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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Having a strong understanding of the nature of the towns and villages in South Oxfordshire is a key part of our evidence base and essential to forming a robust strategy for the future of our district in our Local Plan 2033.
- 1.2. The South Oxfordshire Core Strategy (2012) set out a hierarchy of settlements and this is used to determine the level of growth that is appropriate for each category in the hierarchy. The existing hierarchy categorises settlements as either 'Towns', 'Larger Villages', 'Smaller Villages' and 'Other Villages'.
- 1.3. This background paper updates the Settlement Assessment Background Paper July 2016. In order to ensure that our settlement hierarchy is still an accurate reflection of the role of our settlements we have updated all the information we have on each settlement, reviewed our settlement assessment and updated the settlement hierarchy accordingly.
- 1.4. We have also reviewed the methodology used to calculate a settlements 'score'. We have focussed on factors that give the most accurate picture of a places' sustainability and suitability for growth. This report sets out the changes that have been made and the reasons for the changes.
- 1.5. As a result, some settlements classed as 'Smaller villages' in the Core Strategy hierarchy are now classed as 'Other villages', and some settlements previously classed as 'Other villages' are no longer in the hierarchy. One village, Littleworth (near Wheatley) has been added to the 'Smaller village' category and three villages have been added to the 'Other village' category: Lower Assendon, Swyncombe and Catslip (with Crocker End). There are no changes to the 'Town' or 'Larger village' categories. The revised hierarchy is at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.6. We realise that services and facilities are constantly changing and this review is a snapshot in time. The settlement hierarchy will need reviewing periodically to take account of these changes.

NATIONAL POLICY CONTEXT

- 2.1 The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) states that planning should *"take account of the different roles and character of different areas, promoting the vitality of our main urban areas, protecting the Green Belts around them, recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside and supporting thriving rural communities within it"*.
- 2.2 For rural areas such as South Oxfordshire, the NPPF states that *"housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. For example, where there are groups of smaller settlements, development in one village may support services in a village nearby"*¹.

¹ Paragraph 55 of the NPPF

- 2.3 It is also stated that all local planning authorities "*should ensure that the Local Plan is based on adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence about the economic, social and environmental characteristics and prospects of the area*"².

LOCAL CONTEXT – THE ROLE OF THIS ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 We have prepared a new local plan called the Local Plan 2033. This is to take account of the increased housing need for South Oxfordshire identified by the [Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment](#) (SHMA), and also to accommodate some of Oxford City's additional housing need, which they may not be able to provide for within their administrative boundary. The Local Plan is expected to be submitted at the end of 2017.
- 3.2 The plan sets out a strategy for delivering sustainable growth in South Oxfordshire, identifying appropriate areas and sites for development, along with the necessary infrastructure to support this growth. The Local Plan 2033 also sets out policies that will be used for determining planning applications.
- 3.3 This Settlement Assessment Background Paper forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan 2033 and assists in classifying towns, larger villages, smaller villages, and other villages into a settlement hierarchy.
- 3.4 The settlement hierarchy is used to determine the appropriate level of growth that a particular settlement can support, and focusses growth to our most sustainable places.
- 3.5 The strategy provides for a network of settlements throughout the district that provide a good range of services. All parts of the district are within about a five kilometre radius of a town or larger village.

METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The starting point for this assessment was the existing settlement hierarchy in the South Oxfordshire [Core Strategy](#)³. In the Core Strategy hierarchy there are around 120 settlements categorised as either 'towns', 'larger villages', 'smaller villages' or 'other villages'. There are around 20 other rural settlements in the district that are so small with very limited services they do not feature in the hierarchy and are therefore classed as being in open countryside for planning policy purposes.
- 4.2 We contacted all parish and town councils in Summer 2017 and asked them to review the information we held for each of the settlements within their parish. Where a council did not respond to our request for information we used desk-based research and local knowledge to update the information.

² Paragraph 158 of the NPPF

³ The settlement hierarchy can be found on p151 of the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy

4.3 We reviewed all the bus services that operate in our district to reflect recent changes and frequency of services.

4.4 The assessment focusses on three main criteria:

- the level of services and facilities on offer in each settlement
- the proximity of each settlement to towns and larger villages (including towns outside the district, for example Abingdon), and to employment centres
- access to public transport by bus and train

4.5 In assessing the criteria listed above we took into account how easy it is to access them and awarded scores to settlements that had easy access (by foot along a safe route) to a service, facility or public transport links of a nearby town or village. For example, Whitchurch on Thames scores points for having access to a convenience store and train station even though these facilities are found in Pangbourne.

4.6 The scoring systems used to measure the above criteria are set out in Appendix 2 (Services and Facilities), Appendix 3 (Proximity) and Appendix 4 (Public Transport).

4.7 The scores are weighted for some service/facilities to reflect the relative importance of each facility as some services are more essential and used more frequently than others. For example, schools and supermarkets are important facilities that reduce the need to travel by car and support the vitality of the local community. Other facilities such as a village hall or a recreation ground are not weighted as heavily as they do not contribute as significantly to people's day to day needs.

4.8 Having scored each settlement we applied a bench mark against which settlements would be considered for each category:

Total score	Category
0-5	Not featured in hierarchy
5-15	Other village
16-79	Smaller village
80+	Larger village
500+	Town

4.9 The scoring system is used as the starting point for deciding which category each settlement should be in, but the hierarchy is not based solely on a places score. We take a pragmatic approach, taking into account local knowledge of an area.

4.10 In addition to a settlements' score, we also looked at the balance between the three main criteria of: access to services and facilities; proximity to places and employment; and access to public transport. If a settlement scored highly against one criteria but low against the others we ranked the settlement taking all

criteria into account. For example, Cane End scored relatively highly as it has access to a good bus service, however it is a very small collection of houses with no services or facilities needed for day to day needs and is not within walking distance of any.

- 4.11 Isolated groups of housing with no facilities that are not within walking distance (along a safe route) of a town or larger village do not feature in the hierarchy as these are not appropriate places for new development.
- 4.12 Settlements washed over by Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation are included in the hierarchy, and any development here would be subject to complying with local and national policies relating to these designations.

RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The revised settlement hierarchy to support the Local Plan 2033 is set out at Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Appendix 5 is a table highlighting the changes that have been made to this assessment and differences between this assessment and the 2016 assessment.
- 5.3 Appendix 6 shows the breakdown of the scores for each settlement. Appendix 7 shows the settlements ranked from highest to lowest score.
- 5.4 For the purposes of the settlement hierarchy, Warborough and Shillingford are described as 'Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074' and 'Shillingford SW of A4074'. This is also how they were described in the Core Strategy settlement hierarchy. This description has been retained to reflect the geographical position of these places where the A4047 road cuts between them and forms a border between two distinct settlements, with different characters.

Appendix 1: Revised Settlement Hierarchy

Towns		
Didcot	Henley	Thame
Wallingford		
Larger villages		
Benson	Cholsey	Sonning Common
Berinsfield	Crowmarsh Gifford	Watlington
Chalgrove	Goring	Wheatley
Chinnor	Nettlebed	Woodcote
Smaller villages		
Aston Rowant	Harpsden	Playhatch
Aston Upthorpe/Aston Tirrold	Highmoor Cross	Rotherfield Peppard
Beckley	Holton	Sandford-on-Thames
Binfield Heath	Horspath	Shiplake Cross
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	Kidmore End	South Moreton
Britwell Salome	Kingston Blount	South Stoke
Burcot	Lewknor	Stadhampton
Checkendon	Little Milton	Stanton St John
Clifton Hampden	Long Wittenham	Stoke Row
Culham	Littleworth (nr Wheatley) (Addition)	Sydenham
Dorchester	Lower Shiplake	Tetsworth
East Hagbourne	Marsh Baldon	Tiddington
Ewelme	Moulsford	Towersey
Forest Hill	North Moreton	Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074
Garsington	Nuneham Courtenay	Whitchurch on Thames
Great Milton	Peppard Common	
Other villages		
Bix	Great Haseley (was Smaller)	Preston Crowmarsh
Berrick Salome (was Smaller)	Greys Green	Pyrton
Brightwell Baldwin	Henton	Roke
Chiselhampton (was Smaller)	Highmoor	Rotherfield Greys
Cuxham (was Smaller)	Ispden (was Smaller)	Russell's Water
Cuddesdon (was Smaller)	Kingwood Common (was Smaller)	Shillingford SW of A4074
Chazey Heath	Lower Assendon (Addition)	Sonning Eye
Christmas Common	Middle Assendon	Stonor
Crays Pond	Milton Common	Swyncombe (Addition)
Crocker End and Catslip	Mongewell	Tokers Green
Crowell	Moreton	Toot Baldon
Drayton St Leonard (was Smaller)	North Stoke	Waterperry
Dunsden Green (was Smaller)	North Weston	West Hagbourne
Emmington	Nuffield (was Smaller)	Whitchurch Hill/Hill Bottom (Whitchurch Hill was Smaller)
Gallowstree Common (was Smaller)	Postcombe	Witheridge Hill

The list below shows the settlements that have been removed from the settlement hierarchy. They were all previously classed as 'Other' villages but our review has resulted in them being downgraded due to receiving a low score for services and facilities, combined with their distance from other higher order settlements and lack of good public transport links.

Removed from Hierarchy
Cane End
Cookley Green
Exlade Street
Hailey
Huntercombe
Little Wittenham
Maidensgrove
Mapledurham
Satwell
Shepherd's Green
Stoke Talmage
Waterstock

Appendix 2: Services and facilities scoring

The scores assigned to each service/facility were weighted to be responsive to the relative importance of each. Those services that support a wider area were given a greater score.

Services/facilities	Score
Supermarket	4
Convenience store/petrol station selling food	2
Post office	2
Pharmacy	2
Other shops	2
Bank	1
Other financial services	1
Restaurants and cafes	1
Pubs	1
Take-away	1
Hotel	1
Primary school	2
Secondary school	4
Further education	2
Crèche/nursery	2
Hospital	4
GP surgery	4
Clinic	2
Dentist	2
Library	1
Village/community hall	1
Theatre	1
Cinema	1
Leisure centre	1
Sports club	1
Public park/garden	1
Sports pitch	1
Multi Use Games Area	1
Playground	1

The total services and facilities score for each settlement was doubled to give greater weight to this component of the overall score.

Appendix 3: Proximity scoring

Settlements scored points based on their proximity to towns, larger villages and employment areas. Distances were measured along roads, not as the crow flies.

	Up to 2km	2.1km to 5km	5.1km +
Town	10	5	0
Larger village			
Employment area			

Employment areas were identified from our Employment Land Review⁴. A minimum threshold of 20 hectares was set as this covers all of the major employment areas in and around the district.

List of employment areas:

Howberry Park (South Oxfordshire)
Milton Park (Vale of White Horse)
Harwell (Vale of White Horse)
Culham Science Centre (South Oxfordshire)
Oxford Science Park (Oxford City)
Hithercroft Industrial Estate (South Oxfordshire)

⁴ South Oxfordshire Employment Land Review, September 2015

Appendix 4: Public transport scoring

Bus service

The table below shows the scores given to each settlement dependent on their bus service.

	Score
No service	0
1-5 per day	0
6+ per day (but less than 1 per hour)	5
1 per hour	10
2 per hour	15
3 + per hour	20

Settlements with no bus service or a service of 5 buses or less were given no score as these services are considered to be too infrequent to support day to day use.

Train service

The table below shows how each settlement with a train station has scored. As there are only six train stations that serve our settlements they are scored individually based on the service and frequency they currently provide.

Station	Score	Rational
Didcot	25	High frequency, with high speed service available
Goring, Cholsey, Pangbourne	20	Medium frequency, on a mainline
Culham	15	Low frequency, on a mainline
Henley-on-Thames, Lower Shiplake	10	Low frequency, not on a mainline

There have been positive discussions between key stakeholders, including Network Rail, regarding potential rail improvements for Culham station to include rail service improvements. Any future improvements would be taken into account in future reviews of the settlement hierarchy.

Appendix 5: Table of changes made to 2017 Settlement Assessment

2016 Assessment	Change made for 2017	Reason for change
Facilities that shared a building scored 0.5 point eg a post office in a shop, both scored 0.5 point	Facilities that share a building score 1 point each	Old system penalised services that shared a building. Led to inconsistency eg a village with just a shop scored the same as a village with a shop with a post office
Supermarkets score the same as shops/convenience stores – 1 point	Supermarkets score higher than convenience stores Supermarket – 4 points Other food shops – 2 points	Supermarkets offer a much wider range of goods and services.
	Petrol stations that offer food (eg M&S food) score 1 point	These are comparable to convenience stores
Total score included points awarded for percentage of population who are economically active.	Score does not include points based on percentage of population who are economically active	Small differences between the percentages of the population who are economically active could be minimal but made significant differences to the score. Scores were also based on data for the whole parish, rather than specifically for a settlement. Rather than amending the scoring system, this component of the scoring was removed as it does not directly relate to the relative sustainability of a place.
Shiplake Cross listed as having a train station rather than Lower Shiplake.	Score changed to reflect Lower Shiplake having a train station	Rectifying mistake in scoring
Proximity score did not reflect importance of	Towns automatically score 100 points. Need to update	Differences between percentages were minimal

towns eg Henley scored 58 points, Gallowstree Common scored 72 points	scoring system to reflect location of larger villages. Proximity score works for smaller settlements but not for towns and larger villages.	but made big difference to score, which could skew scores.
	Villages that are close to a service/facility score points for that facility.	To acknowledge that people will make use of nearby services/facilities that are easy to get to
Only those settlements that have their own train station scored points for access to that service	Settlements that are in close proximity and can easily walk along a safe route to a train station also score points for access to that service. This results in two settlements scoring points for access to a train station: Clifton Hampden to Culham and Whitchurch on Thames to Pangbourne	To reflect that residents of Clifton Hampden and Whitchurch on Thames can easily access that service
Catslip was not included in the Settlement Assessment, but Crocker End was	Catslip has been added to the assessment and is included with Crocker End	Crocker End and Catslip are comparable settlements so for consistency they should both be included
A score was awarded for the population size of each settlement, which was calculated using census 2011 data and given as a percentage of the total population of the district.	A score has not been awarded for the population size of each settlement	The score for population was not an accurate reflection of the size of a settlement as the population data was for the whole parish, so smaller settlements scored the same points as a larger settlement within the same parish

Appendix 6: Table of scores by settlement

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Aston Rowant	14	5	20	39	No change - Smaller Village
Aston Tirrold/ Aston Upthorpe	16	0	0	16	No change - Smaller Village
Beckley	10	0	0	10	No change - Smaller Village
Benson	88	20	20	128	No change - Larger Village
Berinsfield	76	10	20	108	No change - Larger Village
Berrick Salome	6	5	0	11	Smaller Village to Other Village
Binfield Heath	16	5	15	36	No change - Smaller Village
Bix	8	5	10	23	No change – Other Village
Brightwell Baldwin	8	5	0	13	No change – Other Village
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	40	10	0	50	No change - Smaller Village
Britwell Salome	10	10	0	21	No change - Smaller Village
Burcot	2	15	10	27	No change - Smaller Village
Cane End	0	5	15	20	Removed from hierarchy
Chalgrove	72	10	10	92	No change - Larger Village
Chazey Heath	8	0	15	23	No change – Other Village

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Checkendon	20	0	0	20	No change – Smaller Village
Chinnor	146	10	20	176	No change – Larger Village
Chiselhampton	2	0	10	12	Smaller Village to Other Village
Cholsey	90	20	35	145	No change - Larger Village
Christmas Common	2	5	0	7	No change – Other Village
Clifton Hampden	30	15	25	70	No change – Smaller Village
Cookley Green	0	5	0	5	Removed from hierarchy
Crays Pond	2	5	0	7	No change – Other Village
Crocker End and Catslip	2	10	0	12	No change – Other Village
Crowell	2	10	20	32	No change – Other Village
Crowmarsh Gifford	44	30	20	94	No change - Larger Village
Cuddesdon	8	5	0	13	Smaller Village to Other Village
Culham	10	10	25	45	No change – Smaller Village
Cuxham	4	5	10	19	Smaller Village to Other Village
Didcot	700	15	45	760	No change - Town
Dorchester	38	0	15	53	No change – Smaller Village
Drayton St Leonard	8	5	0	13	Smaller Village to Other Village

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Dunsden Green	6	5	15	26	Smaller Village to Other Village
East Hagbourne	22	5	10	37	No change – Smaller Village
Emmington	4	5	15	24	No change – Other Village
Ewelme	18	5	0	23	No change – Smaller Village
Exlade Street	2	5	0	7	Removed from hierarchy
Forest Hill	12	5	0	17	No change – Smaller Village
Gallowstree Common	6	5	0	11	Smaller Village to Other Village
Garsington	30	0	10	40	No change – Smaller Village
Goring	138	10	30	178	No change - Larger Village
Great Haseley	4	0	0	4	Smaller Village to Other Village
Great Milton	20	5	0	25	No change – Smaller Village
Greys Green	6	5	0	11	No change – Other Village
Hailey	2	0	0	2	Removed from hierarchy
Harpsden	14	10	15	39	No change – Smaller Village
Henley-on-Thames	848	10	30	888	No change - Town
Henton	2	5	0	7	No change – Other Village
Highmoor	8	10	0	18	No change – Other Village

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Highmoor Cross	12	5	0	17	No change – Smaller Village
Holton	18	5	20	43	No change – Smaller Village
Horspath	38	5	0	43	No change – Smaller Village
Huntercombe End	0	5	0	5	Removed from hierarchy
Ipsden	24	0	0	24	Smaller Village to Other Village
Kidmore End	8	10	0	18	No change – Smaller Village
Kingston Blount	10	5	20	35	No change – Smaller Village
Kingwood Common	0	5	0	5	No change – Other Village
Lewknor	18	5	20	43	No change – Smaller Village
Little Milton	22	0	0	22	No change – Smaller Village
Little Wittenham	0	0	0	0	Removed from hierarchy
Littleworth (nr Wheatley)	10	5	10	25	Settlement added – Smaller Village
Long Wittenham	22	5	0	27	No change – Smaller Village
Lower Assendon	4	5	10	19	Settlement added – Other Village
Lower shiplake	30	5	25	60	No change – Smaller Village
Maidensgrove	2	0	0	2	Removed from hierarchy
Mapledurham	2	0	0	2	Removed from hierarchy

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Marsh Baldon	14	5	0	19	No change – Smaller Village
Middle Assendon	2	10	0	12	No change – Other Village
Milton Common	6	0	0	6	No change – Other Village
Mongewell	0	20	20	40	No change – Other Village
Moreton	0	5	0	5	No change – Other Village
Moulsford	10	5	0	15	No change – Smaller Village
Nettlebed	64	10	10	84	No change - Larger Village
North Moreton	10	5	0	15	No change – Smaller Village
North Stoke	8	10	20	38	No change – Other Village
North Weston	0	5	20	25	No change – Other Village
Nuffield	4	5	15	24	Smaller Village to Other Village
Nuneham Courtenay	16	10	20	46	No change – Smaller Village
Peppard Common	20	5	15	40	No change – Smaller Village
Playhatch	8	0	15	23	No change – Smaller Village
Postcombe	8	0	0	8	No change – Other Village
Preston Crowmarsh	0	15	0	15	No change – Other Village
Pyrton	0	5	10	15	No change – Other Village

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Roke	2	5	0	7	No change – Other Village
Rotherfield Greys	6	5	0	11	No change – Other Village
Rotherfield Peppard	18	5	0	23	No change – Smaller Village
Russell's Water	4	5	0	9	No change – Other Village
Sandford-on-Thames	12	10	15	37	No change – Smaller Village
Satwell	0	5	0	5	Removed from hierarchy
Shepherds Green	0	5	0	5	Removed from hierarchy
Shillingford SW of A4074	24	10	15	49	No change – Other Village
Shiplake Cross	20	5	15	40	No change – Smaller Village
Sonning Common	96	10	20	126	No change - Larger Village
Sonning eye	8	0	0	8	No change – Other Village
South Moreton	10	15	0	25	No change – Smaller Village
South Stoke	22	5	15	42	No change – Smaller Village
Stadhampton	24	5	10	39	No change – Smaller Village
Stanton St John	30	0	0	30	No change – Smaller Village
Stoke Row	26	0	0	26	No change – Smaller Village
Stoke Talmage	0	0	0	0	Removed from hierarchy

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Stonor	4	0	0	4	No change – Other Village
Swyncombe	8	5	0	13	Settlement added – Other Village
Sydenham	14	5	15	34	No change – Smaller Village
Tetsworth	26	0	0	26	No change – Smaller Village
Thame	704	10	20	734	No change - Town
Tiddington	8	0	20	28	No change – Smaller Village
Tokers Green	8	5	0	13	No change – Other Village
Toot Baldon	2	0	0	2	No change – Other Village
Towersey	16	5	15	36	No change – Smaller Village
Wallingford	588	25	20	633	No change - Town
Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074	34	5	15	54	No change – Smaller Village
Waterperry	6	5	0	11	No change – Other Village
Waterstock	0	0	0	0	Removed from hierarchy
Watlington	92	10	5	107	No change - Larger Village
West Hagbourne	2	10	10	22	No change – Other Village
Wheatley	172	10	20	202	No change - Larger Village

Settlement	Facilities	Proximity	Public transport	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any
Whitchurch Hill/ Hill Bottom	6	0	0	6	Smaller Village to Other Village
Whitchurch-on-Thames	38	0	25	63	No change – Smaller Village
Witheridge Hill	2	5	0	7	No change – Other Village
Woodcote	80	10	15	105	No change - Larger Village

Appendix 7: Table of settlements by ranked by score

Settlement	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any, and reason for change
Henley-on-Thames	888	No change - Town
Didcot	760	No change - Town
Thame	734	No change - Town
Wallingford	633	No change - Town
Wheatley	202	No change - Larger Village
Goring	178	No change - Larger Village
Chinnor	176	No change – Larger Village
Cholsey	145	No change - Larger Village
Benson	128	No change - Larger Village
Sonning Common	126	No change - Larger Village
Berinsfield	108	No change - Larger Village
Watlington	107	No change - Larger Village
Woodcote	105	No change - Larger Village
Crowmarsh Gifford	94	No change - Larger Village
Chalgrove	92	No change - Larger Village
Nettlebed	84	No change - Larger Village
Clifton Hampden	70	No change – Smaller Village
Whitchurch-on-Thames	63	No change – Smaller Village

Settlement	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any, and reason for change
Lower Shiplake	60	No change – Smaller Village
Warborough & Shillingford NE of A4074	54	No change – Smaller Village
Dorchester	53	No change – Smaller Village
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	50	No change - Smaller Village
Shillingford SW of A4074	49	No change – Other Village. Scores highly due to bus service and its proximity to Wallingford, remains as an Other Village due to lack of facilities and disconnected nature of settlement
Nuneham Courtenay	46	No change – Smaller Village
Culham	45	No change – Smaller Village
Holton	43	No change – Smaller Village
Horspath	43	No change – Smaller Village
Lewknor	43	No change – Smaller Village
South Stoke	42	No change – Smaller Village
Garsington	40	No change – Smaller Village
Mongewell	40	No change – Other Village. Has no facilities but score reflects access to services and facilities in Crowmarsh Gifford and Wallingford and good bus service.
Peppard Common	40	No change – Smaller Village
Shiplake Cross	40	No change – Smaller Village
Aston Rowant	39	No change - Smaller Village

Settlement	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any, and reason for change
Harpsden	39	No change – Smaller Village
Stadhampton	39	No change – Smaller Village
North Stoke	38	No change – Other Village. Scores highly due to bus service and its proximity to Crowmarsh Gifford, remains as an Other Village due to lack of facilities
East Hagbourne	37	No change – Smaller Village
Sandford-on-Thames	37	No change – Smaller Village
Binfield Heath	36	No change - Smaller Village
Towersey	36	No change – Smaller Village
Kingston Blount	35	No change – Smaller Village
Sydenham	34	No change – Smaller Village
Crowell	32	No change – Other Village. Scores highly due to bus service and its proximity to Chinnor, remains as an Other Village due to lack of facilities
Stanton St John	30	No change – Smaller Village
Tiddington	28	No change – Smaller Village
Burcot	27	No change - Smaller Village
Long Wittenham	27	No change – Smaller Village
Dunsden Green	26	Smaller Village to Other Village. Has very limited facilities but has a reasonable bus service and scores points due to proximity to Sonning Common

Settlement	Total Score	Change to hierarchy, if any, and reason for change
Stoke Row	26	No change – Smaller Village
Tetsworth	26	No change – Smaller Village
Great Milton	25	No change – Smaller Village
Littleworth (nr Wheatley)	25	Settlement added – Smaller Village
North Weston	25	No change – Other Village. A good bus service and proximity to another settlement account for its score but a lack of any facilities means it remains as an Other Village
South Moreton	25	No change – Smaller Village
Emmington	24	No change – Other Village. Has very limited facilities but has a reasonable bus service and score points due to its proximity to Chinnor
Ipsden	24	Smaller Village to Other Village. Scores quite well on facilities but doesn't have a bus service and the settlement is relatively isolated
Nuffield	24	Smaller Village to Other Village. Has very limited facilities but has a reasonable bus service and score points due to its proximity to Nettlebed
Bix	23	No change – Other Village. Has limited facilities and bus services and is relatively isolated
Chazey Heath	23	No change – Other Village. Has limited facilities and is relatively isolated but has a reasonable bus service
Ewelme	23	No change – Smaller Village. Has a reasonable range of facilities.

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Playhatch	23	No change – Smaller Village
Rotherfield Peppard	23	No change – Smaller Village
Little Milton	22	No change – Smaller Village
West Hagbourne	22	No change – Other Village. Has very limited facilities but scores points for its proximity and reasonable bus service
Britwell Salome	21	No change - Smaller Village
Cane End	20	Removed from hierarchy. Although it has a reasonable bus service it is a very small settlement with no services (pub closed) and is not in walking distance to any services
Checkendon	20	No change – Smaller Village
Cuxham	19	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities and bus service and scores low for proximity
Lower Assendon	19	Settlement added – Other Village. Has a similar level of facilities to other settlements in the Other Village category.
Marsh Baldon	19	No change – Smaller Village. Has a good range of facilities but lacks a bus service
Highmoor	18	No change – Other Village. Has limited facilities and no bus service but scores well for its proximity to other settlements
Kidmore End	18	No change – Smaller Village. Has reasonable facilities and score for its proximity to other settlements but lacks a bus service
Forest Hill	17	No change – Smaller Village Has a good range of facilities but lacks a bus service

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Highmoor Cross	17	No change – Smaller Village. Has a good range of facilities but lacks a bus service
Aston Tirrold/ Aston Upthorpe	16	No change - Smaller Village. Has a good range of facilities but lacks a bus service
Moulsford	15	No change – Smaller Village. Has reasonable facilities but lacks bus service
North Moreton	15	No change – Smaller Village. Has reasonable facilities but lacks bus service
Preston Crowmarsh	15	No change – Other Village. Has no facilities but scores highly for proximity to Wallingford
Pyrton	15	No change – Other Village. Has no facilities but scores for bus service and proximity to Watlington.
Brightwell Baldwin	13	No change – Other Village
Cuddesdon	13	Smaller Village to Other Village. Has limited facilities and no bus service but scores points for its proximity to Wheatley
Drayton St Leonard	13	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities, no bus service and not within walking distance to any services but scores some points for its proximity to Berinsfield
Swyncombe	13	Settlement added – Other Village. Limited services and scores points for proximity to Nettlebed, considered comparable with other settlement in this category
Tokers Green	13	No change – Other Village
Chiselhampton	12	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities, and bus service and low proximity score

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Crocker End and Catslip	12	No change – Other Village. Catslip added due to its proximity and being too small on its own to be included as separate settlement.
Middle Assendon	12	No change – Other Village
Berrick Salome	11	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities, no bus service and low proximity score
Gallowstree Common	11	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities, no bus service and low proximity score
Greys Green	11	No change – Other Village
Rotherfield Greys	11	No change – Other Village
Waterperry	11	No change – Other Village
Beckley	10	No change - Smaller Village. Has a reasonable level of services but a lack of bus service and its location account for low overall score, although it is not far from Oxford
Russell's Water	9	No change – Other Village
Postcombe	8	No change – Other Village
Sonning Eye	8	No change – Other Village
Christmas Common	7	No change – Other Village
Crays Pond	7	No change – Other Village
Exlade Street	7	Removed from hierarchy. A small collection of houses with very limited services, no bus service and although it score

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		points for proximity to Woodcote, it is not within walking distance to any services
Henton	7	No change – Other Village Has limited facilities and close to Chinnor but does not have a bus service
Roke	7	No change – Other Village Has limited facilities and close to Benson but does not have a bus service
Witheridge Hill	7	No change – Other Village. Has limited facilities and close to Nettlebed but does not have a bus service
Milton Common	6	No change – Other Village. Has limited facilities and no bus service
Whitchurch Hill/ Hill Bottom	6	Smaller Village to Other Village. Its relative isolation and lack of bus service are reflected in the low score but it has some facilities so remains in hierarchy but is downgraded
Cookley Green	5	Removed from hierarchy. Score reflects proximity to Nettlebed but it has no facilities or bus service and is a very small settlement
Huntercombe End	5	Removed from hierarchy. No facilities, no bus service, very small settlement and not within walking distance to any services
Kingwood Common	5	No change – Other Village. Although has no facilities or bus service its proximity to Sonning Common means it remains in the hierarchy
Moreton	5	No change – Other Village. Although has no facilities or bus service its proximity to Thame and the services available there means it remains in the hierarchy

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Satwell	5	Removed from hierarchy. Scores points for proximity to Sonning Common but is a very small settlement with no facilities or bus service
Shepherds Green	5	Removed from hierarchy. Scores points for proximity to Sonning Common but is a very small settlement with no facilities or bus service
Great Haseley	4	Smaller Village to Other Village. Limited facilities and no bus service combined with its relative isolation account for the change
Stonor	4	No change – Other Village. Its relative isolation and lack of bus service are reflected in the low score but it has some facilities so remains in hierarchy
Hailey	2	Removed from hierarchy. Very limited facilities, no bus service and no score for proximity
Maidensgrove	2	Removed from hierarchy. A very small settlement with very limited facilities, no bus service and no score for proximity
Mapledurham	2	Removed from hierarchy. A very small settlement with very limited facilities, no bus service and no score for proximity
Toot Baldon	2	No change – Other Village. Its limited facilities and lack of bus service are reflected in the low score but it has pub and is close to facilities in Marsh Baldon
Waterstock	0	Removed from hierarchy
Little Wittenham	0	Removed from hierarchy
Stoke Talmage	0	Removed from hierarchy

