remove policy wording to supporting text and replace with 'Pre-Application engagement by developers with the community in relation to new development (including revisions to extant permissions and 'reserved matters' submissions) will be strongly encouraged and proposals which accord with successful outcomes of such engagement shall be supported accordingly.</i>
DP2	Application of Community Infrastructure Levy Funds	Financial contributions from developments (S106 and/or CIL) will be used on projects and initiatives that meet the identified needs of the community as set out in Appendix 20.	<i>Delete policy and relocate to Aspirations section, remembering to re-title as an Aspiration The expenditure of community funds derived from development is not a Development Management policy matter properly related to land use</i>

Part IV - Aspirations

		Policy CA5: Approved countryside walks and rights of way Any proposals for providing new rights of way for walkers in the green space to the north of the village would be strongly supported. Facilities should also be provided for dog litter bins.	<i>Miss-labelled in the Aspirations section as a policy and this needs to be re-labelled as an Aspiration</i>
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