

Chalgrove

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Basic Conditions Statement

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by Chalgrove Parish Council to accompany its submission to South Oxfordshire District Council of the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNDP) to demonstrate how the Plan meets the statutory requirements set out within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 The core basic conditions for Neighbourhood Plans are as follows:
- Having regards to national policies and advice contained in the National Planning Practice Guidance
 - The making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development
 - The making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority
 - The making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations
- 1.3 The regulations require that a Neighbourhood Plan deals with planning matters (i.e. the use and development of land), is submitted by a qualifying body, covers a stated Plan period and identifies a designated Neighbourhood Area.
- 1.4 The remaining sections of this document set out how CNDP complies with the basic conditions:
- Section 2 sets out how the CNDP has regard to national policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance, the Town and Country Planning Act and the Localism Act.
 - Section 3 sets out how CNDP contributes to sustainable development.
 - Section 4 sets out how the CNDP is in general conformity with strategic policies of the Local Plan.
 - Section 5 sets out conformity with European Union obligations.

Table 1.1 Basic conditions and DCLG explanatory guidance¹

Neighbourhood Development Plan 'basic conditions' according to Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Basic condition	DCLG guidance
a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan.	The National Planning Policy Framework is the main document setting out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.
d) the making of the order (or Neighbourhood Plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.	A qualifying body must demonstrate how its plan will contribute to improvements in environmental, economic and social conditions or that consideration has been given to how any potential adverse effects arising from the proposals may be prevented, reduced or offset (referred to as mitigation measures).
e) the making of the Order (or Neighbourhood Plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).	When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body should consider: whether the Neighbourhood Plan policy supports and upholds .. strategic policy..; the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft Neighbourhood Plan policy and the strategic policy; whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan policy provides an additional level of detail ... without undermining that policy; the rationale ... in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence to justify that approach. Strategic policies are Local Plan policies that deliver: homes and jobs ..; retail, leisure and other commercial development; infrastructure ..., minerals and energy; the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; climate change mitigation and adaptation; conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.
f) the making of the Order (or Neighbourhood Plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.	A Neighbourhood Plan or Order must be compatible with European Union obligations, as incorporated into UK law, in order to be legally compliant. There are four directives that may be of particular relevance to neighbourhood planning: - Directive 2001/42/EC Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive; - Directive 2011/92/EU Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive. (Only relevant to Orders); - Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives respectively; - Other European directives, such as the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) or the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) may apply to the particular circumstances of a draft Neighbourhood Plan or Order.
g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or Plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Order (or Neighbourhood Plan).	Regulations 32 and 33 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) adds a basic condition for neighbourhood plans in addition to those set out in the primary legislation: the making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012)

¹ Note: basic conditions b) and c) are omitted from this table as they relate to Neighbourhood Development Orders only and are not relevant for CNDP.

2.National policies and guidance

- 2.1 The Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to national policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance, the Town and Country Planning Act and the Localism Act. The following paragraphs explain how each policy in the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan relates to national policy. Table 2.1 summarises the conclusions of this analysis. Table 2.2 then sets out compliance with specific legal requirements.
- 2.2 Policy C1 establishes that development will be permitted within the built-up area of Chalgrove if it conforms to other policies in the Plan and so is in line with the NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development. The second part of the policy states that infill development on the edge of the built-up area is not excluded and defines appropriate development as: agriculture, forestry, recreation grounds, sports pitches, flood alleviation, wildlife conservation area, wildflower meadow and allotments, which has regard to the NPPF requirements for conserving and enhancing the natural environment.
- 2.3 Policy C2 supports new development proposals that reflect and enhance the character of Chalgrove, which is in line with the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The policy also reflects the requirement to take account of the different roles and character of different areas in the Core Planning Principles section of the NPPF. The parking criteria in this policy are consistent with the requirements in the NPPF section on Promoting Sustainable Transport for local parking standards to take into account various factors such as availability of local transport and car ownership levels (para 39, NPPF). The criteria requiring any existing brook or development to be made a feature of development and the requirement to protect and enhance particular views have regard to the NPPF section on Conserving the Natural Environment. The requirement for sensitivity to preserving the views to and from the AONB has regard to NPPF section 3, Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy.
- 2.4 Policy H2, Dwelling Mix has regard to the presumption in favour of sustainable development including the point in the NPPF on providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs to present and future generations (para 7) and widening the choice of high quality homes (para 9).
- 2.5 Policy H3 on home-working has regard to a prosperous rural economy (section 3 of the NPPF). Policy H4 on residential parking has regard to NPPF section 4, Promoting Sustainable Transport, which requires local parking standards to take into account various factors such as availability of local transport and car ownership levels. Policy H5 has regard to the NPPF Core Planning Principles on making the fullest possible use of public transport, walking, cycling, supporting local strategies to improve health and well-being. It also contributes positively to aspects of supporting a prosperous rural economy (by encouraging visiting walkers and cyclists) and promoting sustainable transport (by giving priority to pedestrian and cycle movements).
- 2.6 The Community Infrastructure Levy project list which is referred to in Policy CF1 is in line with the objectives of both NPPF Section 8 Promoting Healthy Communities and Section 10 Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change. Policies CF2 and CF3 on Assets of Community Value have regard to the objective promoting healthy communities, particularly through providing the social recreational and cultural facilities and services that the community needs (para 70, NPPF).

2.2 Table 2.2 below documents how the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan conforms with legal requirements to fulfil the Basic Conditions.

Table 2.2 Conformity with legal requirements

Requirements	Basis in law/regs	How the requirements are met in the NP	Reference
The policies relate to the development and use of land for a designated neighbourhood area	Section 38A of the 2004 PCPA, Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The CNDP policies relate to the development and use of land within the designated Neighbourhood Plan area.	CNDP policies C1 and C2, H1 - H5, CF1-CF3 CNDP Map 1
The Plan specifies the period to which it has effect	Section 38B of the 2004 PCPA, Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan specifies the period 2018 to 2033, which is broadly in line with the emerging Local Plan (2011-2033)	NDP title page
The Plan does not include excluded development	Section 38B of the 2004 PCPA, Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan does not relate to minerals and waste related development, to any major development that requires an Environmental Impact Assessment, or to any nationally significant infrastructure project.	Basic Conditions Statement Table 2.2
The Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area	Section 38B of the 2004 PCPA, Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan relates to only one neighbourhood area.	Basic Conditions Statement Appendix 1 CNDP Map 1
The Plan has been prepared for an area that has been designated	Section 61G of the Localism Act, Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The area designation was approved by South Oxfordshire District Council on 21 December 2012	Basic Conditions Statement Appendix 1
The Plan has been developed and submitted for examination by a qualifying body	Para 8(1) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan has been developed and submitted by Chalgrove Parish Council.	CNDP introduction

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The Plan has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State	Para 8(2) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan is in general conformity with the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance.	Basic Conditions Statement Section 2
The Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.	Para 8(2) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	Sustainability assessment was integral to the Plan's development and its policies contribute to sustainable development.	Basic Conditions Statement Section 3
The Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area	Para 8(2) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990	The Plan is in conformity with the Local Plan 2012 core strategy, saved policies of the Local Plan 2011 and has taken into account the emerging Local Plan 2033.	Basic Conditions Statement Section 4
The Plan is compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.	Para 8(2) of Schedule 4B TCPA 1990, European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), Para 8(2) TCPA 1993	The Plan does not impact on any of the rights enshrined in the ECHR	Basic Conditions Statement Table 2.2

3. Sustainable development

3.1 Paragraphs 14 -16 of the NPPF set out the presumption in favour of sustainable development which is at the heart of national policy. For Neighbourhood Planning this means that neighbourhoods should plan positively to support local development while at the same time respecting the local environment by seeking to protect valued green spaces and historic assets. Sustainable development has been integral to the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan process, with assessment against sustainability criteria at every stage leading to refinement of the Plan as described in the Environmental Report. The elements of sustainable development specified in the NPPF are listed in Table 3.1 below with an explanation of how Chalgrove’s Neighbourhood Plan contributes to each element.

Table 3.1 How the Plan contributes to sustainable development.

Sustainable development (NPPF definition)	How the Plan contributes to this element of sustainable development
Economic: Contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure.	The Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for new housing in a sustainable location (Policy H1) and supports community facilities (Policy CF2 and CF3). These will support the continued vitality of the village.
Social: Support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being.	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for new housing or the right size and mix to meet the needs to present and future generations (Policy H1, H2, C1, C2)</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to address parking in the village which have a major impact on village life and vitality (Policy C2, H4).</p> <p>The policies that support the retention and enhancement of community facilities (Policy CF2 and CF3) will benefit well-being and reduce the need for residents to travel in order to access services.</p> <p>The parking requirements (Policy H4) will help to provide a high-quality, vibrant and healthy environment. Some of the proposed CIL projects will enhance health and well-being (Policy CF1).</p>
Environmental: Contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.	The Neighbourhood Plan emphasises the importance of good design that is in keeping with village character (Policy C2), reducing the need to travel (Policy H3 and H5) and preserving views including views from and to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Some of the proposed CIL projects enhance the environment (Policy CF1).

3.2 In summary, the Chalgrove NDP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development by:

- planning positively to provide housing that will meet current and future needs
- protecting community facilities to meet the needs of residents and reduce the need to travel to obtain these services elsewhere;
- protecting the environment from flooding;
- protecting and enhancing the built and historic environment by encouraging high quality development that responds to the distinctive character of Chalgrove.

4. Strategic policies of the Development Plan

4.1 The Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with strategic policies of the Development Plan, which at the time of writing the NDP were the adopted South Oxfordshire Core Strategy (2012) and saved policies from South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011. As the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan was being drafted, South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033 was still in development.

4.2 Table 4.1 below summarises an analysis of how each policy the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with relevant policies in the Development Plan for South Oxfordshire.

Table 4.1 General Conformity with Development Plan

Key	General conformity
	Not applicable

CNDP Policy	Local Plan core strategy 2012	Saved policies Local Plan 2011
C1 Development within built up area	<p>Policy C1 is in general conformity with CS1 (presumption in favour of sustainable development) by permitting development that conforms to the other policies in the CNDP.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CCS1 (The overall strategy) by permitting development within and on the edge of the built-up area and not excluding appropriate development outside the built-up area. This supports the role of Chalgrove as a local service centre as set out in the overall strategy for South Oxfordshire.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CSR1 (Housing in villages) by permitting development in the built-up area.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CSEM4 (Supporting economic development) and CSR2 (Employment in Rural Areas) by permitting development within and on the edge of the built-up area and appropriate development outside of the built area.</p>	<p>Policy C1 is in general conformity with G5 (Making the best use of land) by supporting development proposals within the built-up area, thus reducing the need for development of greenfield sites or of sites in non-sustainable locations.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with R1 and R4 (Meeting the social needs of the rural and urban communities) by permitting development of recreation grounds and sport pitches outside the built-up area.</p>
C2 Design	<p>Policy C2 is in general conformity with CSR1 (Housing in villages) by permitting development that reflects and enhances the character of Chalgrove, meets specific design criteria and protects or enhances views including preserving views to and from the AONB.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CSQ3 (Design) by permitting new development that reflects the character of Chalgrove and meets design requirements.</p>	<p>Policy C2 is in general conformity with D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D10 (Encouraging sustainable and high-quality development) by requiring the protection and reinforcement of local distinctiveness (D1), requirements relating to on-street parking (D2), buildings set back from the street (D3), the form and scale of buildings reflecting the neighbouring properties (D4), design appropriate to the surroundings (D5) and with adequate storage space for bins (D10).</p>

CNDP Policy	Local Plan core strategy 2012	Saved policies Local Plan 2011
	The policy is in general conformity with CSEN1 (Landscape) by stating that all proposals must protect or enhance views into and out of the village and have sensitivity to preserving the views to and from the AONB.	The policy is in general conformity with T2 and T8 (Promoting a sustainable transport strategy) by including provisions for on-street parking.
H1 Housing Site Allocations	Policy H1 is in general conformity with CS1 (Presumption in favour of sustainable development), CCS1 (The Overall Strategy) and CSR1 (Housing in villages) by allocating sites for development.	No relevant saved policies
H1 Option A Site requirements	<p>Policy H1A is in general conformity with CS1 (Presumption in favour of sustainable development), CCS1 (The Overall Strategy) and CSR1 (Housing in villages) by allocating a site for development subject to site-specific requirements relating to local conditions and sustainability.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CSM2 (Transport Accessibility) by requiring sufficient vehicular and pedestrian entrances to provide adequate accessibility.</p> <p>The policy is in general conformity with CSH3(Affordable Housing) by requiring 40% of development to be affordable housing and specifying the type and size of approximately two thirds of the homes to meet local needs unless there is a robust justification for a different mix.</p>	<p>Policy H1A is in general conformity with R8 by seeking to improve vehicular and pedestrian access to and from the site and retain the Shakespeare’s Way public footpath,</p> <p>Policy H1A is in general conformity with T1 and T7 (Promoting a sustainable transport strategy) by requiring sufficient pedestrian entrances to provide easy access to village facilities, requiring the design of one of the vehicular entrances to improve access to the B480 and retention of the Shakespeare’s way public footpath.</p>
H2 Dwelling mix	Policy H2 is in general conformity with CSH4 (Meeting housing needs) by requiring a mix of dwelling types and sizes that is appropriate and relates to the needs of current and future households in Chalgrove including smaller dwellings and affordable housing.	No relevant saved policies
H3 Home working	Policy H3 is in general conformity with CSR2 (Employment in Rural Areas) by supporting proposals that provide space for a home office or facilitate home working.	Policy H3 is in general conformity with E7 (Supporting the local economy) by supporting proposals that provide space for a home office or facilitate home working by providing infrastructure and additional visitor parking.

CNDP Policy	Local Plan core strategy 2012	Saved policies Local Plan 2011
H4 Residential Parking	No relevant saved policies	Policy H4 is in general conformity with T2 and T8 (Promoting a sustainable transport strategy) by requiring adequate on-street parking.
H5 Walking cycling	Policy H4 is in general conformity with CSM2 (Transport Assessments and Travel Plans) by requiring that new homes are well connected to the footpath and cycle network including addressing any deficiencies in the local network where these connect to local services.	<p>Policy H4 is in general conformity with R8 (Meeting the social needs of the rural and urban communities) by seeking to address any deficiencies in the local footpath and cycle network.</p> <p>Policy H4 is in general conformity with T1 (safe and convenient routes for cyclists and pedestrians) and T7 (improve and extend the footpath and cycleway network) by requiring that new homes are well connected to the footpath and cycle network including addressing any deficiencies in the local network where these connect to local services.</p>
CF1 CIL	Policy CF1 is in general conformity with CSR3 (Community facilities and rural transport) as the project list for Community Infrastructure Levy supports facilities and services in Chalgrove.	Policy CF1 is in general conformity with R1 and R4 (Meeting the social needs of the rural and urban communities) as the project list for Community Infrastructure Levy supports improvements to outdoor sporting facilities.
CF2 Community Assets	Policy CF2 is in general conformity with CSR3 (Community facilities and rural transport) by resisting the loss of or significant harm to designated Assets of Community Value.	Policy CF2 is in general conformity with CF1 (Meeting the social needs of the rural and urban communities) by resisting the loss or significant harm to a designated Asset of Community Value.
CF3 Community Assets	Policy CF3 is in general conformity with CSR3 (Community facilities and rural transport) by supporting proposals to improve established community use of facilities including Assets of Community Value.	No relevant saved policies

4.3 As the CNDP was being drafted, South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033 was still in development. Although not required, we have made a comparison of policies in the emerging Local Plan (as at July 2017) with CNDP policies in order to give an indication of conformity with the future Local Plan policies. The version of the emerging Local Plan used is the one available at the time that this assessment was done: Local Plan 2033, Second Preferred Options Document, March 2017

4.4 CNDP policies take into account the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan process and are considered to be in general conformity with the following emerging Local Plan Policies:

STRATEGY	STRAT2 The Need for New Development in South Oxfordshire
SETTLEMENTS AND HOUSING	H1 Delivering new homes
SETTLEMENTS AND HOUSING	H4 Housing in Larger Villages
SETTLEMENTS AND HOUSING	H11 Affordable Housing
SETTLEMENTS AND HOUSING	H18 Infill Development
INFRASTRUCTURE	TRANS8 Community Facilities and Rural Transport
DESIGN	DES2 Enhancing Local Character
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	CF1 Safeguarding Community Facilities
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	CF2 Provision of Community Facilities and Services

4.5 The CNDP is neutral with regard to the emerging strategic policy STRAT9 'Land at Chalgrove Airfield'. CNDP policies are either neutral with respect to all of the other Local Plan 2033 policies or they are not applicable to Chalgrove, for instance where the policies refer to specific locations, market towns or smaller villages, or issues which do not relate to Chalgrove such as rail.

5.EUobligations

5.1 The Environmental Report which accompanies the Chalgrove NDP records how the requirements of Schedule 2 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004) have been met, including:

Strategic Environmental Assessment requirement	How requirements are met	Reference in NP documents
1 An outline of the contents and main objectives of the plan or programme, and of its relationship with other relevant plans or programmes	<p>Clear statement of aims and objectives in the CNDP.</p> <p>A policy context review was carried out as part of the Sustainability Appraisal scoping process.</p>	<p>Environmental Report Section 3, Plan Content</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, Section 2 www.chalgroveparish.org.uk</p>
2 The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme.	The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report sets out the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution without implementation of the NDP, summarised in the Environmental Report	<p>Environmental Report Section 4, Policy and Environmental Context</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report</p>
3 The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected	The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report sets out the environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected which is summarised in the Environmental Report	<p>Environmental Report, Section 4.3</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report</p>
4 Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds and the Habitats Directive	The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report identifies existing environmental problems which are summarised in the Environmental Report	<p>Environmental Report, Section 4</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report</p>
5 The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation.	A review of plans and programmes and key messages for CNDP was carried out as part of the Sustainability Appraisal scoping process.	<p>Environmental Report, Section 4</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report</p>
6 The likely significant effects on the environment, including short, medium and	The sustainability assessment process	Environmental Report, Section 6

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Strategic Environmental Assessment requirement	How requirements are met	Reference in NP documents
long-term effects, permanent and temporary effects, positive and negative effects and secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, on issues such as biodiversity; population; human health; fauna; flora; soil; water; air; climatic factors; material assets; cultural heritage; including architectural and archaeological heritage; landscape; and inter-relationships between the above issues.	included consideration of the likely significant effects.	
7 The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme.	The sustainability assessment process included consideration of mitigation.	Environmental Report
8 An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information.	The sustainability assessment process included analysis of alternatives and the assessment process was documented	Environmental Report Section 6, Reasonable Alternatives and Section 7, Sustainability of Plan Policies
9 A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with regulation 17: "The responsible authority shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action".	The CNDP team developed monitoring indicators for the Plan	Environmental Report Section 8, Monitoring
10 A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1 to 9.		Environmental Report pp. 4-7

- 5.2 A South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) draft screening opinion 4 November 2014 concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was required on the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan (CNDP). The Chalgrove NDP process therefore included a full Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating all of the requirements for Strategic Environmental Appraisal, as recorded in the Environmental Report which accompanies the Chalgrove NDP.
- 5.3 The CNDP does not influence the development of other Plans. It is designed to promote sustainable development in line with guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. A screening opinion has been sought from South Oxfordshire District Council.
- 5.4 South Oxfordshire District Council commissioned a revised Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening (November 2017). This assessment concluded that the policies and site allocation within the Chalgrove NDP are all *unlikely* to result in significant effects on European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or policies. An Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

- 5.5 The Plan is fully compatible with Convention rights contained in the Human Rights Act 1988. There has been full and effective opportunity for all interested parties to take part in the preparation of the Plan and to make their comments known.

Appendix 1: Area designation letter

The original letter is on South Oxfordshire District Council website:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans/

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**DECISION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF CHALGROVE AS A
NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA UNDER SECTION 61G OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING ACT 1990 AS AMENDED**

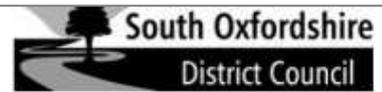
This letter confirms that on 21 December 2012, the Head of Planning at South Oxfordshire District Council, designated the area shown on Map 1 below as the 'Chalgrove Neighbourhood Area'. This designation has been made for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan by Chalgrove Parish Council under section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended. It was decided not to designate the area as a business area under section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not primarily or wholly business in nature. The relevant designation information is set out below:

- a) Name of neighbourhood area: Chalgrove
- b) Map of neighbourhood area included below
- c) Relevant body: Chalgrove Parish Council

Yours sincerely,


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Map 1 Chalgrove Neighbourhood Area



Chalgrove Parish

