



# CHINNOR

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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## 1. Introduction

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

1.1 As part of the Government's Localism agenda, local communities are being encouraged to develop Neighbourhood Plans as part of the Government's new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about what goes on in their area. The development of a Neighbourhood Plan is not imposed from above, but is an opportunity for communities to set out the way they see the future of their Neighbourhood Area.

1.2 A Neighbourhood Plan is a formal and positive plan for development which allows communities to shape the local area in a way which suits their local needs. It can cover a single issue or a range of issues depending on what is important to the community. Neighbourhood planning will allow communities to work through their local Parish Council to identify for example where they think any possible new homes should go, how transport and highways can be improved, which areas need improving and what should be protected. The Neighbourhood Plan however must broadly conform with South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan and the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

1.3 The Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for the future of the village and its hinterland, providing a strategy and land-use planning framework to guide development within the neighbourhood plan area for the next 15 years.

1.4 The Plan has been developed through extensive consultation with the people of Chinnor Neighbourhood Area and others with local interest. Details of the consultation have been recorded in a consultation report which is available to download from the Plan's website at [www.chinnorneighbourplan.com](http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com).

### How a Neighbourhood Plan fits into the Planning System

1.5 The Localism Act contains a number of basic conditions with which all neighbourhood plans must be in line. A Neighbourhood Plan must therefore:

- Have appropriate regard to national policy (National Planning Policy Framework)
- Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development



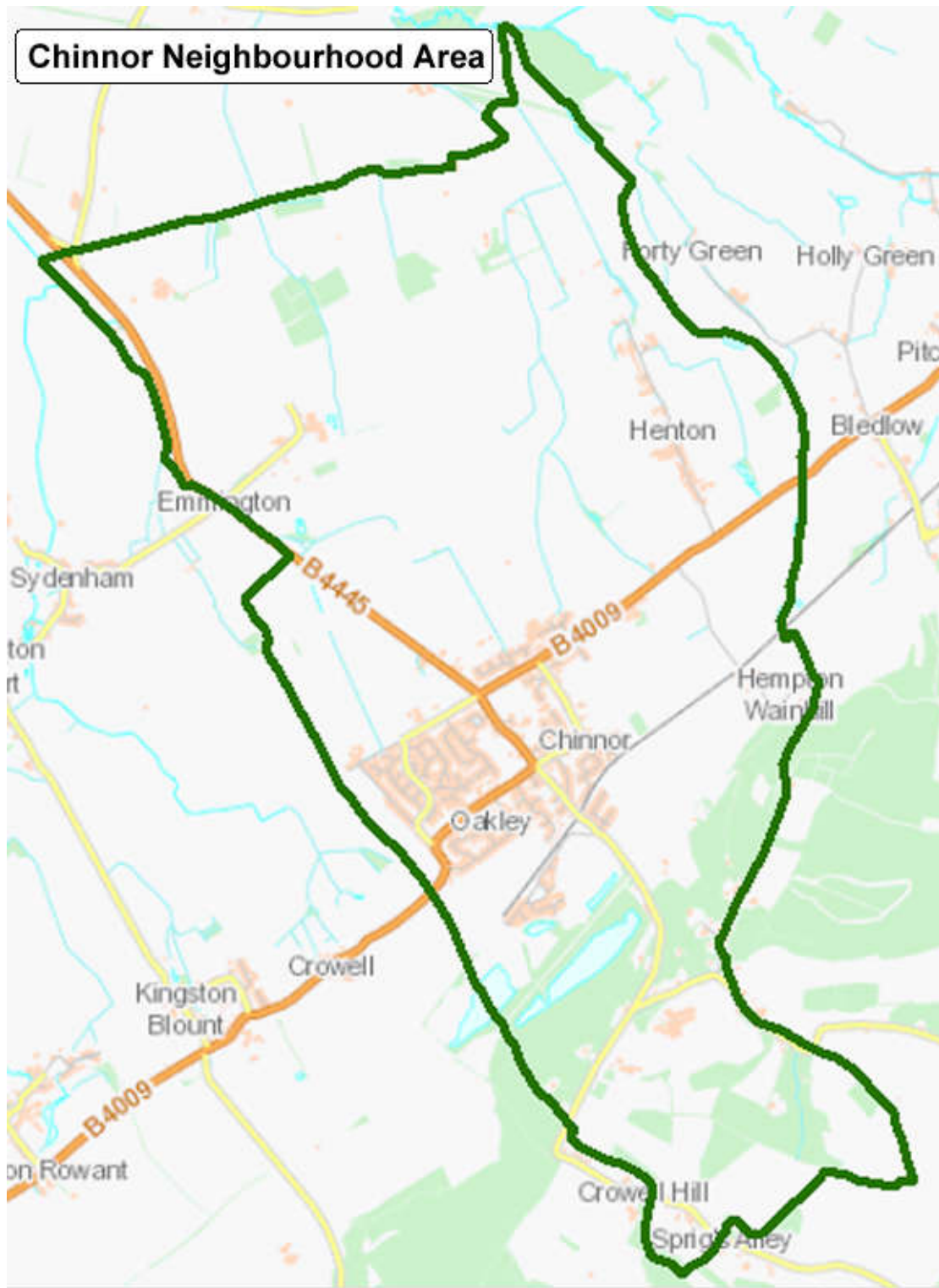
- Be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area (South Oxfordshire Core Strategy and Saved Policies of the Local Plan)
- Be compatible with human rights requirements
- Not have a significant effect on a European Site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

1.6 The Neighbourhood Plan, once ‘made’, forms part of the District’s Local Development Plan.

### The Neighbourhood Plan Area

1.7 The policies within this Neighbourhood Plan are related to the designated Neighbourhood Area. The Chinnor Neighbourhood Area was designated on 17 June 2015 and is shown on the map that appears later in this section.

1.8 The Neighbourhood Plan covers the time period 2011 – 2033 to correspond with the District Council’s emerging Local Plan.



### [How the Plan is organised](#)

1.9 The Plan is divided into the following sections:

Section 1: Introduction

Section 2: The Chinnor Context

Section 3: Vision and Objectives  
Section 4: Housing Policies  
Section 5: Conservation, Heritage and Design Policies  
Section 6: Environment, Open Space and Recreation  
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1.10 The Appendices 1 – 5 hold background information which has informed the production of the Plan.

Appendix 1: Public Consultations  
Appendix 2: Local Green Spaces  
Appendix 3: Traffic and Transport  
Appendix 4: Design Guidance  
Appendix 5: Environmental Data  
Further evidence relating to Chinnor Neighbourhood Area can be found on the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan website at [www.chinnorneighbourplan.com](http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com)

## 2 The Chinnor Context

### The Parish

2.1 The Parish of Chinnor and the wishes of those who live and work in the Parish provide the essential context to the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan. This section of the Plan provides:

- an overview of the Parish, its location, surroundings, size, housing and heritage
- a summary of what residents think about life in the village
- identifies the challenges facing the Parish

2.2 All the evidence shows that housing is the major challenge. Because of that, although this section contains information that has a direct influence on the location and type of housing, the Policies governing other challenges can be found in their appropriate section.

2.3 Unless otherwise referenced the statistics used in this section are census statistics for 2001 and 2011 provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). See

<http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

### Location

2.4 Chinnor Parish is located within South Oxfordshire and consists of the communities of Emmington, Henton, Wainhill, Chinnor Hill and the village of Chinnor itself. Oxford is some 20 miles North West of the centre of Chinnor village with High Wycombe 13 miles to the South East. The town of Henley-on-Thames is the seat of the Parish's parliamentary constituency and lies 16 miles approximately to the South. The market town of Thame is located approximately 5 miles to the North, North West and to the North East is the town of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire at a distance of approximately 5 miles.





Map provided by SODC

## Connections – Public Transport

2.5 Out of 3,186 people working and living in Chinnor in 2011, 61 used buses to travel to work. Local taxi services are also available to assist with travel. Carousel operates an hourly bus service between Thame and High Wycombe via Chinnor with onward connections to Aylesbury and Oxford via Thame. No services run on Bank Holidays or Sundays. Redline operates a bus service to and from Princes Risborough railway station for commuters where rail services are operated by Chiltern Railways to the cities of London, Birmingham and National networks. Red Rose operates a service between High Wycombe and Oxford with three return journeys per weekday via Bledlow Ridge and Chinnor. With the last hourly return of this service from High Wycombe being 17.40 weekdays and the Oxford service mid-morning and mid-afternoon it is clear that having your own transport becomes a must for those working outside normal 9 to 5 hours or those wishing to visit cinemas, restaurants and theatres in Oxford of an evening or weekend. Thames Transport started operating the new No. T1 service in 2016 from Chinnor to Cowley or Oxford railway station via Watlington, Stadhampton and Garsington. This is a more frequent service following a longer more circuitous route to Oxford which it is feasible to use to cover a working day but does not provide an evening service.

## Connections – Road

2.6 There are no 'A' roads within the Parish of Chinnor. The B4009 runs through the village connecting it to the M40 and Princes Risborough and is one of the busiest B roads in England. The M40 was completed in 1991 connecting London to Birmingham and the Midlands and provides a route to the North West via the M42 and M6 and North East via the M42 and the M1. The B4445 connects Chinnor with Thame. Both B roads are liable to flooding and in February 2014 Chinnor village was virtually cut off with just one road via Bledlow Ridge passable but unsuitable for HGVs. Remedial work has been carried out since then on the B4445 which appears to be successful. Remedial work has been carried out on the B4009 but its success is still to be proved.

### Connections – Footpaths and Bridleways

2.7 Chinnor is surrounded by an extensive network of footpaths and bridleways. This amenity is important both to the local community and nationally being close to the Ridgeway and other walking and cycling routes. Chinnor has a community Parish Path Warden together with a supporting team. This team works with the Oxfordshire County Council and the Chiltern Society to ensure that the paths and tracks remain open and free of litter for easy access. A new guide to a series of walks is currently under development to maximise community engagement. These walks are intended to be open to all members of the community including families, older members of the community and also people who are less able.

### Parish Landscape Areas

2.8 The Parish is in a primarily rural agricultural setting. It runs from North to South over rolling claylands and estate farmlands at approximately 150 metres above sea level until it reaches the Icknield Way which runs along the base of the 91 metre steep slopes of the Chiltern Hills. The wooded slopes ascend to a height of around 244 metres where a pair of twin barrows can be found enclosed in a ditch some 61 metres in circumference just over the parish boundary into the neighbouring parish of Bledlow-cum-Saunderton. The slopes which contain two sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) Chinnor Hill reserve and Oakley Hill reserve, lie within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Both reserves are managed by the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) not just for the aesthetics of the area but also the various rare species which can be found amongst the chalk grassland and scrub, including juniper, wild flowers such as candytuft and Chiltern gentian, butterflies and a number of insects. Views of Chinnor

Village and the surrounding countryside can be enjoyed from the nature reserves, providing the opportunity to view the red kites as they majestically soar the open skies above the Parish.

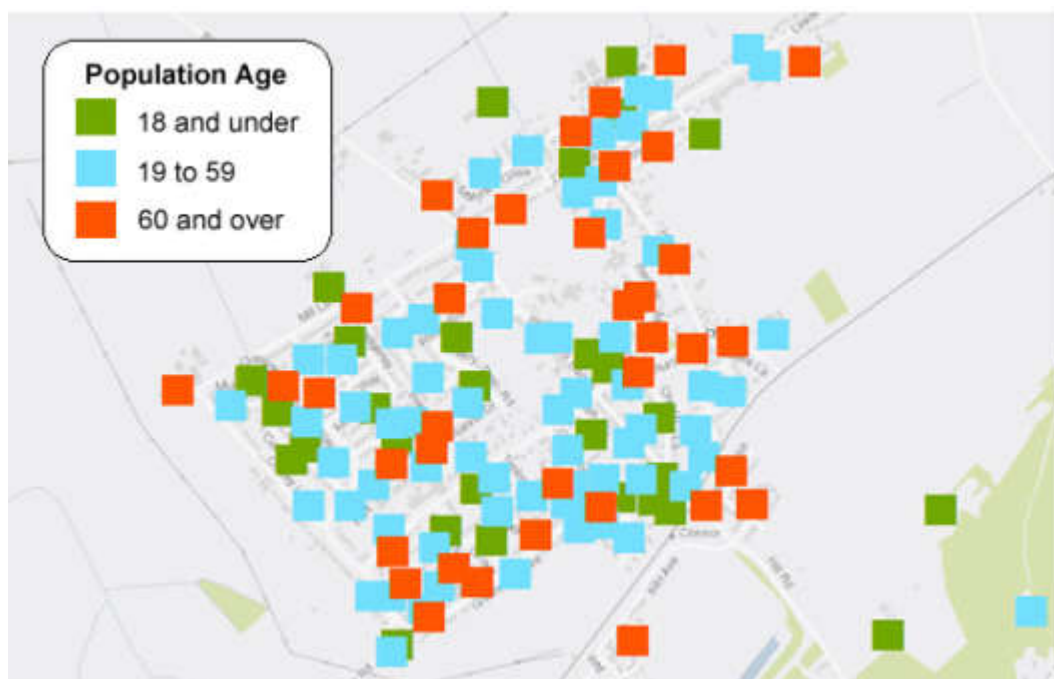
2.9 Chinnor chalk pits can be found at the base of the slopes. Important geological exposures have been found here making it a SSSI for fossils in the understanding of geological history.

### Parish Population

2.10 The population of Chinnor Parish has grown from being the fourth largest Parish in the former Bullingdon District in 1961 to become the largest parish in South Oxfordshire district in 2011.

Whilst there has been a rise of 69 people from 5855 in 2001 to 5924 in 2011 the distribution of age groups has changed to lower numbers of those aged below 47 and higher numbers of those aged above 48. This illustrates that the population of Chinnor is ageing which is likely to become an issue in years to come because of the increasing needs of the elderly.

Each square is a postcode (containing an average of 17 households). Based on data from the 2011 Census, the postcodes are colour coded according to the predominant age of the population in each one.



## Parish Population Stability

2.11 The comparison between the 2001 and 2011 censuses has led to the conclusion that whilst population stability shows degrees of the movement of residents, the overall issues remain, with an ageing population where some downsize out of the area whilst significant numbers move in.

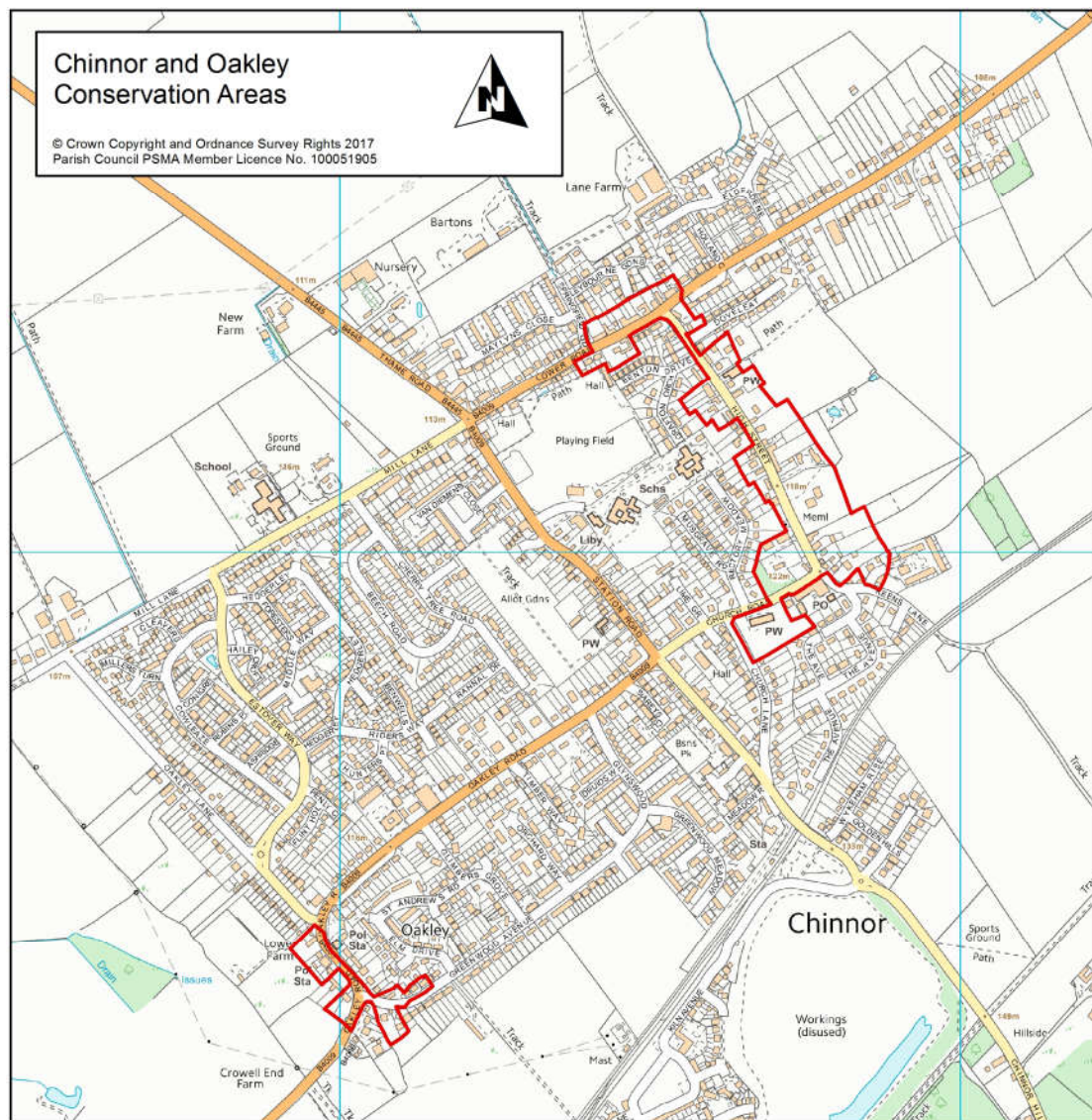
2.12 Were the population to remain stable we would expect to see those aged 0 to 64 to become those aged 10 to 74 from the 2001 to the 2011 census. This is not the case and is reflected in the results of the Housing Needs Survey (see paragraph on Accommodation Occupancy later in this section and Section 4 – Housing Provision and Policies).

2.13 Other trends are noted. Comparison between 2001 and 2011 shows the decline of those now aged 10 to 34. From ages 35 to 49 the trend shows an influx of residents since 2011 as there are more than those of 2001. This is possibly due to that age group being in a financial position to move to a less congested area from towns.

## Parish Conservation Areas

2.14 Chinnor Parish has two Conservation Areas, one around the High Street with twelve Listed Buildings and the other at the entrance to what was originally the hamlet of Oakley with two Listed Buildings. There are a further seven Listed Buildings located within the village. At Henton there are six Listed Buildings and a further two at Emmington. The church at Emmington is a Grade II Listed Building and St Andrew's Church, Chinnor a Grade I Listed Building dating back to the 13th Century. It is famous for its brass plaques which date back to c.1320 and which are held in the Bodleian Library in Oxford.





## Parish Dwelling Numbers

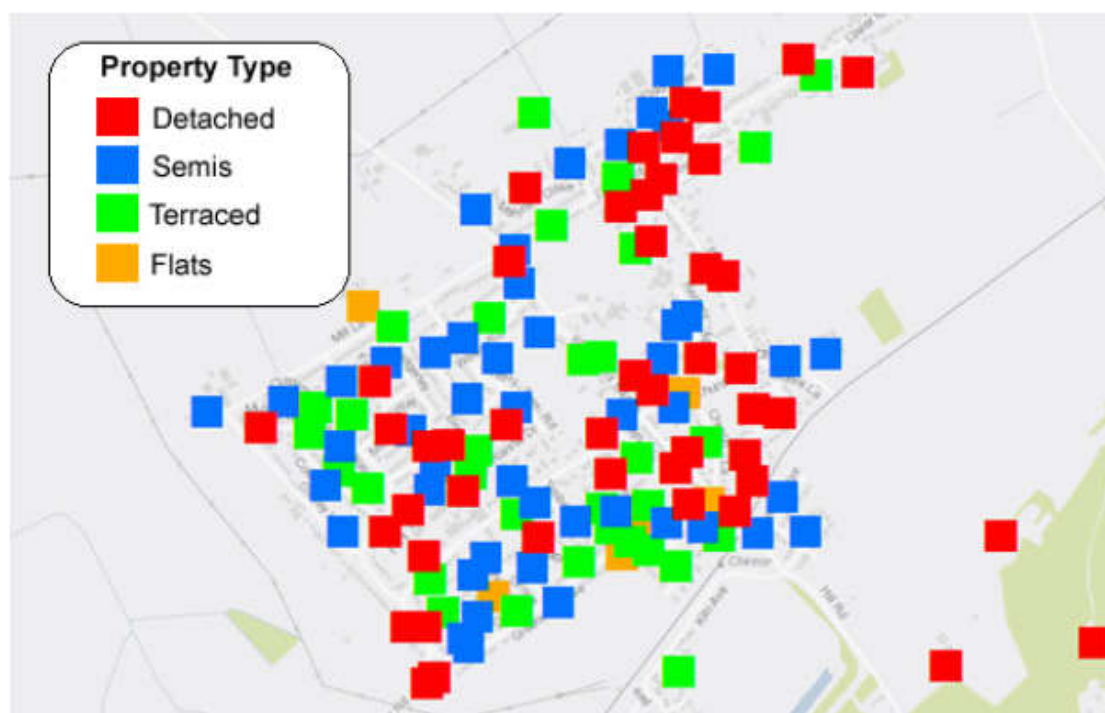
2.15 Chinnor Parish saw an increase in dwellings of 6.4% between 2001 and 2011, the numbers being 2246 and 2389 respectively, an increase of 143. Using Land Registry data we can see a further increase of 221 up to the end of December 2014 making a total of 2610. The 9.3% rise occurring in the three years from the 2011 census is mainly due to the development of brownfield sites such as Chinnor Cement Works and Siareys Wood yard.

2.16 The Parish distribution of dwellings as at 2014 was Chinnor village with 2436, Henton 92, Chinnor Hill 58, Wainhill 13 and Emmington 11.



## Parish Housing Stock

2.17 Chinnor Parish had seen a small decline in the construction of flats and maisonettes whilst the number of detached and semi-detached properties had risen slightly during the 2001 – 2011 census period. However, the 9.3% increase in dwellings since 2011 figures is not available as yet to determine additional build types.



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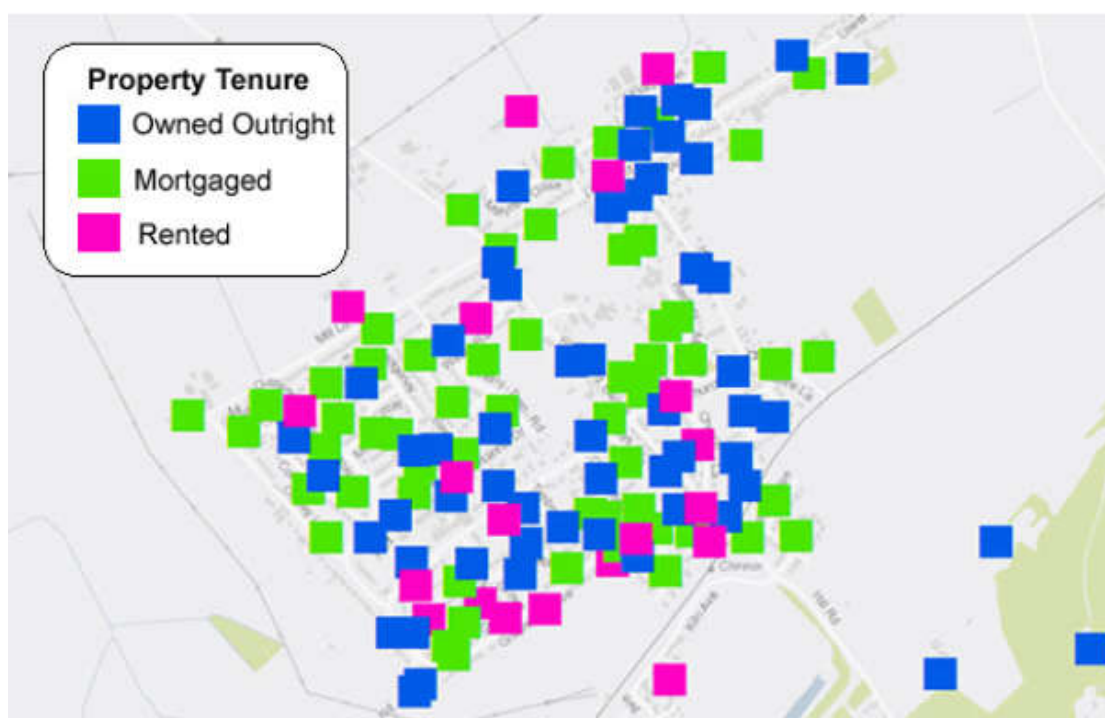
## Housing Prosperity

2.18 The relative prosperity of Chinnor Parish can be seen from the percentage of dwellings in 2011 either owned outright or mortgaged compared to South Oxfordshire and South East England as a whole. Whilst the number of owner occupier homes in Chinnor has remained relatively constant from 2001 (89%) to 2011 (87%), the number of homes owned outright has risen from 32% to 43%, presumably as the ageing population achieves outright ownership when mortgages are paid up. The level of shared ownership is very low. In 2001 only three dwellings were part-owned and by 2011 this had risen to just 21 dwellings.

## Rented Accommodation

2.19 There is a noticeable rise in rented accommodation both social and private between 2001 (216 rented dwellings) and 2011 (260 rented dwellings).

2.20 Social housing increased from 100 to 121 dwellings between the 2001 and 2011 censuses standing in 2011 at approximately 5% of the Parish housing, with privately rented accommodation at 6% having risen in numbers from 116 to 139 over the same period.



Each square is a postcode (containing an average of 17 households). Based on data from the 2011 Census, the postcodes are colour coded according to the predominant property tenure in each one.

## Accommodation Occupancy

2.21 The trend in the average number of occupants per dwelling in Chinnor has decreased from 2.6 persons per household to 2.5 persons per household between 2001 and 2011, thus following the national trend.

2.22 Between 2001 and 2011 there has been a marked rise in one person households from 389 to 480 households. Similarly the number of households comprising over 65's has nearly doubled, having risen from 354 households in 2001 to 666 households in 2011.

## Parish House Prices

2.23 The average house sale price rose by 30.3% from £358,000 at January 2012 to £463,000 at January 2017, an increase of approximately 5.5% per annum since 2012. (All figures are taken from Zoopla)

House Type	Jan 2012	Jan 2017	SALES	% change
Detached	£509,979	£660,246	203	24.36%
Semi	£315,841	£382,764	204	32.62%
Terrace	£264,961	£322,827	149	30.82%
Flat	£186,287	£238,575	49	31.51%
All Sales	£358,014	£463,125	605	30.30%

(Zoopla)

## Parish Employment

2.24 The Parish has seen a major reduction in local employment with the closure of the cement works, wood yards, shops, public houses, a garden centre and banks over the years. This is offset by a rise in the number of self-employed persons, many of whom work from home. Nevertheless, this has meant that a large proportion of Chinnor's working population relies heavily on commuting, in particular by car. Whilst census data is available to determine the employment of the residents of Chinnor it is not possible to determine local employment with a great deal of accuracy.

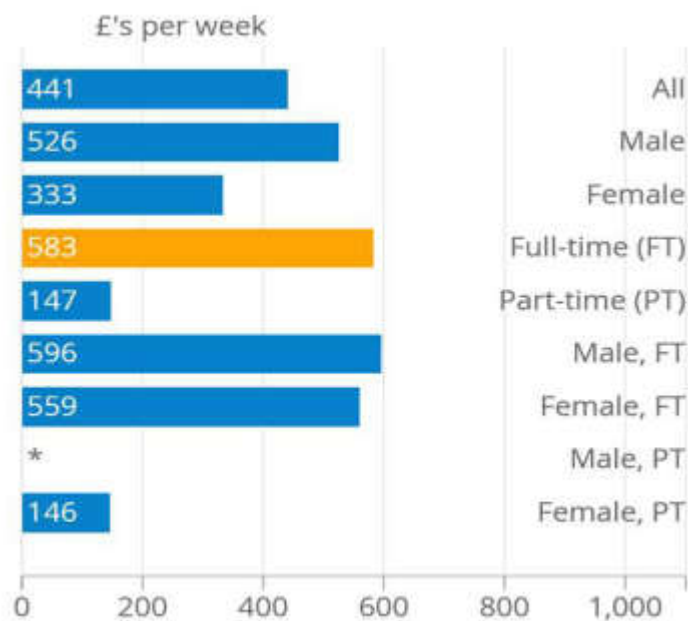
2.25 If the method of travel used to a person's place of work is by foot or bicycle it is a good indicator for local work. The 2011 census showed that 214 residents travelled to work in this way. Car is predominately the most used form of transport for 2371 residents whilst other forms of motorised transport, buses, trains, etc were used by 217 residents.

2.26 In 2001 3284 persons (75%) of the working age population of 4293 persons (defined as age 16-74) was in employment. By 2011 this had hardly changed being 3263 persons (72%) of a working age population of 4392 persons.

2.27 In May 2012 only 45 people claimed Job Seekers Allowance and currently in 2016 there are only 12 people. This demonstrates that work availability is generally good. Since August 2001 fluctuations have been as low as 10 with the highest at 75 during the period from February 2009 to February 2010 at a time when the economy was in recession.

## Parish Earnings

2.28 ONS neighbourhood statistics show the median earnings for South Oxfordshire residents in April 2015. The average full time male earnings were £30,992 and full time female earnings were £29,068, making combined earnings of £60,060 which is insufficient to purchase a two bedroom property in Chinnor Parish (currently in excess of £300,000 at 2016 prices) without a large deposit or previous housing equity. This demonstrates a need for Affordable Housing for future residents in Chinnor and South Oxfordshire as a whole.



## Parish Vehicles

2.29 As of 2011 the average number of vehicles per household stood at 1.8, compared with South Oxfordshire as a whole at 1.6, the South of England at 1.4 and England as a whole at 1.2. The percentage of households within Chinnor Parish having no vehicles was 0.07% at the 2011 census.

## Parish Health

2.30 Chinnor Parish compares very well to England with 86% of residents having good or very good health compared to 81% for England overall. Those with very bad health stood at 0.6% which is half of the national percentage of 1.2%.

2.31 However, we must be aware of issues facing health and well-being. The Director of Public Health Annual Report for Oxfordshire Report VII, July 2014 states 'The six main challenges to long-term health in Oxfordshire are considered to be, an ageing population, breaking the cycle of disadvantage, mental health and well-being, the rising tide of obesity, excessive alcohol consumption and fighting killer infections. Within these topics there is a particular emphasis in the report on three issues; health in rural areas, loneliness as a health issue and the increase in residents from minority ethnic groups'.

2.32 In Chinnor both surgeries are satellites with the main practice and practice managers in Princes Risborough. Hospital appointments can be at High Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville and Oxford. There is no N.H.S. dental surgery in the village. See Health Care in Chinnor in Section 8 Community Facilities.

### Parish Crime

2.33 Police UK provides monthly crime statistics. The crime rate per 1000 population for South Oxfordshire was 32.97 for the year ending 2014 which is considered below the national average. With a Parish population of 5924 persons during the 2011 census and 140 crimes reported during the same period this leaves Chinnor with a crime rate of 23.75, way below the average, making Chinnor a safe place to live in.

### Living in the Parish

2.34 Chinnor Parish has over 40 clubs and societies catering for every age group. The facilities in the Village include two doctors' surgeries, a solicitor, an optician, three places of worship, a public library, three public houses and an off-licence, three restaurants, a hotel/restaurant, a fish and chip shop, Chinese take-away, a post office, two primary schools, three pre-schools, a library, a Co-op supermarket and Manor Stores convenience food shop, a bakery, butcher, chemist, petrol station, small gymnasium, two hairdressers and barber, two estate agents and two charity shops (one is the Wee Bookshop & Cafe), nearly-new clothes shop, plumber's merchant and bathroom showroom and a double glazing showroom.

2.35 There is a thriving Village Centre building which is a meeting place for the whole community, a friendly place to eat and drink, provides a place for entertainment, day care for the elderly and an information point for local people living in the Parish and visitors. There is also a thriving Village Hall,



many of the 40 clubs and societies mentioned above hold their sessions there. It provides a venue for children's parties, adult social events, Chinnor U3A and amateur dramatic productions produced by the Chinnor Players. A normal week would see 250 – 350 visitors. This can peak as high as a 1000 visitors for highly popular events such as the annual village pantomime. Other buildings providing a community facility are the Wee Bookshop & Café, the Reading Room, the Scout Hut and the Youth Club building on White's Field.

2.36 Traditional institutions such as the Women's Institute, Royal British Legion, Darby and Joan, Scouts and Girlguiding have been in the community for many years.

2.37 Allotments have always been an integral part of rural life and with the Localism Act this allows for the identification of new plots should residents require them. The annual flower and produce show celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2010 and along with the Chinnor Open Gardens scheme gives keen horticulturists the opportunity to share knowledge or simply allow the less green fingered the opportunity to view gardens in full bloom. Friends of the Earth and Greening Chinnor organisations aim to improve the local environment adding to the rural feel of the community.

2.38 The Parish has access to many sports including football, badminton, tennis, short mat bowls, rifle and pistol shooting and swimming. Chinnor Football Club was formed in 1884 and has since been an integral part of the community not just for men and boys but also women and girls. A new Community Sports Pavilion was opened in 2016.

2.39 Chinnor is well placed to benefit from the rise in cycling a popular sport and recreation with cyclists travelling through the village and using its facilities whilst exploring the Chilterns AONB. One stage of the Tour of Britain travelled through the village placing the area firmly on the map as a desired place to test cycling skills.

2.40 For those of a musical disposition there is a jazz club, an award-winning silver band, bell ringing, musical theatre and community choir. Dance is catered for in the form of tap dancing, dancing for fun or dancing across the centuries. If your interest is amateur dramatics the Chinnor Players perform several plays and a pantomime during the year.

2.41 The heritage railway of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Steam Railway Association has been in service since 1994 bringing many welcome

visitors at weekends and bank holidays making a significant contribution to the local economy, estimated at £0.5m per annum. The railway track was fully reconnected to the main network in February 2016. Future projects for the Association are to open an education centre and extend the railway to Aston Rowant. Another historic place for visitors is the recently restored Chinnor windmill along Mill Lane.

2.42 Along with wine circles there are Summer and Christmas Beer Festivals, adding to the many events that take place throughout the year, such as Santa's sleigh when Santa and his reindeer tour the village collecting for charity in the run up to Christmas.

### Schools and Young People

2.43 Chinnor has three pre-schools that cater and provide facilities for children from the age of 3 to 5: Laybirds (roll is 40 that could be increased to 50) based at St Andrew's School; Windmill Community Nursery (roll is 30) based at Mill Lane School and Jack and Jill Pre-School (roll is between 40 and 45) also based at Mill Lane School site.

2.44 Chinnor has two primary schools, St Andrew's and Mill Lane, with 290 and 191 pupils respectively (September 2016 figures). Both have School Councils representing Class FS1 (Reception) to Year 6; ages 4 to 11yrs. In addition, three pre-schools; Ladybirds (based at St Andrew's), Windmill Community Nursery and Jack & Jill (both based at Mill Lane) provide facilities for younger children.

2.45 Secondary education is provided outside the Parish. The bulk of secondary school pupils (413) go to Lord Williams's School in Thame (where the total roll is approximately 2,060) with bus transport provided (paid for). Icknield Community College in Watlington has approximately 40 Chinnor students (out of a total of just over 600) but no Sixth Form with Henley College taking about five students (bus transport costs not paid for to either college).

2.46 A Youth Club is located in the sports pavilion next to the MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) on White's Field and provides twice weekly meetings for about 25 young people most of whom are Chinnor residents. Section 10 deals with Education and Young People.

### 3 Vision and Objectives

3.1 The preparation of the neighbourhood plan has sought to address a wide range of overlapping issues which have been addressed in Section 2 of this draft plan. An initial vision and a series of objectives were developed in late 2014 and achieved a degree of community support. However as further work and research was undertaken in 2015 this aspect of the Plan was refreshed.

3.2 In December 2015 a revised vision and objectives were developed as follows:

#### Vision

A Plan that promotes co-ordinated and sustainable growth in the period to 2033 whilst maintaining, enhancing and improving the existing vibrant community and positively addressing its economic, social and environmental issues.

#### Objective 1

To ensure that new residential developments will directly address the future needs of all residents in the Plan area in general, and to provide for the needs of young and elderly people in particular.

#### Objective 2

To promote sustainable residential developments which are integrated into the village form, character and appearance.

#### Objective 3

To safeguard the intrinsic character of Chinnor, its surrounding countryside and its setting adjacent to the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

#### Objective 4

To maintain and where possible improve the character and vitality of the village.

#### Objective 5

To promote creative solutions that address the physical and environment issues arising from through and local traffic on the local highway network.

### Objective 6

To provide a context in which existing and new businesses can flourish and add vitality, employment and resilience to the village.

### Objective 7

To promote the development of necessary and appropriate community facilities and infrastructure to sustain the longer-term viability and vitality of the Plan area.

3.3 The consultation on the vision and objectives brought forward a very consistent series of responses which confirmed their appropriateness to and support by the local community. In summary the public responses to the vision and objectives were as follows:

#### Vision

Agree	234	91%
Disagree	16	6%

#### Objective 1

Agree	248	96%
Disagree	9	4%

#### Objective 2

Agree	241	94%
Disagree	16	6%

#### Objective 3

Agree	250	97%
Disagree	7	3%

#### Objective 4

Agree	250	97%
Disagree	6	3%

#### Objective 5

Agree	248	96%
Disagree	8	4%

#### Objective 6

Agree	242	94%
Disagree	15	6%

#### Objective 7

Agree	246	96%
Disagree	11	4%

3.4 The vision and the objectives have directly influenced the issues that are addressed in the policies of this plan. In summary the objectives are

translated into policies in the following way.

#### Objectives 1 and 2

Policy CH H1 – Infill Residential Development

Policy CH H2 – Affordable Housing

Policy CH H3 – Tenancy Mix

Policy CH H4 – Local Allocation

Policy CH H5 – Retirement Housing

#### Objective 3

Policy CH C1 – Design

Policy CH C2 – Conservation Areas

Policy CH C3 – Heritage Assets

#### Objectives 3 and 4

Policy CH GP1 – Local Green Space

Policy CH GP2 – Habitats

Policy CH GP3 – Public Rights of Way

Policy CH GP4 – Sustainable Homes

#### Objective 6

Policy CH R1 – Existing Retail Facilities

Policy CH B1 – Existing Employment

Policy CH B2 – Enhancement of Employment Facilities

Policy CH T1 – Enhancement of Tourism Facilities

#### Objective 7

Policy CH CF1 – Protection of Facilities

Policy CH CF2 – Healthcare Facilities

3.5 The structure of the Plan and its contents have also been underpinned by a survey of local residents carried out by Community First Oxfordshire on behalf of the Parish Council (January 2016). Its key findings were as follows:

#### Summary

- 889 surveys were returned
- 460 comments were made
- 953 broad themes were noted in comments



## Breakdown of comments by theme

THEME	No of comments
Infrastructure – general comment Concern regarding the impact of new development on local infrastructure.	134
Infrastructure – specific comment	
Health Concern about existing infrastructure (surgeries, dentist, chemist) and the potential impact of further housing development.	105
Traffic and roads Concern about existing issues and the potential impact of further housing development.	103
Need for specific improvements: one way system, pedestrian crossings, road bypass, improved connectivity between different parts of the village.	29
Education (schools) Concern about existing infrastructure and the potential impact of further housing development.	84
Parking Concern about existing issues and the potential impact of further housing development.	54
Public transport Concern about existing bus service provision and the potential needs of additional residents.	45
Need for a rail link to London	3
Retail and services Concern about existing infrastructure and the potential impact of further housing development.	45
Need for additional shops, supermarkets, cafés, restaurants, etc to meet current and potential future needs.	29
Need for additional childcare services to meet current and future needs.	3
Need for additional elderly care services to meet current and future	1

needs.	17
Sewage and drainage Concern about existing issues and the potential impact of further housing development.	15
Employment Concern about lack of existing local opportunities and the potential impact of further housing development.	10
Development – general comment Concern about plans for further housing development.	124
Support for housing development provided infrastructure (in general) is first improved.	68
Outright opposition to any new development.	36
Development – specific comment Local needs and mix Concern that new housing meets local needs and offers the right mix.	44
Location of development Build on brownfield sites first.	4

## Community Support

### How they have influenced the Plan and its Policies

3.6 In preparing the policies, proposals and actions in the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan, account has been taken of views expressed by stakeholders including residents, community groups, local businesses and other bodies.

3.7 A Public Consultation held in July 2015 identified the main issues to include in the Plan. The results provided relevant information regarding the expected influx of new residents and the infrastructure to support not only the present but future larger community. The findings of the Public Consultation are identified in Appendix 1.

3.8 On 6th February 2016 a consultation event on the Pre-Submission Version Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan was held at Chinnor Village Centre. 185 residents attended. Feedback from that event can be found in Appendix 1. On 8th February 2016 the Pre-Submission Version was approved by

Chinnor Parish Council and released for consultation. The Plan was made available to the community online at [www.chinnorneighbourplan.com](http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com) and the Parish Council website and hard copies were distributed to Chinnor Parish Council office, the Village Centre, the Library, the Village Hall and the Co-op, to be available during the consultation period 11th February to 24th March 2016. Comments were invited to be sent by email to [chinnorneighbourplan@outlook.com](mailto:chinnorneighbourplan@outlook.com), via the website [www.chinnorneighbourplan.com](http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com) and by letter to the Chinnor Parish Council office or one of the drop-boxes located at the Village Centre, the Library, the Village Hall and the Co-op.

### Chinnor Schools – School Places and Facilities

3.9 The Head Teachers and Governors of St Andrew's and Mill Lane Primary Schools have met on three occasions with members of the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan.

3.10 Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan / Chinnor Parish Council met with staff and one of the trustees of Jack & Jill Pre-School on 17 May 2016 to get input based on their letter to Chinnor Parish Council dated 10 March 2016. A further letter was sent to Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan on 5 October 2016.

3.11 It is the case for all pre-school providers and both primary schools that the planned increase in houses within the Parish of Chinnor will have the effect of a considerable increase in demand for places requiring an expansion and modernisation of facilities. It should also be noted that under the Government's new initiative pre-schools are being pressed to offer 30 hours nursery provision from age 2 upwards. Refer to Section 10 – Education and Young People.

3.12 The primary schools have engaged their pupils in awareness of the proposed increase in housing in Chinnor during the preparation of the Plan as follows:

#### **St Andrew's School**

Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan was addressed in April 2016 in Geography - "Improving the Environment". Two year groups undertook projects using the Housing Needs Survey with presentations to the whole school. The school agreed to publicise Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan events via Parentmail system. On 23rd May 2016 Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group / Chinnor Parish Council met the Head Teacher and took input from her submission to Chinnor Parish

Council of 24th March 2016. Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group / Chinnor Parish Council attended presentations by Year 5 pupils based on Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan's Housing Needs Survey.

### **Mill Lane School**

Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering group made a presentation to School Council (16 children representing Reception class to Year 6; ages 4 to 11) on 23rd February 2016. The school agreed to publicise Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan events. On 17th May 2016 Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group / Chinnor Parish Council met with the Head Teacher, Secretary and a Governor to gather input to the Plan.

### **Lord Williams's School**

Year 8 pupils cover Community in Tutor Time and Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan / Chinnor Parish Council participated in the Community Action morning on 19 February 2016. Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan also presented to a subset of Year 8 Chinnor students. They agreed to publicise the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan events via their Take Me Home newsletter.

### **Icknield College**

Neighbourhood Planning was incorporated through PHSCE, Geography and assemblies. The College publicised the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event for the Pre-Submission Version of the Plan on 6th February 2016 in their newsletter.

### **Chinnor Youth Club**

The Youth Club ran a Consultation process in March 2016 with about 20 people (street addresses and school year logged by participants). Summarised feedback was submitted to the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

### **Pre-Schools**

Feedback was given from two of the three pre-schools; Windmill Community Nursery and Jack & Jill (both based at Mill Lane).

On 17th May 2016 Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group / Chinnor Parish Council met with staff and one of the trustees to obtain input based on their letter to Chinnor Parish Council dated 10th March

2016.

Feedback about Windmill Nursery was provided on 2 occasions, firstly at a meeting on 17 May 2016 then written feedback in September 2016.



## 4 Housing Policies

4.1 Earlier sections of this Plan have highlighted the significant housing growth that has taken place in the plan area in general, and Chinnor in particular in the last fifty years. As the plan area has seen considerable changes in the number of dwellings it has also witnessed associated changes in the traffic on local roads and the impact of the population growth on its services and infrastructure. These matters have featured heavily in the community consultation that has both underpinned and informed this Plan.

### Key Principles

4.2 In addressing the future scale of the Plan area and the location and type of housing that would be appropriate the following principles have been applied:

- Seeking to ensure that new housing development sits appropriately in relation to the built up settlement of Chinnor
- Seeking to ensure that new housing development sits appropriately within its wider landscape setting and in relation to its proximity to and visibility from the Chilterns AONB
- Seeking to ensure that new residential developments appropriately contribute to meeting the needs of local residents
- Seeking to ensure that new residential developments make appropriate and proportionate contributions towards the provision of new or improved local infrastructure
- Seeking to ensure that all new developments are located and designed to operate effectively within the local highway network and do not detrimentally affect the free and safe flow of traffic on the network.
- Seeking to ensure that the Plan area makes an appropriate and meaningful contribution to meeting the objectively-assessed housing needs of South Oxfordshire

4.3 The Plan recognises its wider context within the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan context. The current Local Plan was adopted in 2011. This pre-dated the introduction of the NPPF. On this basis, the District Council is now preparing a new local plan which will run up to 2033. Two phases of consultation have now taken place on this emerging plan.

4.4 The District Council has received a number of applications for residential development in Chinnor in recent years. Some of these proposals have been approved, some of which have been allowed at appeals and some

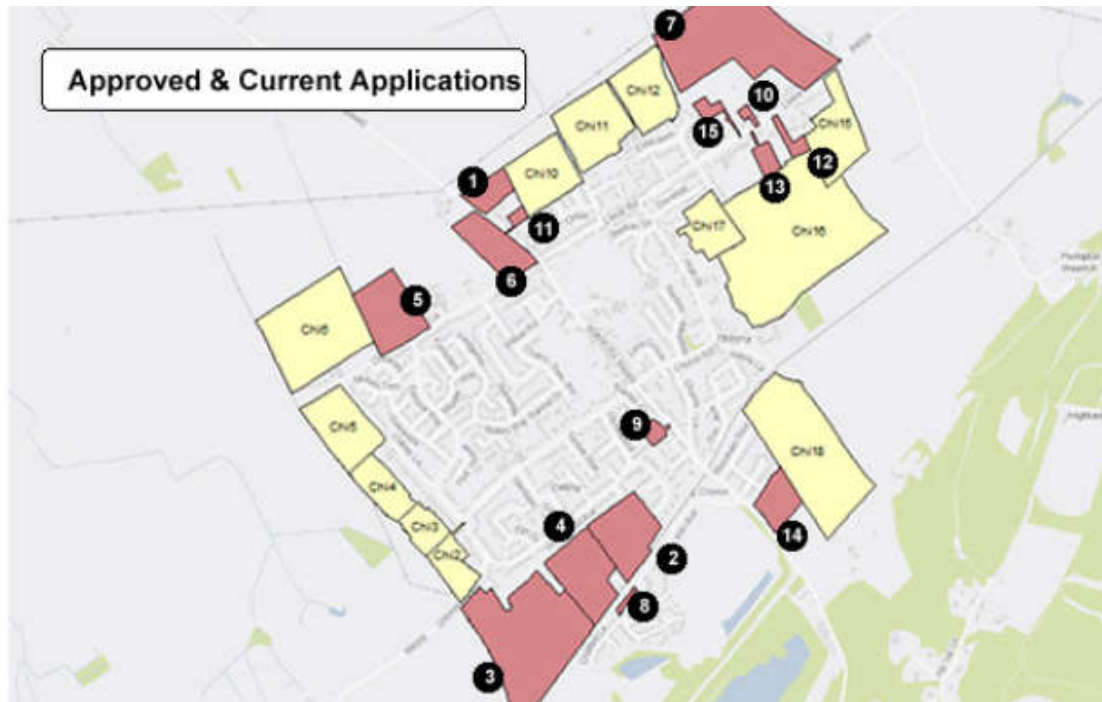
await determination through either the planning or appeal processes.  
Applications Approved (either by the District Council or on Appeal) or currently being considered by SODC:

1. P14/S3987/F: Former Chinnor Garden Centre, Thame Road (Bellway)  
39 dwellings
2. P14/S0953/O: Greenwood Avenue (Taylor Wimpey)  
80 dwellings
3. P14/S1586/O: Land East of Crowell Road (Cemex)  
120 dwellings
4. P16/S3284/O: Greenwood Avenue (Persimmon)  
140 dwellings - (Consultation ends 22 Jan 2017)
5. P16/S1468/O: Land North of Mill Lane (A2 Dominion)  
78 dwellings
6. P15/S0779/F: Mill Lane (Bloor)  
61 dwellings
7. P15/S0154/O: Land off Lower Icknield Way (Gladmans)  
89 dwellings
8. P14/S0655/FUL: Kiln Lakes (Taylor Wimpey)  
21 dwellings
9. P14/S0986/FUL: Siareys Yard (SOHA Housing Association)  
22 dwellings
10. P15/S0891/FUL: 71-77 Lower Icknield Way (Ashgrove Homes)  
8 dwellings
11. P16/S2376/FUL: 20 Thame Road (Breithom Property Ltd)  
6 dwellings
12. P16/S4027/O: 54 Lower Icknield Way (Shanty Homes Ltd)  
14 dwellings - (Consultation ends 15 Jan 2017)
13. P16/S3184/FUL; The Barn House, 46 Lower Icknield Way (Vanderbuilt Homes)

14 dwellings - (Consultation ended 28 Dec 2016)

14. P16/S4171/FUL; Land east of Golden Hills (Rectory Homes Limited)  
10 dwellings - (Consultation ends 2 Feb 2017)

15. P16/S4079/O; Land to rear of 59-63 Lower Icknield Way (JCPC Ltd)  
7 dwellings - (Consultation ends 14 Jan 2017)



4.5 Plainly the future delivery of new residential development in Chinnor is a complex and emerging picture. In total, there is a potential for the delivery of over 700 new dwellings in the Plan period. This is significantly higher than the target figure as set out in the emerging Local plan.

4.6 In bringing forward proposals and policies for growth this Plan recognises its responsibility to boost the supply of housing land. Nevertheless, it acknowledges that significant levels of new residential development have been permitted since 2015. These developments, when occupied, will put further strains on the infrastructure and services in the Village. Thames Water has expressed either significant concerns or that a study is required for waste water and / or water supply on three of the above sites already granted planning permission. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any housing sites.

## Local Housing Survey

4.7 The community is anxious to ensure that all new housing developments fully respect the housing needs of the wider community and accommodate them within the existing allocations and infill and windfall sites. Whilst Chinnor has grown significantly in the last fifty years it has retained a strong sense of community spirit and cohesion. In this context many residents who moved to the village in the 1970s to 1990s are now both older and in need of smaller or more specialist housing. Their children are also finding it difficult to find appropriately sized or priced housing in the village.

4.8 In order to understand the scale and significance of these issues Community First Oxfordshire was commissioned to undertake an analysis of residents' needs. Its report was published in January 2016. Its key findings on the type, range and size of housing required were as follows:

22% of respondents (190/865) were interested in downsizing in the next 2-10 years.

The top two types of accommodation required were identified as:

- Affordable housing 45% (381/850)
- Semi-detached dwellings 35% (295/850).

The top three types of supported housing required were identified as:

- Independent accommodation with care support 58% (268/463)
- Private sheltered housing 54% (252/463)
- Housing Association Sheltered Accommodation 50% (231/463).

## Traffic Issues

4.9 There is a direct relationship between the number of dwellings in the village and traffic both on the highway network generally and at key places in the village centre. The Church Road shops are an obvious example of the latter issue. In relation to the highway network there is on-going local concern about the safety and operation of both the Mill Lane/Thame Road junction and the Oakley Road/Station Road/Church Road junction.

4.10 Traffic from Princes Risborough has the ability to impact significantly on traffic movements and junction capacity in the Plan area. The B4009 runs through the centre of Chinnor and provides a direct link from Princes

Risborough to the M40 to the immediate west of the plan area. Joint work is being carried out by Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire County Councils to assess the impact of wider growth in both counties on highway capacity.

### Infill Housing

4.11 The neighbourhood plan provides an opportunity to address the likelihood for infill and windfall developments to come forward on sites within the existing built up form of Chinnor. This is likely to make an effective and appropriate use of brownfield land. It also provides an opportunity for sensitive small scale residential units to contribute towards addressing the specialist housing needs in the Plan area and as set out in paragraph 4.8 of this Plan.

#### Policy CH H1 - Infill Residential Development

Infill development within the existing built-up form of Chinnor Village will be supported subject to the following:

- The proposed development does not cause an unacceptable impact on the residential amenities of adjacent residential properties.
- The proposed development provides appropriate access, parking and turning arrangements.
- The proposed development does not severely impact on the free and safe flow of traffic on the local highway network.

### Housing Allocation and Type

4.12 When residents attending the Launch Event in July 2015 were asked what was important to them when thinking about development in Chinnor there were more than 50 responses which indicated that housing allocation and type figured highly.

4.13 This confirmed the need for the Housing Needs Survey that was commissioned from Community First Oxfordshire published in January 2016.

### Housing Number, Mix and Tenancy Mix

4.14 Affordable housing comprises social rented and intermediate housing (shared ownership) provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the open market.

### Policy CH H2 - Affordable Housing

Developments that result in a net gain of 11 or more dwellings should provide a minimum of 40% of affordable housing on the site which will be fully integrated into the development unless a Financial Viability Assessment or other material consideration demonstrates a robust justification for a different percentage

In cases where the 40% calculation provides a part unit then either the number of affordable units must be rounded up to the next whole unit or a financial contribution will be sought equivalent to that part unit.

4.15 The Plan supports the development of Affordable Housing in Chinnor for rent, shared ownership and for sale to local people. Residents have consistently expressed a desire that Affordable Housing should meet the needs of local people with strong local connection to Chinnor. The sustainability and balance of the community is threatened because young people brought up in Chinnor are forced to move away because the Village is unable to meet their housing needs in the open market. Starter homes and family homes with adequate gardens or shared green space are priorities for a community that needs to retain its young families.

### Policy CH H3 - Tenancy Mix

Proposals for residential development should, where appropriate, have regard to local housing need.

### Affordable Housing for Local People

### Policy CH H4 - Allocation of Affordable Housing for Local People

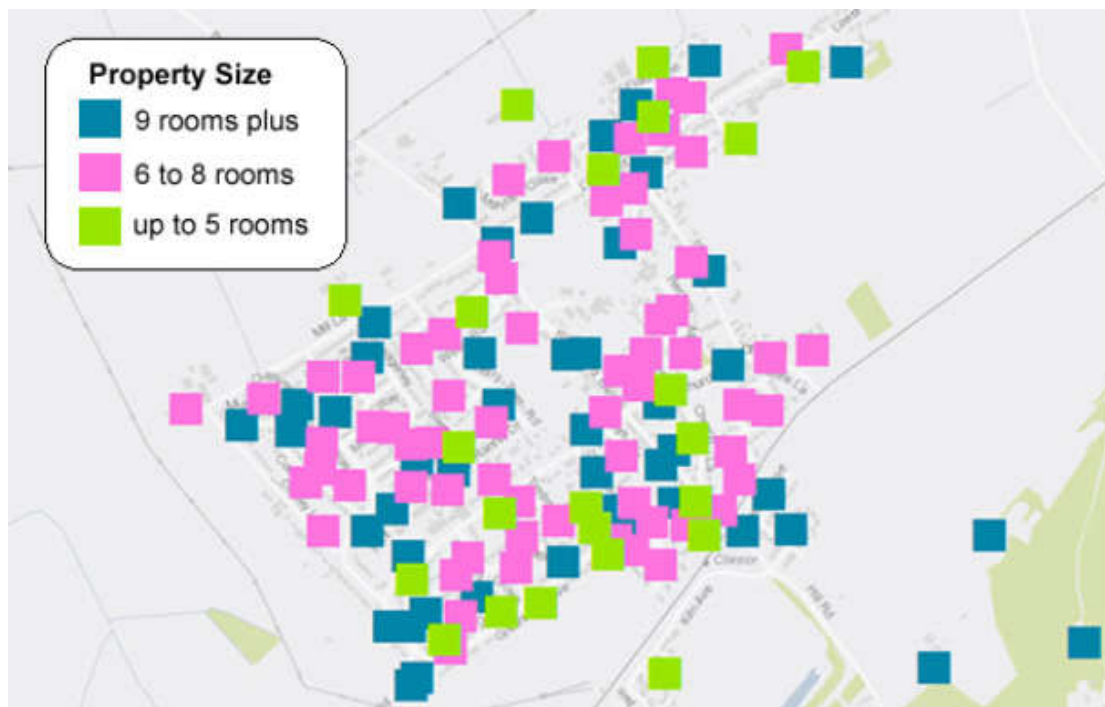
20% of all new Affordable Housing in Chinnor provided by the plan will, on first lettings only, be subject to a local connection. Meaning that people with a strong local connection to the Parish and whose needs are not met by the open market will be first to be offered the tenancy or shared ownership of the home.



4.16 In this context a strong local connection means an applicant(s) who:

- Has lived in the Parish for five of the last eight years and is currently resident there, or
- Has lived in the Parish for at least five years and whose parents or children are currently living in the Parish and have at least ten years' continuous residency.

### New Home Size and Type



Each square is a postcode (containing an average of 17 households). Based on data from the 2011 Census, the postcodes are colour coded according to the predominant property size in each one.

### Retirement Housing Provision

4.17 Demographic changes indicate that there is an increasing need for housing provision for the elderly in Chinnor. Between 2001 and 2011 the number of residents in Chinnor aged 65 and over doubled. Whilst many residents are content to continue into retirement in their current homes others seek alternative housing in the Village with needs falling into three general categories:

- Homes for those who wish to downsize and for surviving partners. The stock of smaller houses has been reduced as many have been

extended. There is a need for two bedroom, high specification dwellings, mainly single storey and with modest gardens.

- Sheltered or managed housing for those capable of independent living with limited support. In Chinnor this housing is available both as social housing through SOHA (Leverkus House, St Andrew's Road / Elm Road) or managed open market housing (Hill Farm Court) but is over-subscribed.
- Care home provision for those no longer capable of independent living. Chinnor does have a care home (Hempton Fields). A further site is allocated on the new Kiln Lakes development for a care home but development is not currently proceeding.

#### Policy CH H5 - Retirement Housing

Proposals for retirement housing or care provision will be supported.

## 5 Conservation, Heritage and Design Policies

5.1 Chinnor Parish is located within South Oxfordshire and comprises the village of Chinnor and the hamlets of Emmington, Henton, Wainhill and Chinnor Hill. The overall housing stock is 2610 dwellings (2014 Valued figures), the majority of which are in the village of Chinnor.

5.2 Chinnor village is a spring-line settlement located below the Chilterns escarpment in rural surroundings which adjoins the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The part of Chinnor Parish lying to the south of the Ridgeway lies within the AONB.

5.3 Chinnor's heritage starts with its location on the Icknield Way, a pre-Roman road. The site of an Iron Age settlement from around the 4th century BC has been excavated on the Chiltern ridge in the southern part of the parish. Traces of Romano-British occupation have been found both on the same high ground and below on Icknield Way. A twin barrow on Icknield Way has been found to contain the weapons of a Saxon warrior that have been dated to the 6th century.

5.4 Chinnor Parish includes two Conservation Areas and more than 30 listed buildings (see 2.14). Consequently, the styles of housing vary considerably within the Parish. They range from thatched cottages, farmhouses and manorial homes to family houses, with many newer properties, all making up the mix of dwellings in the area. This pattern and diversity lies within an area that includes both a large village and rural hamlets bordering on the Chilterns AONB. The two conservation areas are very different in character. The larger of the two areas is based on High Street Chinnor and extends to the turn to Church Road. This is the historic heart of the village and contains a range of ecclesiastical and traditional Oxfordshire vernacular buildings. The second conservation area is based on Oakley Road (B4009) and includes a smaller range of similar vernacular buildings.

5.5 Chinnor Parish contains a mix of architectural patterns. They range from traditional buildings dating from the 16th century using traditional materials indigenous to South Oxfordshire and 19th century brick and tile houses built from local materials to 20th century estate developments. These more modern developments have progressed from the utilitarian designs of the 1970's to the current day styles which recognise local design features and which employ sympathetic local materials.

5.6 The production of this neighbourhood plan provides an opportunity for the crafting of policies to ensure local design and which uses local or vernacular materials where these are appropriate to the location or style of development. It also provides an opportunity to safeguard the character and appearance of its historic buildings by designing policies to ensure that development coming forward in the two conservation areas does so in a sensitive and well-designed way.

5.7 The range of policies in this section reflects this ambition. Policy CH C1 sets out to ensure that design throughout the Plan area reflects its local circumstances. Design Guides are referenced in Appendix 4. Together with the Chinnor Design Statement, also in Appendix 4, these provide useful information to assist developers. Policy CH C2 sets out to ensure that appropriate design principles are followed by new development within the two conservation areas. Policy CH C3 establishes key principles that will be applied to development proposals that affect the setting of listed buildings or other character buildings identified on the local list.

#### Policy CH C1 - Design

Development in the Neighbourhood Area should be of a high quality and respect residential amenity and local character.

#### Policy CH C2 - Conservation Areas

Development proposals within the two Conservation Areas, or their setting, should conserve or enhance local character.

#### Policy CH C3 - Heritage Assets

The demolition or partial demolition of a Listed Building or a building or structure on the local list that is not justified by either better revealing the significance of the heritage asset, or the delivery of public benefits that would demonstrably outweigh any unavoidable loss of the heritage asset's significance, will not be supported.

Proposals for the change of use of a building or structure on the National Heritage List will be required to demonstrate how the development would contribute to its conservation whilst preserving or enhancing its architectural or historic interest.

## 6 Environment, Open Space and Recreation

This section covers:

Open Space and Recreation

Nature and Wildlife

Green Living

Sustainable Homes

### Open Space and Recreation

6.1 Chinnor enjoys a wide range of open spaces. These spaces contribute significantly to its open and semi-rural aspect. They provide both visual and recreational benefits to the wider community.

6.2 The most significant open spaces are detailed in Appendix 2 and shown on the Local Green Spaces map in Appendix 2. They have been assessed against the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF and have been identified as Local Green Spaces in Policy CH GP1. Any future review of the Plan will make an assessment of the extent to which any green space in a newly completed development would meet the criteria to be a Local Green Space at that time.

6.3 The proposed local green spaces vary significantly in their size and function. This contributes to the character of the village and provides very different opportunities for their uses and enjoyment. There are six very significant areas. The first is the allotment gardens off Station Road. This area is both well-used and well-maintained. The second is the Playing Field to the east of Station Road. This is extensively used as formal playing fields with a floodlit pitch, as tennis courts and as an informal children's equipped play area. Its importance has been consolidated by the recent construction of the new Chinnor Community Pavilion which houses the Parish Council offices. The third area is the Hill Road recreation area. This is also registered as a Village Green. It is extensively used both as a formal recreation area and as an informal play area with a skate board ramp. The fourth area is the Old Kiln Lakes open space which has been developed recently as part of a wider package with new housing. The fifth area is White's Field off Mill Lane. This is the home of the Chinnor Youth Football Club and sits adjacent to one of the primary schools in the village. The small village of Henton, which is within the parish of Chinnor, includes a registered village green which is an integral part of the village character providing an informal open space at the north end of the village.

6.4 The other open spaces are smaller and sit within residential areas. In their own ways they contribute to the openness and attractiveness of the village. In some cases, (for example Estover Way) they also provide for wetland habitats and wildlife environments.

There are eleven further Local Green Spaces identified as follows:

St Andrew's Road play area, two open spaces within Van Diemens Close, Hayley Croft open green, Estover Way open green, Estover Way balancing pond and wildlife area, land behind Greenwood Avenue, area on Taylor Wimpey site behind Glynswood, Old Orchard at the junction of Donkey Lane and the Ridgeway Path, area on the Persimmon site behind Glynswood, Oak End Way open green, Millennium Garden. These are detailed in the table below Policy CH GP1 and in Appendix 2.

6.5 It is our desire and intention to preserve, provide and protect open spaces for sport and recreation while preserving natural wild life habitats, improving higher biodiversity.

6.6 It is our desire to protect ancient woodland and open countryside, green spaces close to communities diverting recreational use away from sensitive areas by careful planning and make improvements to cycle routes and paths for the safety of all those who use them.

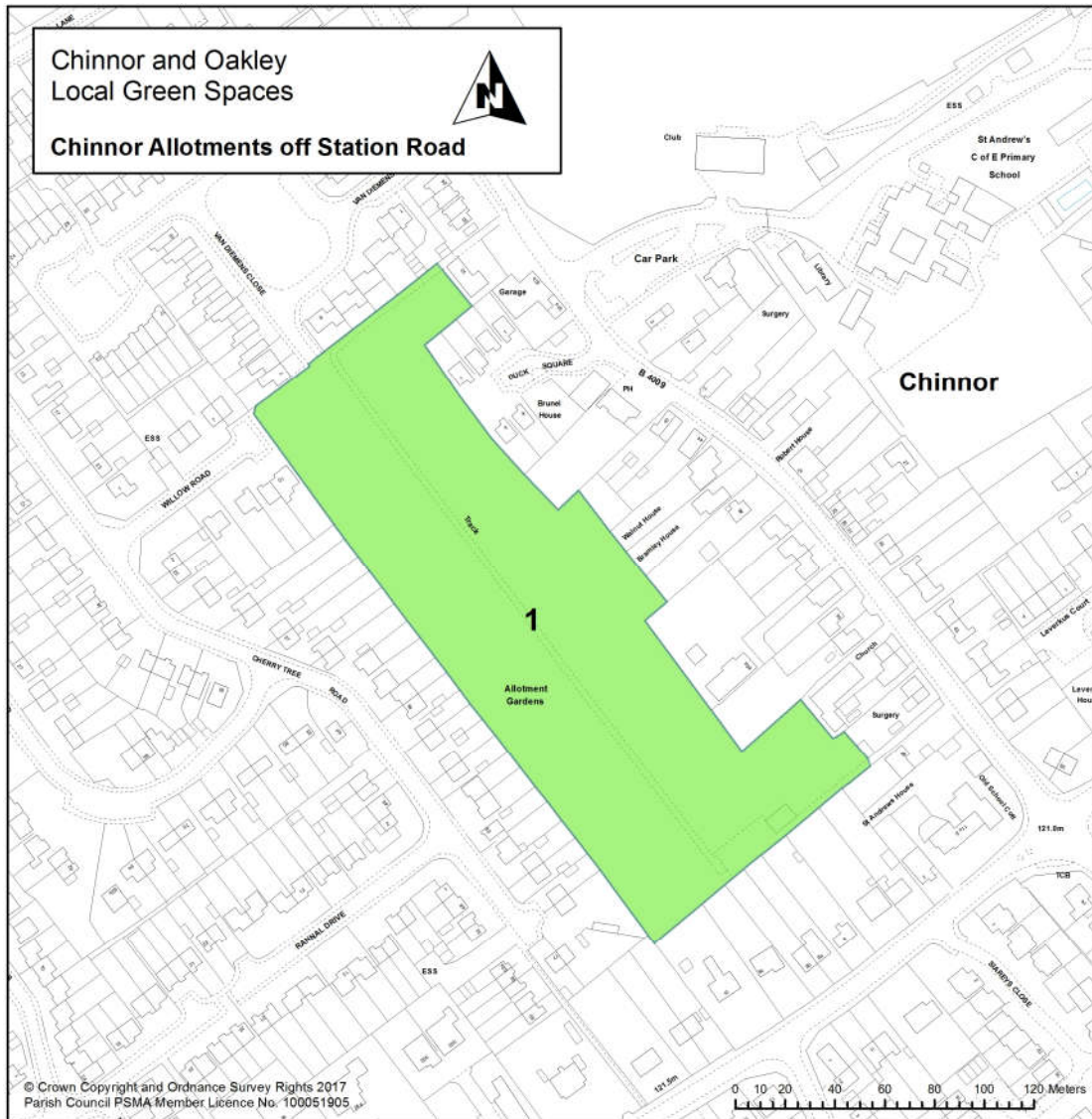
#### Policy CH GP1 - Local Green Space

New Local Green Space, where developed is ruled out other than in exceptional circumstances, is designated at the areas listed in the Table and shown on the Plans set out below.

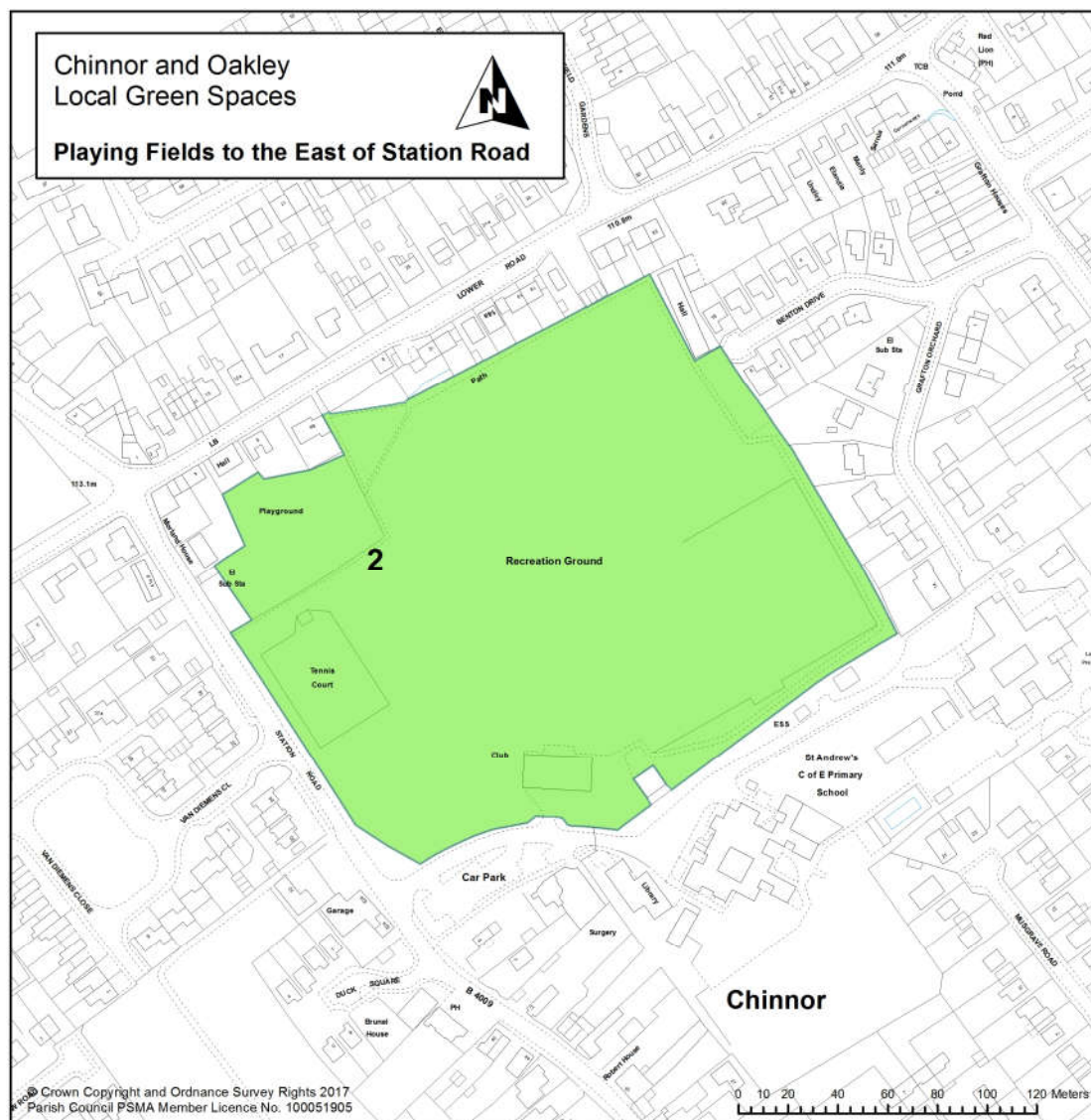


<b>Plan / site no.</b>	<b>Name / Location of Local Green Space</b>
1	Chinnor allotments, off Station Road
2	Playing fields to the East of Station Road
3	Hill Road Recreation area, registered as the Village Green
4	Old Kiln Lakes Open Space and play area
5	White's Field, off Mill lane
6	St. Andrew's Road play area
7	Two open spaces within Van Diemens Close
8	Hayley Croft
9	Estover Way open green
10	Estover Way balancing pond and wildlife area
11	Land behind Greenwood Avenue
12	Henton Village Green (within the parish of Chinnor)
13	Old Orchard at the junction of Donkey Lane and the railway line
14	Greenwood Meadow open greens
15	Memorial Garden (Keens Lane where it meets The Avenue)

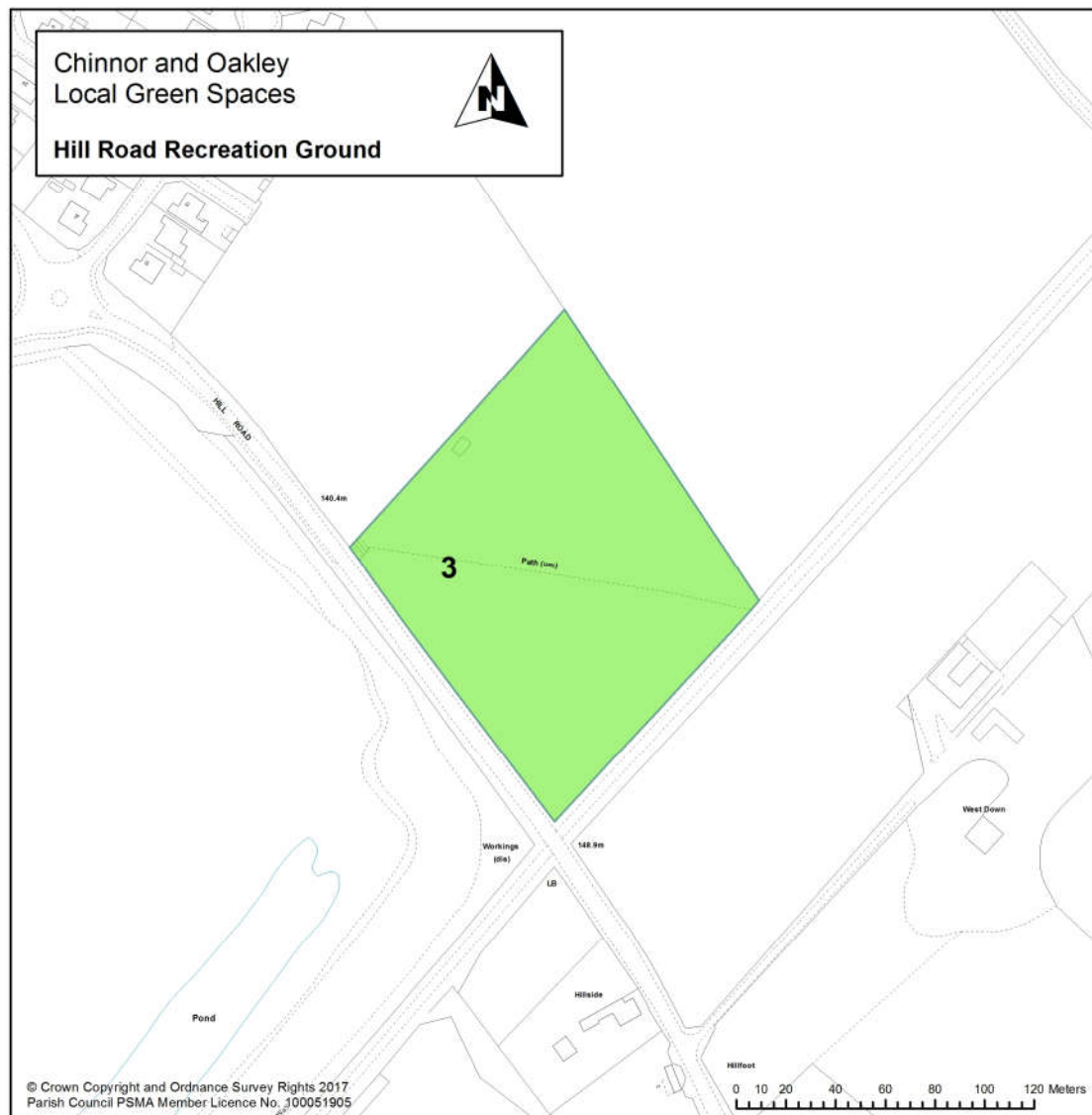
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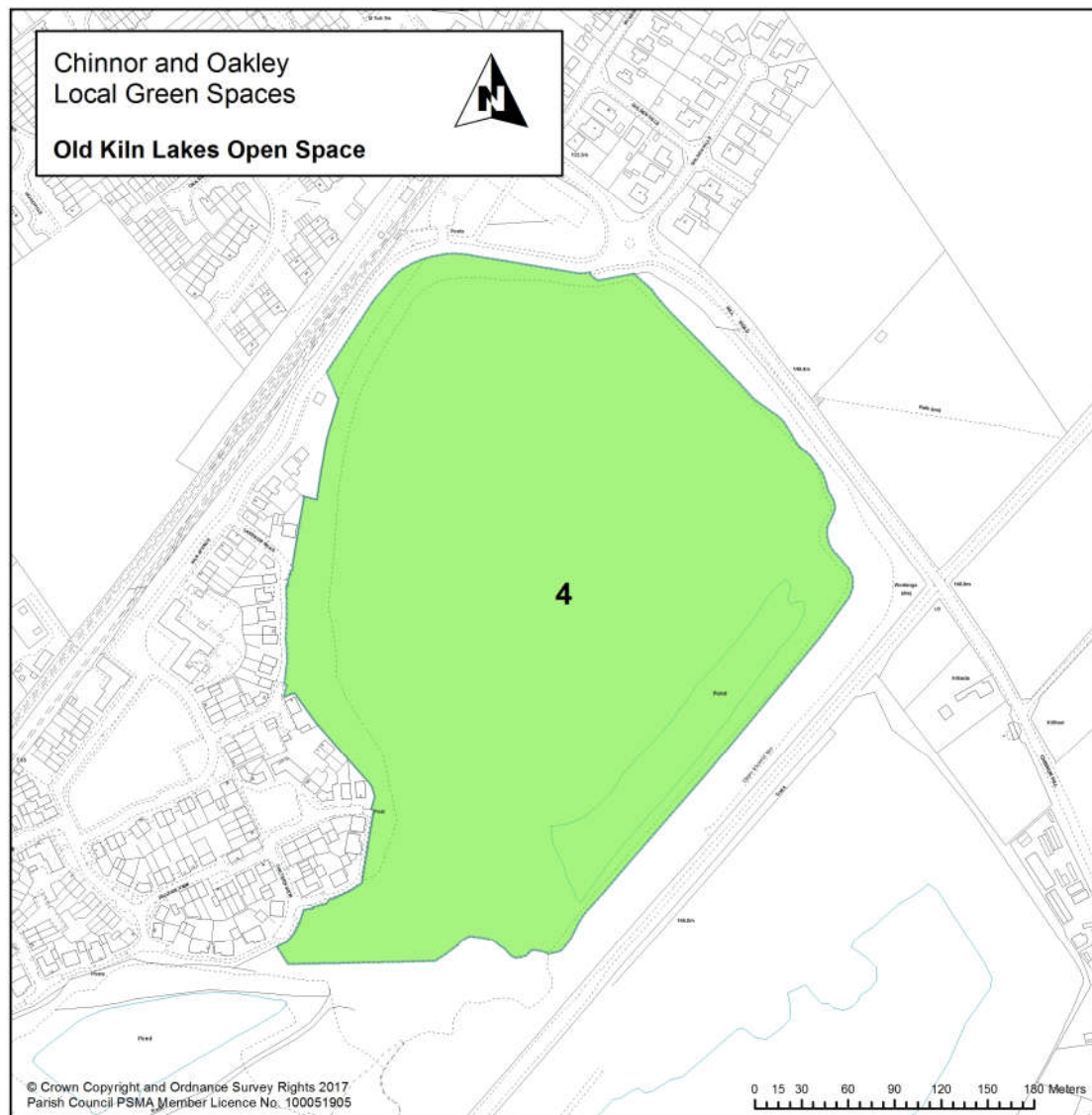
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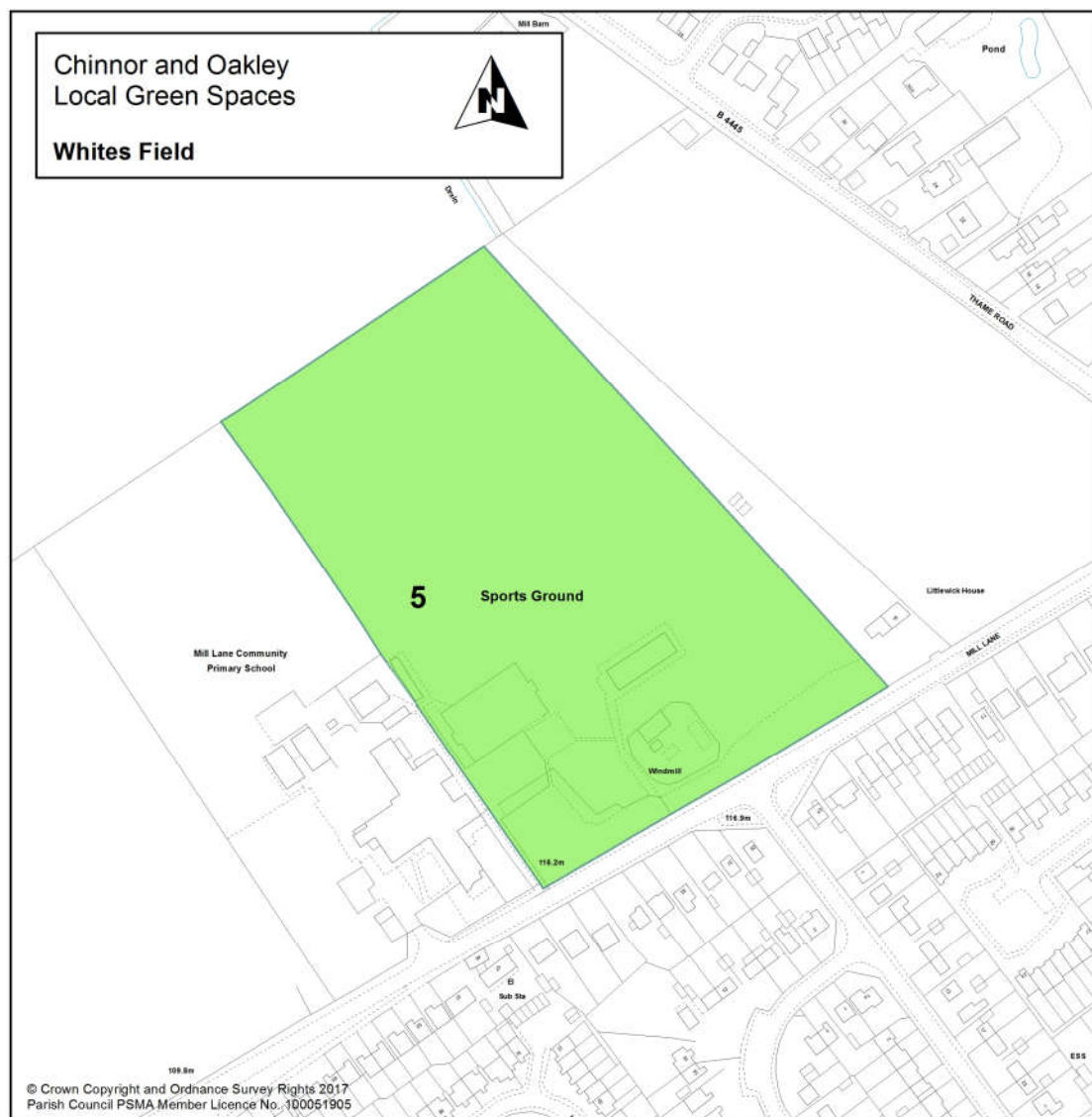


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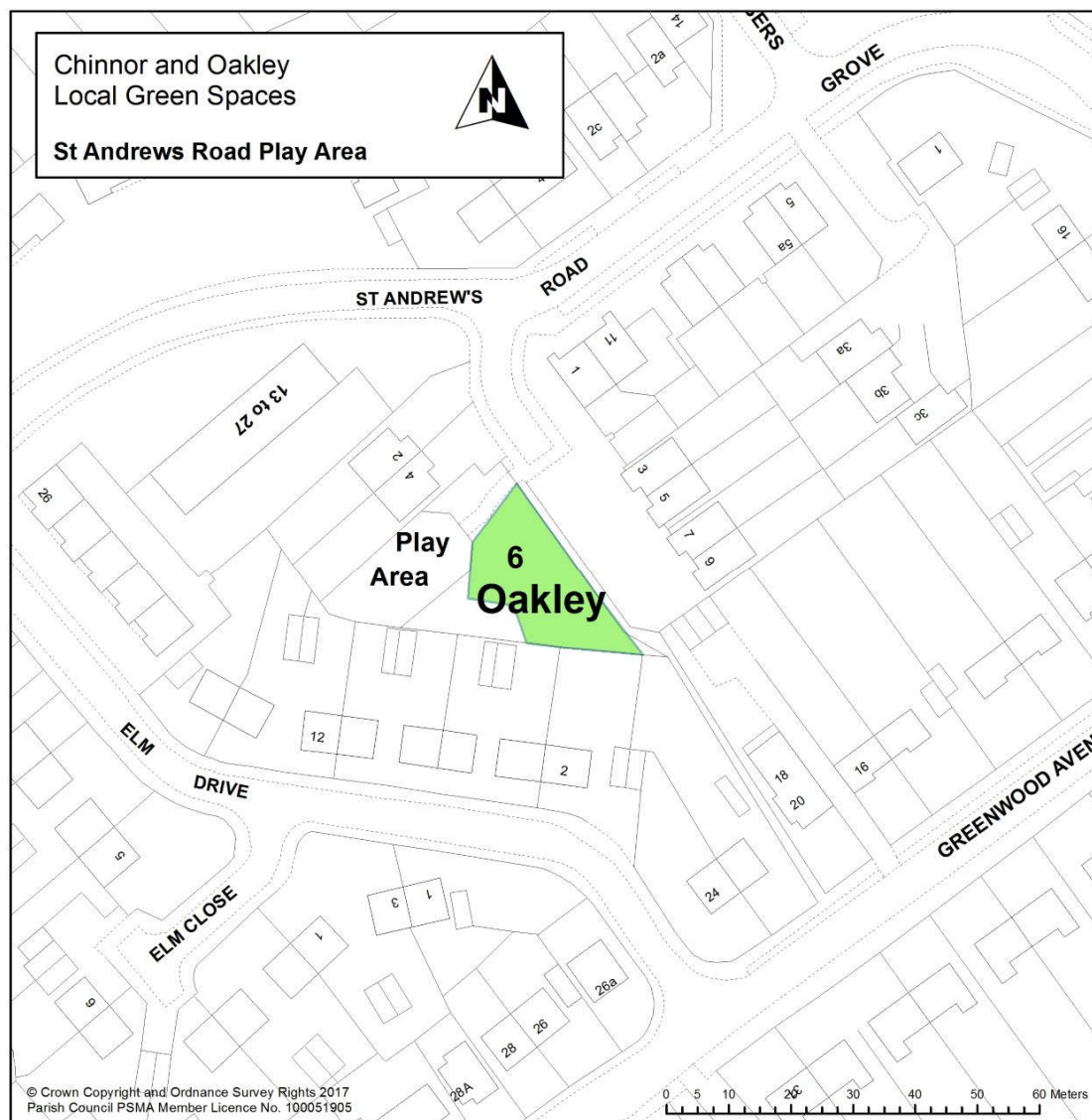


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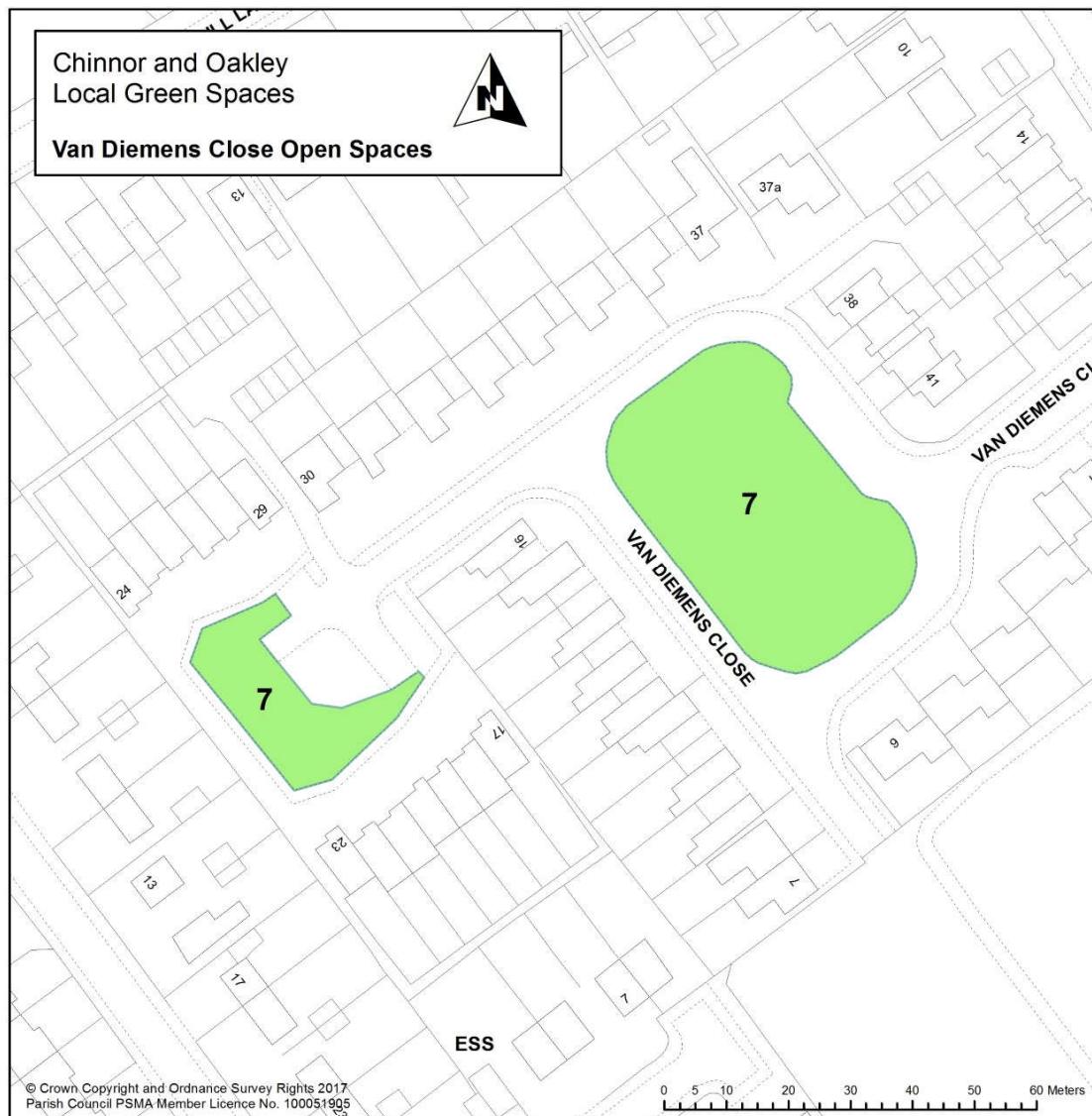




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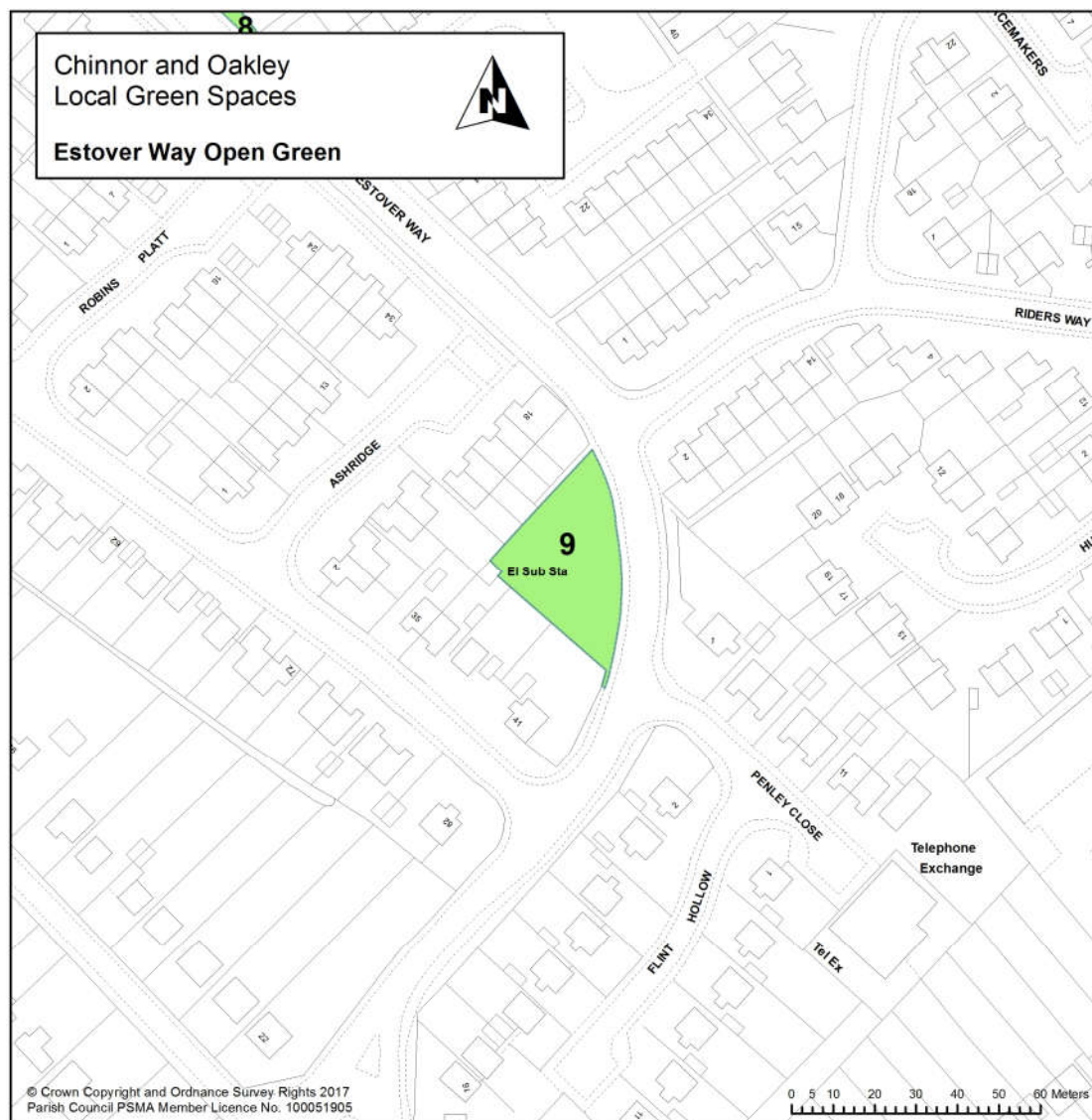
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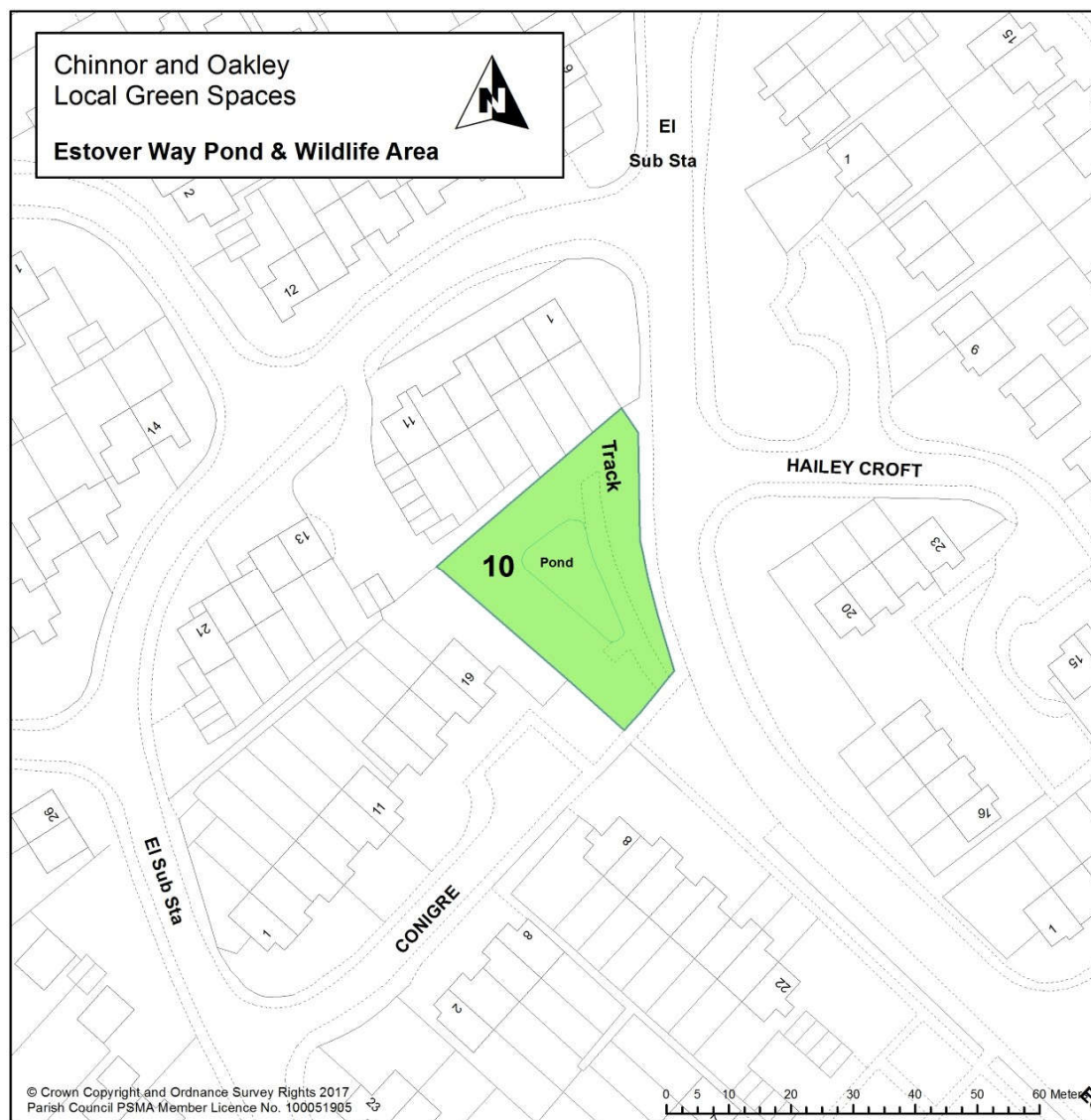


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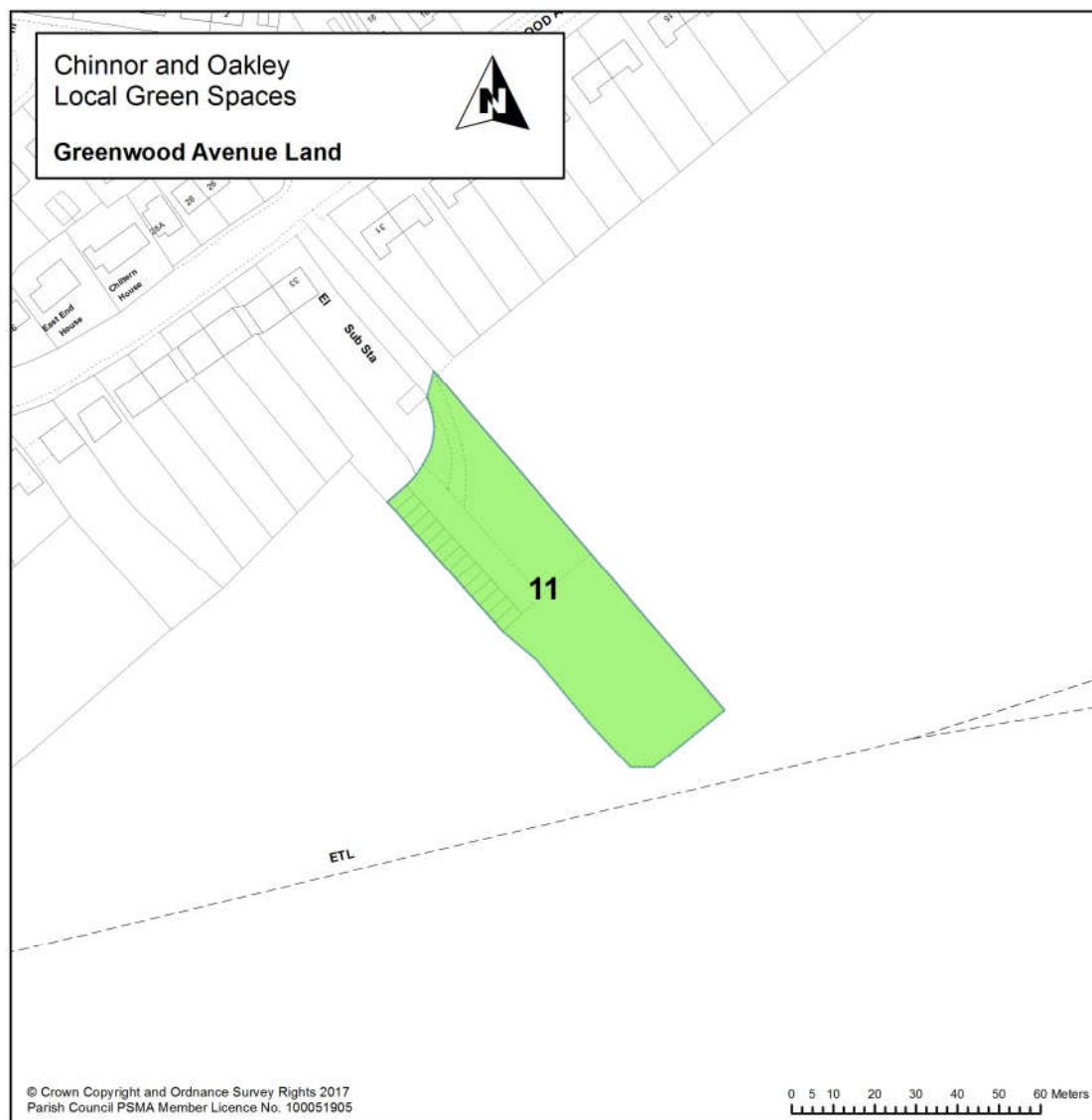




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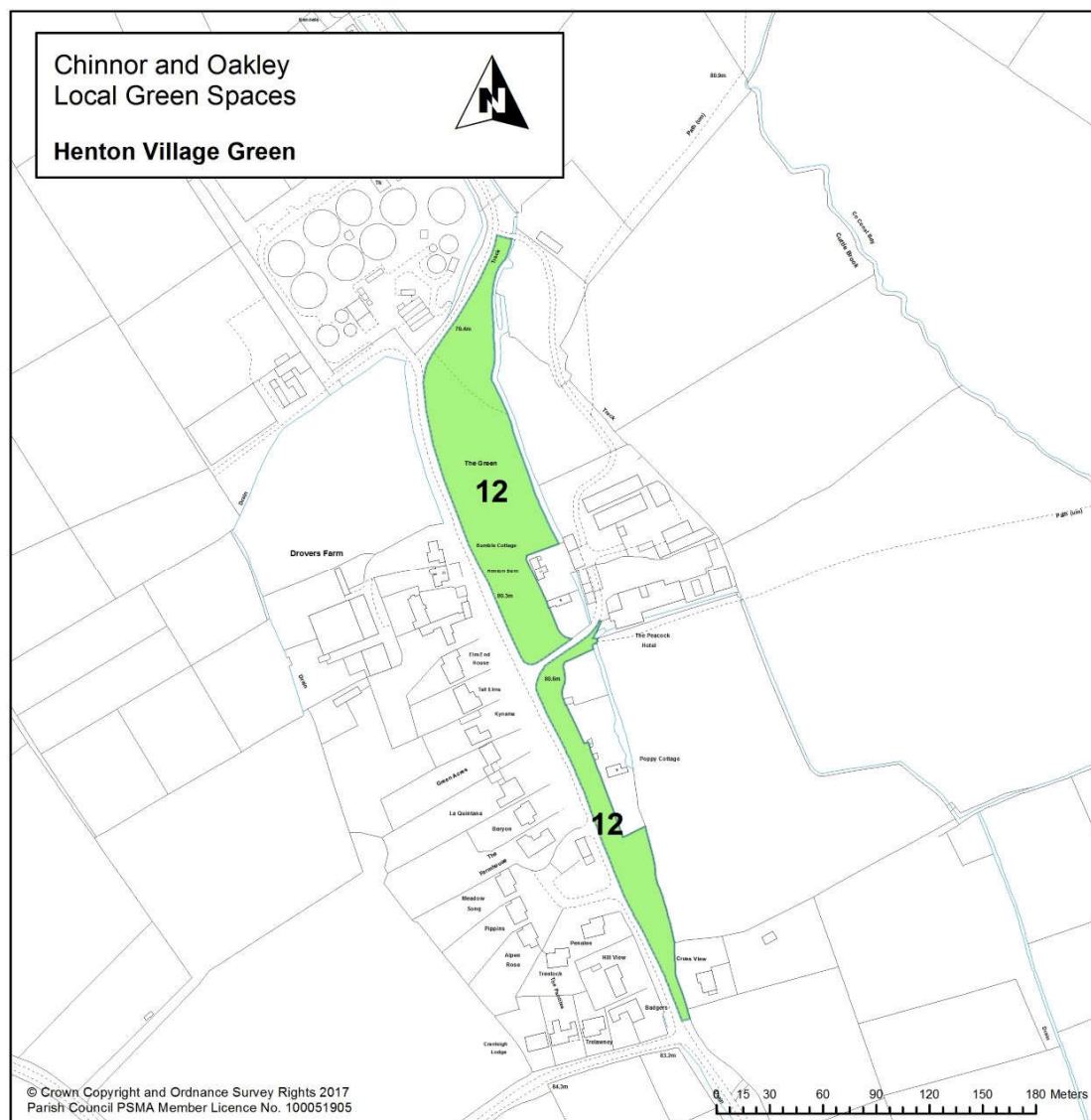


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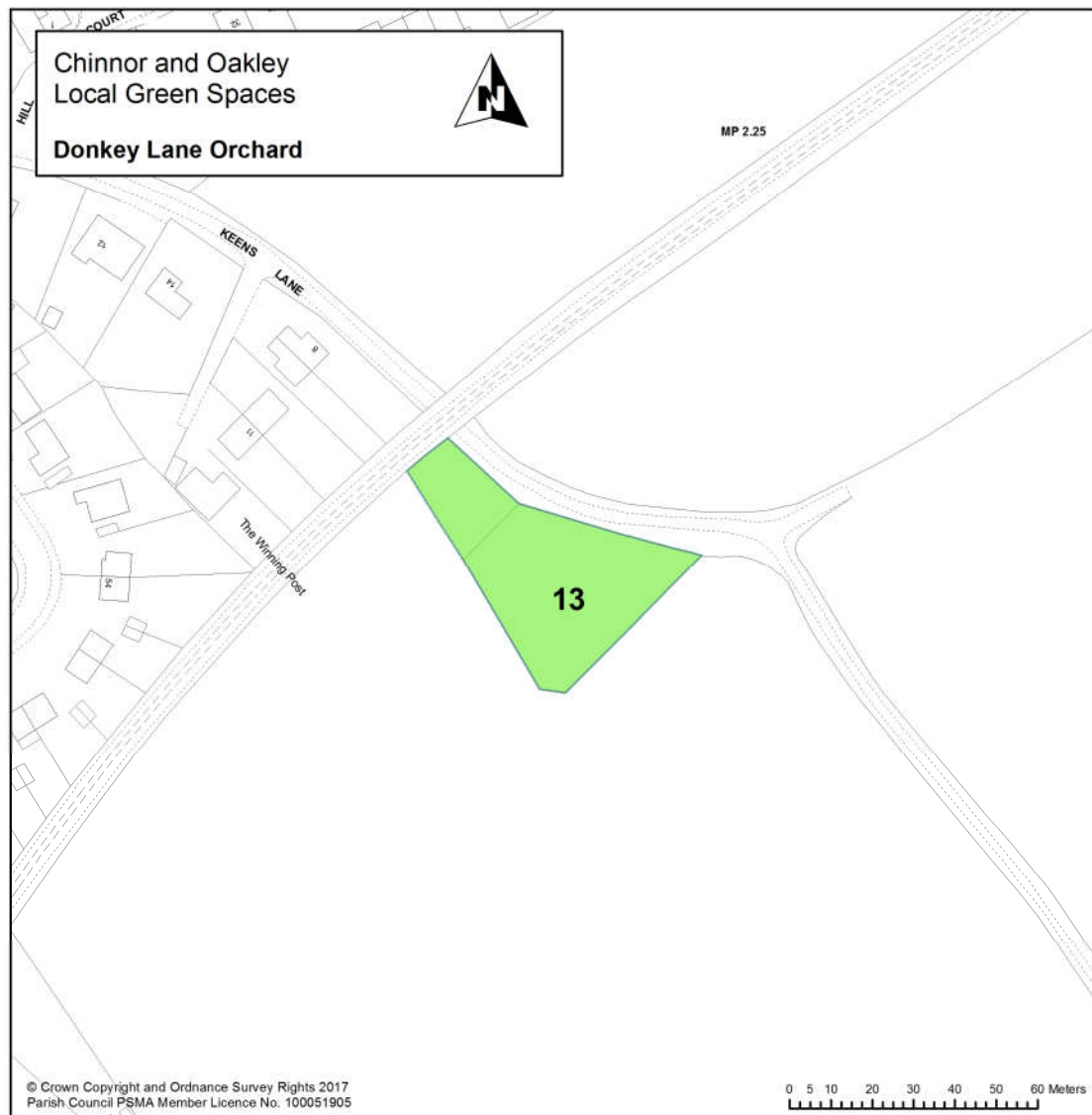




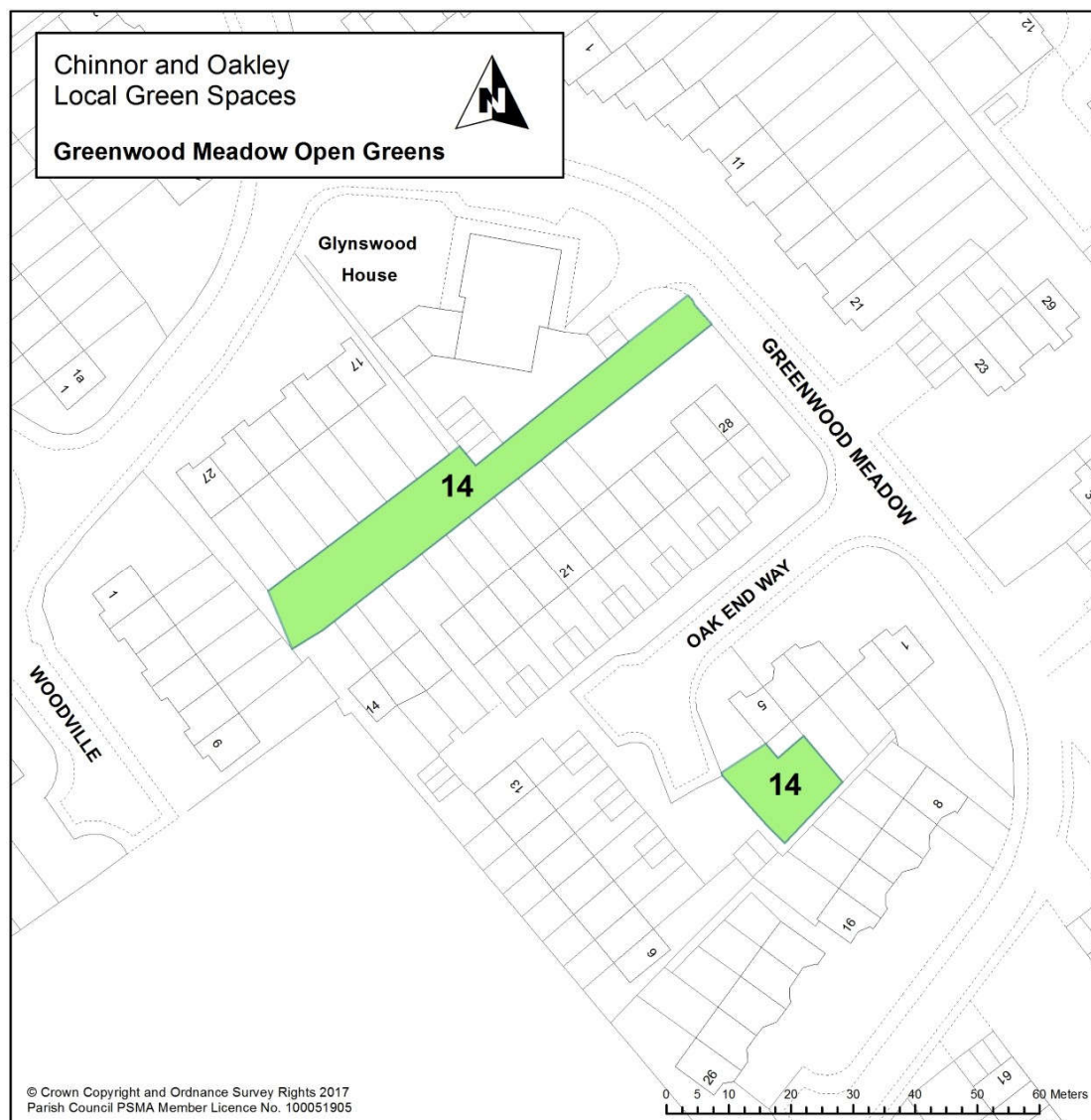
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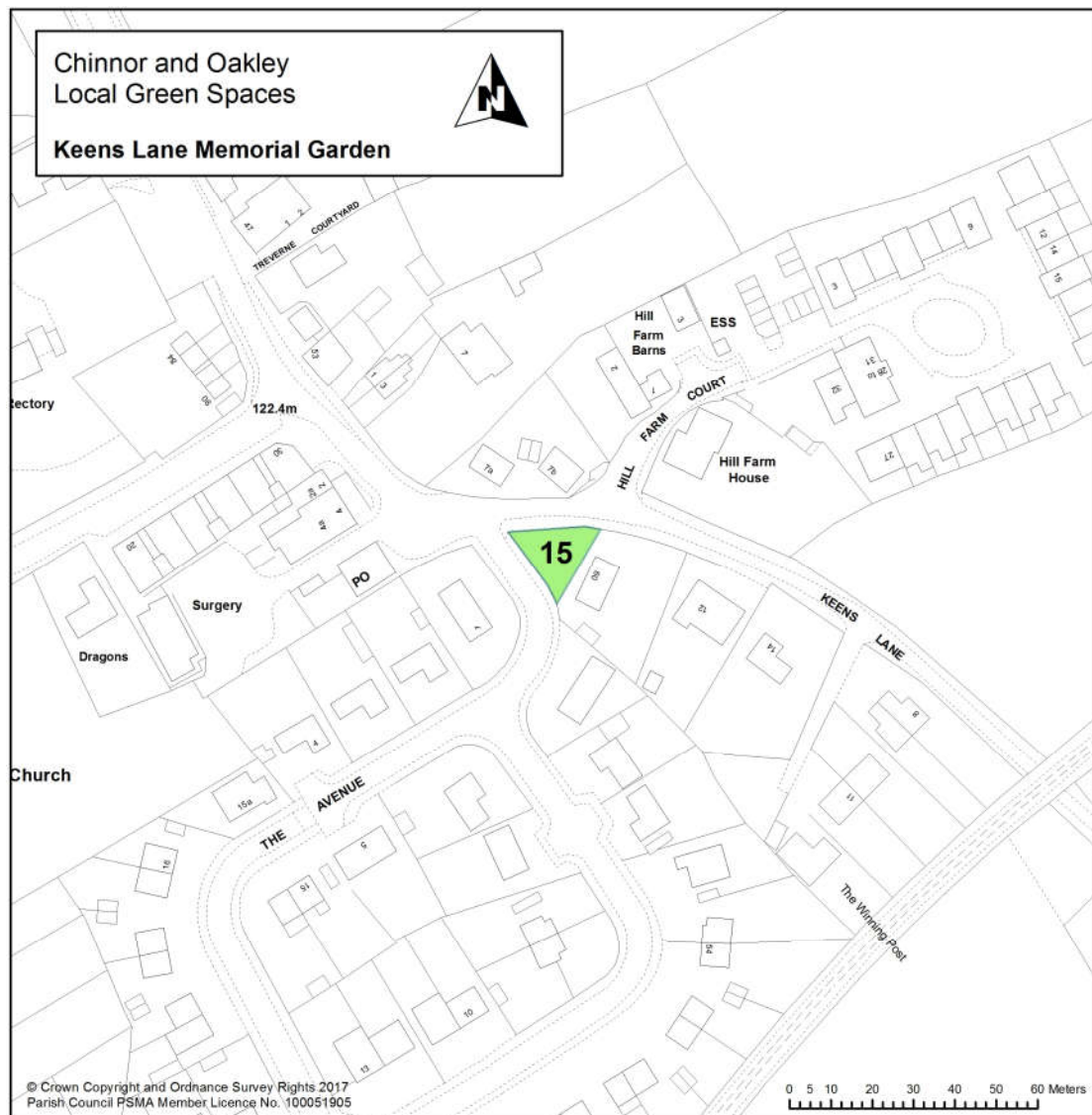
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## Nature and Wildlife

6.7 Trees and hedges are vital natural elements which counteract road traffic pollution by trapping dust and putting oxygen back into the air we breathe, as well as absorbing carbon dioxide. The local community is keen to ensure that existing nature and wildlife resources in the Plan are safeguarded, not only to protect the environment but also to maintain its rural feel and to encourage and maintain wildlife and biodiversity. Residents were asked to contribute to a survey carried out to identify any significant trees and hedges within the village envelope that were considered to make a significant contribution of the local environment. The results are contained in Appendix 5 – Environmental Data.

6.8 In addition, it is also considered appropriate to ensure that new developments include open spaces of mixed nature conservation value (including trees, shrubs and wildflowers). The protection of existing hedgerows, flora and fauna and other natural habitats of significance is particularly important both in general and to ensure their sensitive incorporation into new housing developments. New developments should take into account their relationship with their surrounding environment. They must respect the existing rural nature of the area and ensure that all trees, shrubs and wildflower areas are preserved and protected. If trees and shrubs have to be removed replacements must be planted to mitigate the loss. Any necessary replanting shall consist of suitable species, preferably those which are local to the area and the local environment. Where an existing hedge is unavoidably removed it shall be replaced with a rich variety of appropriate species. Appendix 5 sets out guidance on suitable native hedge species. Any planting made must ensure that the species used will not rapidly outgrow the site.

6.9 The preservation of the Old Orchard at the junction of Donkey Lane and the railway line is particularly significant to the community. This is an ancient orchard containing valuable heritage trees.

6.10 Proposals for the provision of a new community orchard will be supported. This is an important feature which will encourage sustainability, will enable people without the space to access and maintain fruit trees if they wish to do so and encourage people to harvest and use or preserve local produce.

6.11 The community has a wish to ensure the provision of circular walks / running spaces with seating around Chinnor and outskirts. Five possible circular walks have been surveyed (two in Chinnor; two around Henton; one around Emmington; plus a link path). Each of these walks would use existing footpaths. Establishing the circular walks would require signage and leaflet with walk narrative, map and photographs of salient points and features included. This will be an important feature which will give many of our residents of all ages a safe and pleasant means of recreation and keeping fit in their local area, thus reducing car journeys and increasing health, pleasure and encouraging green living.

6.12 Developers will be expected to ensure the protection and development of existing wetlands and springs and the conservation of water supplies. This is a very distinctive approach which respects the development of Chinnor as a spring line settlement at the northern edge of the Chiltern Hills.

### Policy CH GP2 - Protection of Habitats of Significance

New developments should respect their relationship to their surrounding environment and protect existing hedgerows, flora and fauna and other natural habitats of significance. The provision of new open spaces of mixed conservation value and the planting of new trees, shrubs and hedges will be supported.

### Policy CH GP3 - Public Rights of Way

Development should protect existing public rights of way and access, the enhancement of which will be supported.

## Green Living

6.13 The local community has taken the Neighbourhood Plan as an opportunity to promote a more green and sustainable village. The approach underpins several policies in this Plan. Efforts will be made to improve recycling through support, encouragement and education.

6.14 The Plan has been designed to support and encourage the use of the existing village shops. New developments will be expected to incorporate design that will enable residents and other users to have safe and well-lit access to these important facilities.

6.15 In a similar fashion the Plan supports and encourages walking, cycling, car sharing and bus use for fitness and to reduce pollution and climate change resulting from increase in traffic.

6.16 The community will support and encourage reduction in energy and water use. Proposals will be encouraged to generate renewable energy. The community will be providing information and education on this matter. It will expect that developers work with the community in a collaborative fashion as part of the sales and marketing of resulting proposals.

## Sustainable Homes

6.17 The community recognises that new residential development will change the scale and appearance of the village. Nevertheless, this is seen as an opportunity to ensure that this growth is based around high quality,



sustainable homes. The following features are considered to be particularly important:

- Alignment of dwellings – south facing where possible to give passive solar heating and to maximise solar roof panels.
- Maintenance – ensure minimum maintenance in all design features.
- High level of energy generation on site with solar panels, ground source and air source heat pumps.
- Sustainable water systems including drainage (driveways) and storage.

6.18 In addition all new developments will be expected to conform with the principles and objectives as laid out in the South Oxfordshire Design Guide. This document has a high degree of community support.

#### Policy CH GP4 - Sustainable Homes

The provision of the following sustainability features, where appropriate, will be supported:

- Alignment of dwellings - south facing where possible to give passive solar heating and to maximise solar roof panels.
- Maintenance - ensure minimum maintenance in all design features
- High level of energy generation on site with solar panels, ground source and air source heat pumps
- High level of insulation
- Sustainable water systems including drainage (driveways) and storage

## 7 Community Facilities

7.1 The social fabric of Chinnor is heavily underpinned by its wide range of community facilities. They add vitality, activity and interest to the village both during the daytime and during the evening. They contribute to the social, spiritual and physical well-being of the wider community. They make a significant contribution to the vitality and viability of Chinnor and they have a positive impact on the sustainability of the village. They enhance the quality of life and often provide an important focal point for social interaction.

7.2 Community facilities can provide local employment, reduce the need to travel and offer an important service, particularly for those who do not have access to a car. The loss and threatened closure of facilities and services is, however, a common feature of village life and is likely to be tested further in the future as, for example, the convenience of the internet influences choice.

7.3 Both the NPPF and Local Plan indicate that valued community facilities should be retained. However, planning permission is not always required to change the use of a building or land and this restricts the opportunity to examine the possibility of securing the continued use of a facility threatened with closure. Notwithstanding this, Policy CH CF2 and the following text explain how the Plan will contribute towards the objective of maintaining an adequate level and range of facilities.

7.4 Where planning permission is sought for a change of use that will result in the loss of a community facility it will be necessary to demonstrate that there is no reasonable prospect of securing the continued use of the community facility. The property should be advertised by the applicant in an appropriate publication for 12 months at a price which reflects an independent professional valuation. Information included with the application should include the selling agent's literature together with valuations and offers that have been received on the property.

## Policy CH CF1 - The Protection of Community Facilities

Proposals to redevelop or change the use of an existing community facility as set out in Policy CH CF1 or land or buildings last used as a community facility will only be supported where one of the following conditions have been met:

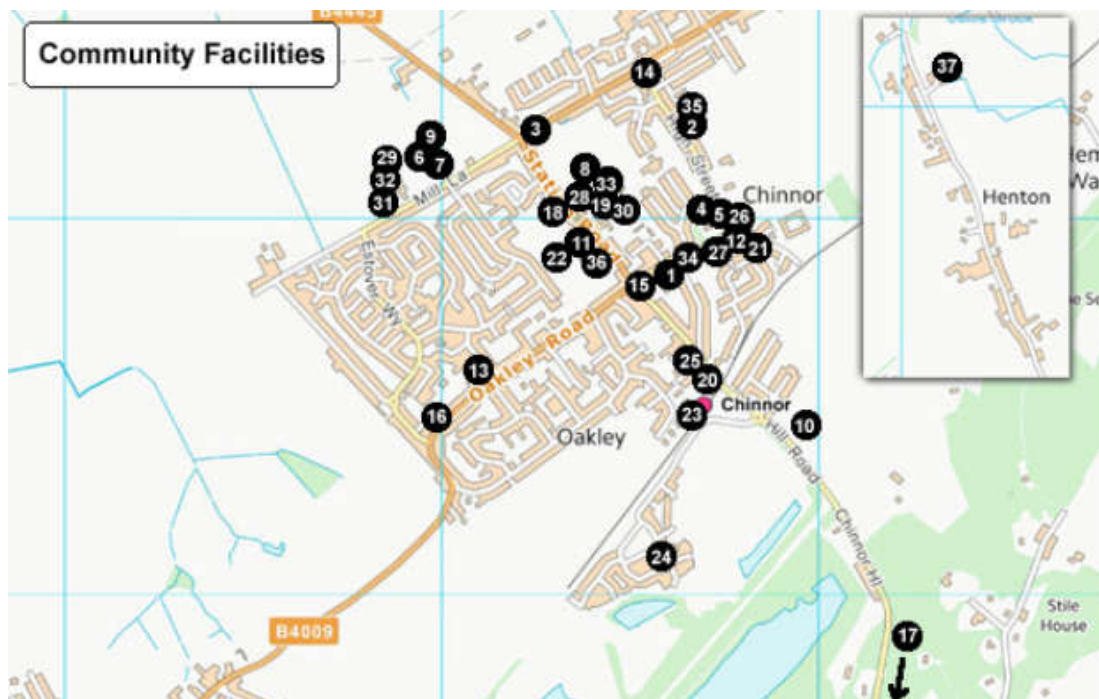
A replacement facility of sufficient size, layout and quality to compensate for the loss of an existing facility is to be provided on an alternative site within the built-up form of Chinnor. Exceptionally, the replacement will be permitted adjacent to the built-up form of Chinnor where there is a clear and local need for the facility to be relocated and a more central site within the village is not available; or

It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the existing community facility.

The following are identified as key community facilities within the Plan area:

- 1 Village Hall
- 2 Reading Room
- 3 Band Room (Silver Band ownership)
- 4 Church Hall
- 5 Village Centre and Pound garden
- 6 Community Building and Changing/Storage hut on White's Field
- 7 Chinnor Windmill on White's Field
- 8 Community Pavilion on Station Road Playing Field
- 9 Shooting Range Hut on Playing Field
- 10 Village Green (Hill Road) Pavilion
- 11 Scout Hut on Station Road
- 12 Retail outlets around the Village Square and Post Office (only banking facility in village, has ATM)
- 13 Co-op Supermarket and Petrol Station (has ATM)
- 14 The Red Lion. 15 The Crown, 16 Wheatsheaf public houses in Chinnor
- 17 The Charles Napier restaurant on Chinnor Hill
- 18 The Wee Bookshop and Cafe
- 19 The Library off Station Road
- 20 Chiltern Conservation Board
- 21 Millennium Garden
- 22 Chinnor Allotments Shop and Equipment Hut
- 23 Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Station
- 24 Lime Kiln at Old Kiln Lakes
- 25 Dentist on Station Road

- 26 Opticians on the High Street
- 27 Cross Keys Doctors Surgery, Church Road
- 28 Wellington House Surgery, Station Road
- 29 Jack and Jill Pre-school
- 30 Ladybird Pre-school
- 31 Windmill Nursery
- 32 Mill Lane School and Community Sports Hall
- 33 St Andrew's Church of England School and Community Swimming Pool
- 34 St Andrew's Church
- 35 Chinnor Community Church
- 36 Methodist Church
- 37 The Peacock hotel/restaurant in Henton



### Health Care in Chinnor

7.5 In Chinnor both surgeries are satellites with the main practice and practice managers in Princes Risborough. Hospital appointments can be at High Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville and Oxford. There is no N.H.S. dental surgery in the village.

7.6 The development of the new houses already with planning permission is likely to put further strains on these important facilities. The ability to absorb additional patients relies on our surgeries to be able to restructure and recruit

additional clinicians. This depends on the phasing of developments in a planned and cohesive manner. Practices cannot absorb large numbers without impacting on access and quality of the service they provide. On this basis, the Plan provides a supportive policy context for either a New Health Centre or enlargement to both of the surgeries. In doing so Policy CH CF3 sets out a series of criteria against which such proposals will be considered.

#### Policy CH CF2 - Healthcare Facilities

Proposals for the development of a new health centre or the expansion of the existing surgeries will be supported subject to the following criteria:

- The proposed development would not significantly harm the amenities of neighbouring occupiers
- The Proposed development would provide car parking to the appropriate standards as set out in District Council policy at that time, and
- The design, scale and massing of the building should respect the character of the immediate locality in which it is located.

Proposals that are located adjacent to the identified community facilities as set out in Policy CH CF1 will be particularly supported.

## 8 Employment Promotion and Development

8.1 Employment opportunities in Chinnor are essential for the viability, vitality and long-term benefit of the whole community in many different ways.

8.2 This section of the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan builds on the knowledge gained and seeks to establish a vision and set of policies that will enhance and protect the different aspects of village life over the Plan period.

8.3 At the heart of these policies is the essential vision that Chinnor should not become just a very large dormitory village which the community has to travel from in order to make use of essential services that keep a village alive with a community spirit and cohesiveness that is essential.

8.4 These policies sit alongside the other policy statements on subjects such as housing, transport, green spaces and community facilities. This reflects that Chinnor needs to manage its growth during the plan period in a way that protects what we have at the moment and plans for the requirements of the future across a number of sectors. These sectors include:

### Retail

8.5 Chinnor has a very limited retail stock compared to the size of the village and the number of residents. If we compare the retail facilities within Chinnor to those in nearby Watlington, it is evident that we fall short of retail facilities in a substantial way. This is even more evident when you compare the population numbers of the two locations.

8.6 This current situation reflects the lack of planning of retail facilities during the history of the expansion of the village and then the closure of many retail businesses over the years without replacement and the continuous loss of retail space to housing in the village that continues at present.

8.7 Over recent years the Plan area has lost essential facilities such as banks, public houses and numerous individual retail services that has led to Chinnor being a place where local residents can only buy selected products and services compared to other locations providing retail opportunities for a community of this size.

8.8 On this basis the community considers that it is essential that:



- Existing retail premises are protected.
- That a retail strategy is developed so that new retail facilities are planned and integrated in the future development of the village, over the plan period, with an aim to have retail facilities that provide for the need of the community, commercial interests, tourists and recreational visitors.

8.9 The Plan sets out a policy based approach to help ensure that the retail offer does not continue to decline, opportunities for additional retail assets are encouraged and the key role of retail facilities is considered in any future planning applications that could help redress the current situation.

8.10 The Village's current retail facilities are generally located in central locations adjacent to other community facilities. This adds significantly to the sense of community spirit and provides a strong operation for community interaction. Whilst there are pockets of essential individual or small groups of shops throughout the Plan area the principal concentrations of retail units are in the area of Church Road and the High Street, Middle Way, Thame Road, Station Road and at the Co-op supermarket and petrol station on Oakley Road.

8.11 The policy led approach sets out to protect the existing retail units both for the benefit of existing and future residents and to contribute on an ongoing basis to its sustainability. Its approach is to prevent their loss from retail uses unless there are compelling commercial and community-driven reasons why alternative uses should be permitted.

8.12 For clarity, "retail use" includes all the following use designations: A1 Shops, A2 Financial and professional services, A3 Restaurants and cafés, A4 Drinking establishments and A5 Hot food takeaways. In seeking to establish that there is "no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative retail use" the applicant will need to demonstrate that the property has been advertised on the open market for non-restricted retail use for at least twelve months at a fair market leasehold value established by reference to existing and current rental figures with Chinnor.

8.13 Proposals for community-based uses will also be expected to set out the value of the proposed new use to the wider community and how those benefits offset the loss of a retail use.

8.14 Proposals that include the following retail uses (seen as important assets to the community) will be especially encouraged to help redress

current shortfall in essential facilities: Bank or building society, an additional mini supermarket similar in size to the existing Coop and expansion of health surgery and pharmacy capacity within the Village.

### Policy CH R1 - Protection of Existing Retail Facilities

Where planning permission is required, change of use from Retail use to other Non-Retail uses will only be supported where one of the following conditions is met:

1. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it would be neither economically viable or feasible to retain the existing or previous retail use in the property concerned and that there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative Retail use; or
2. The proposed Non-Retail use meets an identified community need.



### Business

8.15 A key part of the approach adopted in this Plan is to secure the long-term sustainability of Chinnor and the wider parish. In recent years several major businesses have closed and Chinnor has increasingly become more of a dormitory village. This section of the Plan sets out to provide a positive context within which businesses can be established and grow.

8.16 The existing employment provision within Chinnor is very limited. The Plan sets out to ensure that this situation does not get worse during the plan period. Currently it is very difficult for locals to find employment within the Village, which leads to commuting and further pressures being put on the transport infrastructure.

8.17 As with retail facilities the provision of buildings and accommodation for business use within Chinnor needs to be protected and enhanced where possible. Ahead of the development of a detailed employment strategy for the village, we have established two policy statements to protect the existing employment opportunities and establish a plan to support and encourage future development proposals.

8.18 Existing businesses are currently spread throughout the Village with most being located, except for most of the retail space, in secondary locations. The larger employment facilities that we have lost include the Chinnor Cement Works and other businesses that employed a wide range of skill sets thus giving a wide selection of employment opportunities. In this context the Plan sets out to encourage a range of employment activities appropriate to Chinnor and with a diverse population.

#### **Policy CH B1 - Protection of Existing Employment Premises**

Proposals requiring planning permission for a change of use from employment use to non-employment use will only be supported where it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it would be neither economically viable nor feasible to retain the existing or previous employment use and that there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative employment use.

8.19 In seeking to establish that there is “no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative business use” the applicant will need to demonstrate that the property has been advertised on the open market for non-restricted business use for at least twelve months at a fair market leasehold value established by reference to existing and current rental figures with Chinnor. Proposals for community-based uses will also be expected to set out the value of the proposed new use to the wider community and how those benefits offset the loss of a retail use.

## Policy CH B2 - Enhancement of Employment Facilities

Planning proposals that generate new employment opportunities within the built-up area of Chinnor will be supported subject to the following criteria:

- The proposal respects the character and appearance of the immediate locality in terms of its height, scale, design and massing; and
- The proposal does not cause an unacceptable impact on the amenities of nearby residential properties; and
- The proposal provides adequate parking, servicing and access arrangements in accordance with the most recently published standards of South Oxfordshire District Council

Proposals located outside the built-up form of Chinnor will be supported where they meet the three criteria in this Policy and where they respect the character of the countryside in which they are located.

Proposals for tourism, rural business and crafts related developments will also be supported where they meet other development plan policies.

## Tourism and Heritage

8.20 Chinnor is located on the edge of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, adjacent to the Ridgeway and is the home of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Steam Railway. Nevertheless its tourism and leisure visitor offer is under-developed. Very little business or employment opportunities stem from these locational advantages in a growing and diverse market.

8.21 Noted examples of the existing tourism and heritage facilities include the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Steam Railway. The Windmill on Mill Lane, the lakes area from the site of the Chinnor Cement Works, the proximity to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the success of the Red Kites, that are now established in our skies. Historically, Chinnor is also fortunate to have a striking Conservation Area with numerous listed buildings. This makes the village a tourism destination in its own right and it has been used as a location for the Midsomer Murders TV series.

8.22 An expansion of tourism within Chinnor will not only increase the

attractiveness of the village for visitors and residents but will also improve the viability of the area by the expansion of tourist income to local businesses. To this end, proposals to extend the tourism opportunities in the Plan area will be supported. Where appropriate proposals should show how they meet the requirements of the other policies on transport and parking.

8.23 The Plan encourages the opening up and development of the lakes area at the site of the old Chinnor Cement Works as a tourism hub for the locality in a similar way to how a local environmental charity negotiated ownership of Stanwich Lakes in Northamptonshire and then revitalised their redundant gravel pits and surrounding area with grant funding. Being adjacent to the site of the Steam Railway, this space is ideally suited for tourism development and should be reserved for leisure and tourism purposes.

#### Policy CH T1 - Enhancement of Tourism Facilities

New tourism facilities will be supported subject to the following:

- The proposal respects the character and appearance of the immediate locality in terms of height, scale, design and massing; and
- The proposal does not cause an unacceptable impact on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers; and
- The proposal provides adequate parking, servicing and access arrangements in accordance with the most recently published standards of South Oxfordshire District Council
- Proposals located outside the built-up form of Chinnor will be supported where they meet the three criteria set out in the Policy and where they respect the character of the countryside in which they are located.

## 9 Education and Young People

### St Andrew's and Mill Lane Primary Schools

9.1 The Head Teachers and Governors of St Andrew's and Mill Lane Primary Schools have met on three occasions with members of the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan and submitted two other written responses. St Andrew's is a 45 pupil (1.5 Form Entry) school which has been identified by OCC as the growth school for the community. It is already oversubscribed and is currently using non-classrooms as classrooms. The planned increase in houses within the Parish of Chinnor will have the effect of a significant increase in demand for places at the two Primary Schools. The planning applications listed in Section 4.4 (approved or awaiting approval) total 664 dwellings. Using the standard pupil ratio of one child per four dwellings suggests that primary school places will have to be found for an additional 166 children as a result of the current list of planning applications in Section 4.4.

9.2 The Head Teacher and Governors of St Andrew's confirm that St Andrew's is already close on capacity at 290 pupils on roll due to the growing population of the village. The acceleration of growth as suggested in the Plan is of significant concern. The facilities and funding at St Andrew's are both under strain with the current pupil numbers. Pupil numbers are growing at present, having risen by 32 since 2015.

9.3 Mill Lane is already close to capacity and does not have the capacity to go to a 45 pupil (1.5 Form Entry) school. The school currently uses three temporary buildings (constructed in the 1990's) which cannot accommodate class sizes larger than 30. The toilet and changing facilities are old, inadequate and do not meet health and safety requirements. Part of the school site has problems with flooding in times of heavy rain.

9.4 The facilities and conditions in both schools are becoming an issue with increasing pupil numbers. St Andrew's was due to be demolished and rebuilt in 2010 (planning permission granted, funding in place) but funding was cut in the 2010 Government Spending Review. St Andrew's lacks a Sports Hall appropriate in size to meet the requirements for Key Stage 2 Physical Education. Mill Lane School is teaching Key Stage 2 pupils in outdoor huts.

### Pre-Schools



9.5 There are three pre-school providers; Ladybirds (based at St Andrew's), Windmill Community Nursery and Jack & Jill (both based at Mill Lane) who provide facilities for younger children. From September 2017 the Government is offering working parents up to 30 hours free childcare and is expecting Early Years providers to provide this. This could potentially halve the number of places that could be offered. Research with parents has suggested that 60% of Chinnor parents would be eligible and take up this offer.

9.6 Jack & Jill Pre-School numbers grow as the year goes on, as children on the waiting list reach the age of 3 years, to between 40 and 45 children, which is the maximum capacity for providing up to 15 hours per week Government funded free childcare (five sessions of three hours each).

9.7 The increase in housing in Chinnor will create extra demand on pre-school places on top of this demand for more hours to be requested per child. This will result in a shortage of Early Years places in Chinnor, with Jack & Jill Pre-School being unable to meet this demand without expanding its premises.

9.8 Of the three providers in Chinnor, Jack & Jill is the only one with space to extend the building to offer spaces to children from the age of two (for which there is currently a high demand with little local provision). Windmill Nursery only takes children from 3 years old. It would be able to introduce the 30 hour free nursery provision by opening 5 days per week as opposed to the current 4 days but at a cost to the school. The Reception class and the Windmill Nursery share space at Mill Lane School. Jack & Jill could extend the building on the current site but would lose outdoor space which would be unacceptable. Jack & Jill applied for a grant in the summer of 2016 when the Government made money available to facilitate the expansion of Early Years places to meet the 30-hour promise. The application was unsuccessful.

#### Assessment of the future facilities at Pre-Schools and Primary Schools in Chinnor

9.9 There is a clear, unanimous view between all Chinnor parties that an urgent new review by Oxfordshire County Council of the places and facilities available at the pre-schools and primary schools in Chinnor has to be carried out, taking into account the Neighbourhood Plan proposals. This issue is discussed further in Section 12 – Actions for Chinnor Parish Council paragraphs 12.2 and 12.3.

## 10 Actions Points for Chinnor Parish Council

10.1 This section contains non-land use issues and actions which it is intended that the Parish Council will monitor and implement after the Plan is adopted. These were identified as important and enduring concerns by the residents of Chinnor during the extensive consultation process conducted throughout the emergence of the Neighbourhood Plan.

10.2 For clarity, the Action Points in this Chapter are not Policies, but comprise Parish Council aspirations. As Action Points, they do not impose any requirements on developers or other third parties.

### Schools

10.3 During the course of the consultation process on the Pre-Submission Version of the Neighbourhood Plan issues arose concerning:

- The ability of the schools to grow and provide for the additional children from the new family homes, both in Chinnor and the surrounding villages.
- The ability of the schools to respond both to rising local demand and to the rising birth rate.
- The poor quality and deterioration of school buildings
- The need to provide additional Pre-School facilities:  
Pre-Schools have to address the Government initiative to increase the Pre-School hours from 15 to 30 hours per week.
- The possible need for a new Primary School:  
This could be a new site for an existing school  
It could be for an additional school

#### Action Point 1

The Parish Council will welcome the opportunity to work alongside the schools with Oxfordshire County Council and other relevant authorities to address capacity and condition issues. It recognises that any proposed new policies regarding the educational use of land in the Village will require full Neighbourhood Plan consultation and scrutiny.

10.4 Chinnor Parish Council wishes to support the local schools to enable them to provide the best opportunities for young people but it has no policies for the school sites in this plan. The Plan cannot propose land-use policies at this time to resolve these important local issues but it does recognise the urgent need to support the schools and plan for their future. Chinnor Parish Council will begin this consultation at the earliest possible opportunity with a view to formally advancing proposals relating to the educational use of land in the Village.

## Traffic

10.5 Traffic congestion within Chinnor Village is an enduring issue, to which a major contributing factor is the existing road network in the centre of Chinnor village. The centre of Chinnor consists of four community arterial routes which meet at the “Village Square” formed by Lower Road, Station Road, Church Road and the High Street (see map in Appendix 3).

10.6 It is anticipated that during the life of this Plan the new developments in Chinnor and more significantly the major developments to the east of Chinnor in and around Princes Risborough and in other locations in Buckinghamshire and the likely start of construction work on HS2 will create an inevitable growth in local traffic trying to access the M40 via the B4009 through Chinnor. The full impact of this growth over time is not fully understood. It has been the subject of traffic surveys.

10.7 The Plan Steering Group has carried out its own traffic surveys within Chinnor Village, including one in conjunction with Oxford County Council in November 2016 to provide baseline data for the future. The Parish Council will monitor the future growth of traffic.

## Action Point 2

The Parish Council will take the opportunity to work with Oxfordshire County Council in line with the 'Connecting Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2015-2031' and with other relevant authorities to address and progress the following issues:

- Monitor the growth of traffic through Chinnor during the life of the Plan resulting from new developments in Chinnor, developments to the east of Chinnor and around Princes Risborough and other developments in Buckinghamshire.
- Monitor the impact of HS2 construction traffic when the project commences
- Assist in developing the strategy for a relief road around the Village of Chinnor should the need become apparent and justifiable.

10.8 The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group recognise the challenges posed by the inevitable growth in traffic and that any proposed new policies regarding the traffic and transport use of land in the village will be subject to the full Neighbourhood Plan consultation process and scrutiny.

10.9 Whilst it is not a part of this Plan and recognising the longer term strategic relevance of such a decision, the Parish Council will assist in developing the strategy for a relief road around the village of Chinnor should the need become apparent and justifiable.

10.10 The traffic issues are important for Chinnor to prevent future harm to the community from new development and a wider increase in vehicular traffic. The working group that operated as a task group during preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan would provide an ongoing resource to the Parish Council. Taking this measure would create an informed core of a working group of interested parties should it be deemed desirable to re-establish the task group to follow up these issues.

10.11 This working group would operate in a manner similar to that of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and:

- Be commissioned by the Parish Council;
- Be composed of interested parties, the relevant responsible bodies, residents and some members of the Parish Council;

- Further investigate and consult upon the issues;
- Propose solutions or ameliorating factors;
- Carry out consultation on proposals and policies to enable the Parish Council to update the Neighbourhood Plan through the Plan preparation procedure, scrutiny and consultation

### Action Point 3

The Parish Council will seek to work with other parties to achieve the following improvements throughout the Parish:

1. Extension of the 30mph network outwards from Chinnor to:
  - Include the Henton turn on the B4009
  - Towards Emmington on the B4445
  - Towards Crowell on the B4009
  - Up Chinnor Hill to 'gooseneck' turn to Bledlow Ridge
2. Speed reduction, by extension and augmentation of measures such as pinch gates and speed bumps at entrances into Chinnor Village from:
  - Bledlow Ridge
  - Crowell Road
  - Thame Road
  - New developments entering into Greenwood Avenue
3. The introduction of HGV restrictions in the Chinnor Square
4. Creation of footbridge over the railway line from Old Kiln Lakes to the main village
5. Improved pedestrian crossing facilities (including increased visibility and impact of existing crossings, use of supporting 'pinch point gates' and speed bumps):
  - Top of High Street across Church Road to the parade of shops (new)
  - All entries to the Crown roundabout (new - replace roundabout by 4-way traffic light system)
  - Estover Way between Hedgerly and Mill Lane (new)

By Wheatsheaf Public House (new)  
Lower Road to access children's playground and playing fields (new)  
By Mill Lane Primary School (enhanced)  
The Ridgeway/Chinnor Hill (new)  
Station Road (enhanced)  
Station Road/Chinnor Hill at entry to Old Kiln Lakes development (new)  
East end of Lower Icknield Way (from footpath on south side to new development on north side - site CH1-13)

6. Reconfigure Mill Lane/Station Road junction

Create off-set junction to remove crossroads  
Visibility improvements including suitable mirroring  
Review of parking restrictions

7. High Street/Lower Icknield Way junction improvements

Visibility improvements including suitable mirroring  
Review of parking restrictions

8. Improved vehicle parking within and beyond the Community

Improved parking efficiency at the top of the High Street (including the potential use of reduced time limits and better space management)  
Development of the rear parking behind the Village Shops  
Improved on-street parking solutions in the Village Square

9. Measures to minimise vehicular travel via known 'rat runs' e.g. Greenwood Avenue including enforcement of the one way regulation

10. Extend existing bus routes to include new developments within the Village including Old Kiln Lakes



#### Action Point 4

Proposals will be supported for the redesign of the vehicular carriageway within the Chinnor 'Village Square'. This reflects the position of the Village Square as the heart of the community. Whilst leveraging expert solutions and innovation, this should include:

- Adaptation and reprioritisation of the roads with the Chinnor Village Square into a series of pedestrian priority 'shared space' zones.
- Positive speed reduction measures implemented around the village square.
- Associated speed-reduction measures all along other arterial routes.
- Signage on routes into and within the Chinnor Village Square indicating the shared space pedestrian priority status.

#### Action Point 5

The Parish Council will work with the County Council and the District Council to develop the following interconnected network in the Plan area.

- Dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes between Chinnor and specific outlying villages within the community (Henton, Emmington) and adjacent (Crowell)
- Dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes (space) along both sides of the arterial routes within Chinnor: to/from the Ridgeway, to/from Old Kiln Lakes, along Lower Icknield Way to the Henton turn, along both sides of the Thame Road, Oakley Lane, both sides of Mill Lane.
- Dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes from Chinnor to the receptors and local leisure nodes, including M40 bus services, the Phoenix Trail and the Ridgeway.
- Interconnection of the pedestrian and cycle routes into Chinnor to the pedestrian and cycle routes within Chinnor

Details of the proposed network routes can be found in Appendix 3.

#### Developer Contributions

10.12 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a financial charge on developers intended to provide additional funding to help pay for the cost of

infrastructure arising from new developments. It is collected by South Oxfordshire District Council and is typically used for such as projects as highways, leisure facilities and schools. The overall amount of CIL is based on the Gross Internal Area (GIA) of the properties in the development – effectively the internal floor space and it is calculated at £150 per square metre. On this basis, a property with a GIA of 100 square metres (i.e. an average 3 bed property), the CIL will be £15,000.

10.13 Chinnor Parish Council is entitled to a proportion of the CIL to help offset the impact of new developments on community facilities. The proportion of the CIL to be made available to the parish council for local projects depends on whether there is a made Neighbourhood Plan in that locality. With a made Neighbourhood Plan 25% of the total amount is available to be applied to locally based infrastructure rather than 15% in areas without this status.

10.14 The infrastructure priorities identified through the evidence gathered for the CNP, are set out below. At this stage, these are not firm proposals and the list will develop as infrastructure needs are identified by the community. Decisions on which projects are prioritised for CIL funding will be made by the community in conjunction with the District Council. Any projects so agreed would be subject to detailed design and approval by the appropriate authorities and any other relevant organisation. The following schedule is not listed in order of priority:

The development of a new Burial Ground:

The burial space at St. Andrews Church will not be able to cope therefore more space needs to be found.

Establish new, and improve existing sporting/exercise facilities including:

Resurface the tennis club

Establish outdoor short bowls

Re-establish the cricket club, its ground and training facilities for all ages

Build a new sports pavilion at Old Kiln Lakes

Potential purchase of land at Golden Hills for a play area, orchard, fitness space and car parking

Establish walking, jogging and cycling routes with appropriate signage and seating.

Review, in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council vehicular access to the village to include:

Establishing a series of inter connected pedestrian and cycling corridors

enabling the community to travel, cycle, walk or wheelchair to all village amenities, including the Phoenix Trail and Ridgeway – the Chinnor Parish Network.

Vehicle and Speed management – consideration given to better management of vehicle speeds and flows at entry points and key intersections, and establishing a village wide 20mph limits

Improvements to, and addition of further pedestrian crossings, to support the Chinnor Parish Network and wider pedestrian access

Extension of bus routes to connect to the extended housing developments

Improvements to existing parking provision throughout the village

#### Action Point 6

The following projects (and as identified in paragraph 11.3 of this Plan) are identified as local priorities for infrastructure improvements, which should be considered by South Oxfordshire District Council, in consultation with Chinnor Parish Council, for funding through the neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy:

- The development of a new burial ground
- The establishment of new, and improved sporting/exercise facilities
- Reviewing and revising vehicular access to the villages in the Plan area

#### Environmental

10.15 In Section 3 of the Plan Objective 3 states that it is the intention: -

To safeguard the intrinsic character of Chinnor, its surrounding countryside and its setting adjacent to the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty.

10.16 This objective was agreed by 97% of the community. The community demonstrated that it is keen to ensure that nature and wildlife resources in the Plan area are safeguarded. Green Policies have been included in Section 6 for new developments to mitigate their impact on the community, to conserve existing Local Green Spaces and create new ones and to promote a more sustainable village. This is an enduring issue throughout the life of the Plan which the Parish Council will continue to support and encourage.

### Action Point 7

The Parish Council will seek to establish a nature reserve in the area known locally as Donkey Lane.

### Action Point 8

The Parish Council will collaborate with local organisations including the Chilterns Conservation Board, Greening Chinnor and Friends of the Earth to safeguard the intrinsic character of Chinnor and its surrounding countryside.

## Thames Water- Domestic Waste Treatment

10.17 Thames Water is a statutory body and was consulted as part of the Pre-Submission Consultation of the Plan. Thames Water replied on 17 March 2016. This response can be found in the Appendices to the Consultation Statement. Contained in this response is the statement that:

Policy CSI1 of the adopted South Oxfordshire Core Strategy relates to infrastructure provision and states that:

‘New development must be served and supported by appropriate on and off-site infrastructure and services. Planning permission will only be granted when infrastructure and services to meet the needs of the new development, including that set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and / or mitigate the impact of the new development is already in place or will be provided to an agreed timescale.

Infrastructure and services required as a consequence of development, and provision for their maintenance, will be sought from developers and secured by the negotiation of planning obligations, by conditions attached to a planning permission, and / or other agreement, levy or undertaking, all to be agreed before planning permission is granted.’

10.18 There has been additional engagement with Thames Water during the preparation of the Plan to discuss and obtain information about the operating problems that are being observed currently at the domestic waste water

treatment works in Henton which serves Chinnor. The treatment works is of limited capacity and was only able to handle the waste from the Kiln Lakes development by the installation of a buffer storage tank and pumping facility under the playing fields in Station Road.

10.19 Furthermore there is significant concern, particularly in areas of the community (Mill Lane/Estover Way and Henton itself) already affected by the shortcomings in the existing waste water collection and treatment systems.

10.20 Thames Water was consulted by the Parish Council and the CNP Steering Group jointly during the Plan process. To date Thames Water have not provided answers to either the Parish Council or the CNP Steering Group to how the treatment works can be extended to cope with the 27% growth in dwellings planned for during the Plan period, nor reassurances that the waste water collection system in Chinnor can cope in future with the large scale of development that is taking place and has been approved or awaiting determination through either the planning or appeal processes. However, Thames Water has confirmed its willingness to work closely with the Parish Council and CNP to identify the net increase in waste water and water supply demand on Thames Water's infrastructure

10.21 Each new application for development in Chinnor is required by Policy CS11 of the adopted South Oxfordshire Core Strategy relating to infrastructure provision which states that:

‘New development must be served and supported by appropriate on and off-site infrastructure and services. Planning permission will only be granted when infrastructure and services to meet the needs of the new development, including that set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and / or mitigate the impact of the new development is already in place or will be provided to an agreed timescale.

Infrastructure and services required as a consequence of development, and provision for their maintenance, will be sought from developers and secured by the negotiation of planning obligations, by conditions attached to a planning permission, and / or other agreement, levy or undertaking, all to be agreed before planning permission is granted.’

#### Action Point 9

The Parish Council will continue to work with Thames Water to ensure that appropriate foul and surface water improvements are implemented throughout the Plan period both to remedy existing circumstances and to make appropriate provision of new housing developments during the life of the Plan.

#### Employment, Leisure and Tourism

10.22 In order to ensure that Chinnor thrives as a community it is essential that a long-term strategy for Employment, Leisure and Tourism is developed. This strategy will need to look into the positive value of an expansion of these facilities in the community and shape their future growth to the betterment of the Village.

#### Action Point 10

The Parish Council will work with local and regional organisations and other bodies (statutory, commercial and charitable) to develop a long-term strategy for the growth of the employment opportunities in the area, enhancement of local leisure facilities and the increase of tourism opportunities and facilities.



## Appendix 1 – Public Consultations

### Launch Event – 2 July 2015

#### Attendance Statistics

- Roads represented – 39 out of 85 with an even spread around Chinnor all bar one area (a group of roads in the centre of Chinnor i.e the Mill Lane estate – No turn out)
- Emmington, Wainhill, Chinnor Hill - No turn out
- 121 Attendees
- + 1 resident from Kingston Blount (not in the CNP area)
- Average age 60+
- Young Adult - 1

An analysis of the responses has been generated. The Table below gives a synopsis with further in-depth detail in Sections 4 – 9 of the Plan.

Main Topic	Sub Topic	In Summary
Housing Provision and policies	Energy Re-cycling, Greening and Litter Strategy Sewer / Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmentally friendly new builds in small plots</li><li>• Mix of housing on different sites</li><li>• Develop bio-diversity plan for the village</li><li>• Sustainable energy installations</li><li>• Promote eco living</li><li>• Re-cycling, Greening and Litter Strategy</li><li>• Sewage system - major overhaul</li><li>• Rainwater Drainage – major overhaul</li></ul>
Conservation / heritage and design policies	Style Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traditional building style essential, in keeping with existing mix in Chinnor</li><li>• Full mix of house sizes</li><li>• Sheltered accommodation for elderly</li><li>• Shared ownership for 1st time buyers and singles</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide suitable housing for Farm and Outdoor workers, Micro Business and Lock-ups.</li> <li>• Provision for Residential parking</li> </ul>
Open Space and Recreation policies	Parks & Open Spaces Sports and Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi use group area / parkland</li> <li>• Wildlife conservation</li> <li>• Additional Open Spaces in New Developments</li> <li>• Tourist and Visitor Information Centre</li> <li>• All weather sports facilities</li> <li>• Small swimming pool</li> <li>• Athletics field</li> <li>• School tennis courts</li> <li>• Sports (leisure) Centre</li> <li>• Organised Community Events</li> </ul>
Community Facilities	Roads Footpaths Cycle path Parking facilities Bus Services Schools Doctor's Elderly Care Veterinary centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going repairs to roads with consideration given to the implementation of Traffic calming improvements where specifically needed</li> <li>• New footpaths required in the new development areas and existing footpaths upgraded to accommodate disabled pavement vehicles and baby buggies.</li> <li>• A dedicated cycle path to join the Phoenix Trail and link directly with Thame is seen as an asset to the local Environment.</li> <li>• Improved safer parking</li> <li>• Re-route buses to avoid congestion hotspots</li> <li>• Improved transport infrastructure between local large towns</li> <li>• Secondary School Provision</li> <li>• Full Health Care Centre</li> <li>• Residential home for the elderly</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Health Care Centre for animals</li> <li>• Library with full Wi Fi</li> </ul>
Retail facilities in the heart of the village		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent / local businesses</li> <li>• Family friendly restaurant(s)</li> <li>• Family friendly pub(s)</li> <li>• Start-up businesses / pop-up shops</li> <li>• Small Supermarket</li> <li>• DIY retail unit</li> <li>• Greengrocer</li> </ul>
Employment promotion and development		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local B&amp;Bs plus Youth Hostel</li> <li>• Hotel / Restaurants / Shops / Pubs</li> <li>• Homeworker office space with coffee and networking area</li> <li>• Business premises, accommodation in New Developments</li> <li>• Small craft area (stable yard for several businesses)</li> <li>• Trekking/walking business</li> </ul>

## Pre-Submission Version Plan Preview Event - February 2016

Public Consultation – 6 February 2016

Pre-Submission Preview of the Pre-Submission Plan

### Attendance Statistics

- 185 Attendees over the four-hour duration
- Average age 50+
- Roads represented – 52 out of 85, appearing evenly spread around the village
- Emmington, Wainhill Chinnor Hill – no turn out
- Number of attendees and roads showed an increase on the July 2015 launch event

Analysis of the responses has been generated. The table below gives a synopsis with further in-depth detail located on the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan [website at http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com/425121726](http://www.chinnorneighbourplan.com/425121726)

Main Topic	Sub Topic	In Summary
Housing Provision and policies	Protection of greenfield sites Downsizing opportunities Development size Social & part rent housing Affordable housing Infrastructure Traffic congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concern regarding sites on the north and south of the village</li><li>• Smaller homes for youngsters, elderly and downsizers</li><li>• Fewer houses on smaller sites, for example a second Hill Farm Court, to enhance the feel of a village</li><li>• Priority for local young people in allocation of affordable housing</li><li>• Social and part rent housing should not be sold on open market but via local authority</li><li>• 2 off road parking plots per house, do not build garages</li><li>• Upgrading of foul and surface water main drainage</li><li>• Provision of correctly levelled and positioned existing and new road</li></ul>

		<p>gullies to reduce flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern in general regarding infrastructure</li> <li>• Concerns regarding Mill Lane site and traffic/safety problems regarding proximity of school</li> <li>• More housing in Chinnor leads to increased commuting and greater traffic congestion, plus HS2 traffic</li> </ul>
Conservation/heritage and Design Policies	<p>Energy Conservation</p> <p>Heritage Design</p> <p>Traffic</p> <p>New cemetery</p>	<p>Greater use of solar power, land source heat pumps, modern building techniques and modern sustainably designed properties</p> <p>Demolition of houses and building on garden land changes the character of Chinnor and also for nature conservation Chinnor is meant to be an area of outstanding beauty</p> <p>Affordable housing is a must</p> <p>Traditional building designs are not cost effective to achieve affordable housing – new designs must be applied</p> <p>Support another access road to Kiln Lakes/Crowell Road</p> <p>Support a new cemetery at Crowell End Farm.</p>
Environment, Open Space and Recreation Policies	<p>Parks &amp; Open Spaces</p> <p>Sports &amp; Leisure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of open spaces, playgrounds, recreation facilities, allotments and places set aside for nature conservation</li> <li>• Improvements to footpaths and cycle routes - especially with safety in mind – to Thame and Phoenix Trail, Lewknor, schools and shops</li> <li>• More open spaces for all sports – indoor and outdoor – leisure, including swimming, fishing a camping field</li> <li>• Youth facilities for 9-14 year olds</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehearsal studios for bands</li> <li>• Bring tourism to the village with parking to attract cyclists and walkers</li> <li>• Camping field for Scouts, Guides, long distance walkers and cyclists</li> </ul>
Community Facilities	Roads Paths Health and Welfare Schools Community facilities Services	<p>More off-street parking</p> <p>Resurface and mark parking at rear of Church Road shops</p> <p>Consider road and traffic planning before new development</p> <p>One-way traffic flow</p> <p>By-pass</p> <p>Give attention to through traffic and HGVs</p> <p>Maintain/improve bus services</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing provision</p> <p>Wider footpaths, repaired/improved to encourage people to walk</p> <p>Path access to Old Kiln Lakes</p> <p>Safe cycling routes in and out of village</p> <p>Link to Phoenix trail</p> <p>Cycle path for pupils to Lord Williams's School, Thame</p> <p>Improve lighting on paths/fields for dog walking at night</p> <p>Increase provision in GP practices and pharmacy, maybe with Health Centre on Mill Lane site</p> <p>NHS dentist</p> <p>Retain/improve bus services to enable people without cars to access hospitals at Stoke Mandeville, High Wycombe and Thame</p> <p>Increase pre-school and primary school places</p> <p>Secondary school?</p> <p>Improved access to day care facilities</p>
		Additional classrooms in primary schools



		<p>Keep a well-stocked Library open</p> <p>Additional play areas for younger children</p> <p>Public swimming pool needed</p> <p>New village hall on Mill Lane site?</p> <p>More shops to meet demands of new and existing residents</p>
Retail Facilities in the Heart of the Village	<p>Pharmacy</p> <p>Commercial Bank</p> <p>Retail</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Parking</p> <p>Traffic</p>	<p>Additional pharmacy provision</p> <p>Protect the Post Office</p> <p>More shops</p> <p>Banking facilities</p> <p>Retail in Old Kiln Lakes/Golden Hills area</p> <p>New retail site</p> <p>Keep individual shops and petrol station</p> <p>Improve parking and traffic flow</p> <p>Bypass would solve a lot of traffic problems, particularly large lorries on Lower Road and Station Road</p>
Employment Promotion and Development	<p>Traffic</p> <p>Small businesses</p> <p>Other retail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage sustainable means of getting around the village</li> <li>• By-pass to encourage more light industry, more jobs</li> <li>• One-way traffic system, especially High Street</li> <li>• Maintain bus etc. connections</li> <li>• Keep existing business premises rather than change to residential</li> <li>• Workshops or areas to allow small businesses to develop</li> <li>• Identify and encourage local employment opportunities</li> <li>• Working from home</li> <li>• A camping place/hostel/hotel for walkers and visitors</li> <li>• Cycle shop/repair and hardware/DIY shop</li> <li>• SME provision would help create local employment and balance local needs versus commuting</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2 – Significance / Rationale for designation of Local Green Spaces

Note: All are located within Chinnor Village except Henton Village Green

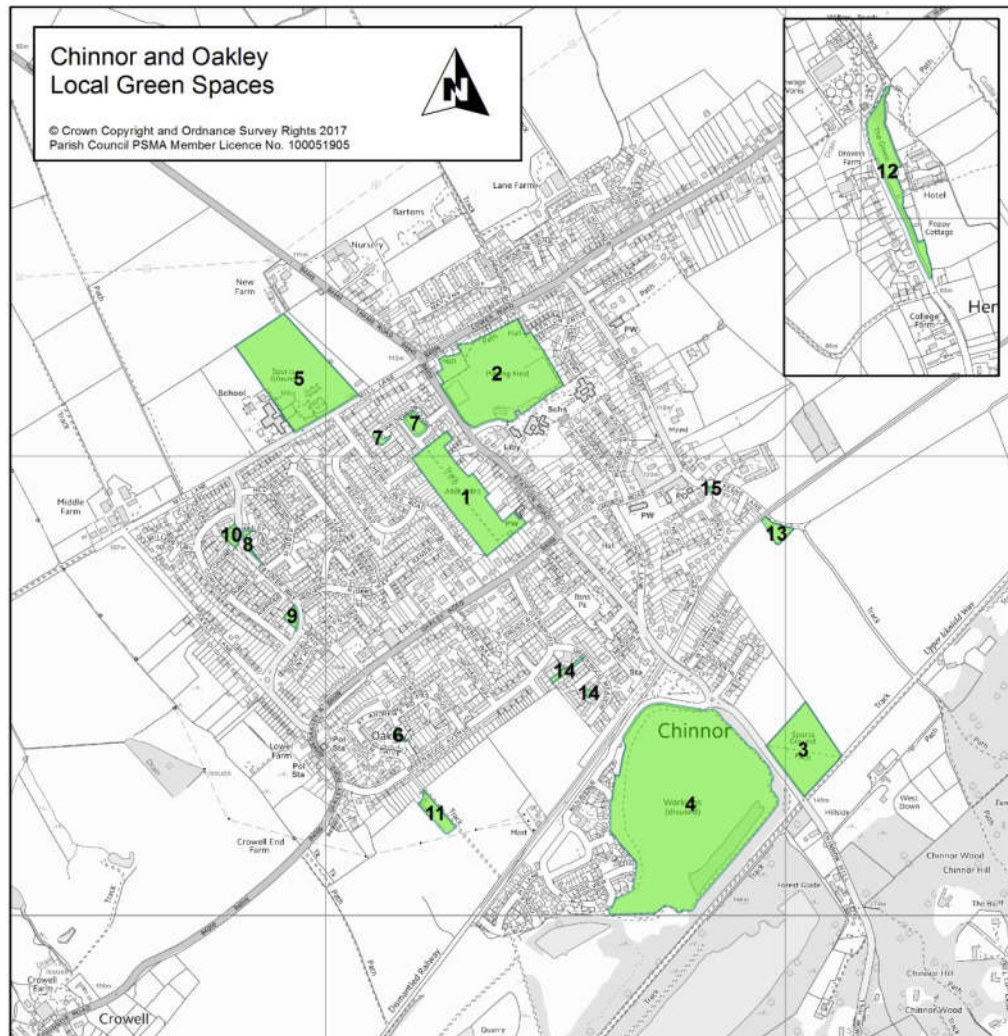
No	Name / Location of local green space	Local / Community / Environmental Value	Size	Proximity
1	Chinnor allotments, off Station Road	Ancient growing rights pre-dating the enclosure act. Over 100 plots. Well used – 99% occupancy. Well maintained by allotment society (over 100 years old). Producing locally grown food. Keeps people fit and healthy. Used in an educational environment. Key players in the annual flower and produce show.	2.59ha	Yes
2	Playing fields to the East of Station Road	Extensive area used as formal playing fields for football and tennis and informal family sports such as cricket, rounders, kite flying etc. and other forms of recreation. Cycle track around area particularly useful for learning to ride a bike. Site of main children's equipped play area, recently refurbished by developer contributions. Adult keep fit equipment. Small copse of trees and shrubs natural to the area and important for wildlife, planted by local residents. Picnic area and meeting place for local groups. Maintained by Parish Council, management committee charitable status. Its importance has been consolidated by the recent construction of the new Chinnor	3.89ha	Yes

		Community Pavilion which houses the Parish Council offices.		
3	Hill Road Recreation area, registered as the Village Green	Used for organised sport including football and informal recreation. Informal play area with skate board ramp. Picnic area and meeting place for local groups. Toilet facilities on site. Used by local residents as well as walkers of the Ridgeway. Maintained by the Parish Council.	1.66ha	Yes
4	Old Kiln Lakes Open Space and play area	Developed recently as part of a wider package with new housing development. Provides facilities for walking, wildlife observation and general recreation. Potential for future leisure and outdoor activities (land still owned by developer Taylor Wimpey). Recreation and children's equipped play area being developed nearby, which will also need safeguarding (land owned by Chinnor Parish Council).		Yes
5	White's Field, off Mill lane	The home of the Chinnor Youth football club, being extensively used for football training and matches. Extensively used for formal and informal sports and recreation. Youth and family meeting place used for picnics, riding bikes, kite flying, golf practice etc. Site of Chinnor Youth Football Pavilion which is also the home of Chinnor Youth Club. The building can also be hired out for other community or private events and activities. Toilet facilities. Within White's Field is the floodlit MUGA, (multi-use games area),	3.18ha	Yes

		<p>which is enclosed by a high fence and built at the request of Chinnor residents. This is very well used for formal as well as informal activities including football, basketball, running and bat and ball games. Used as a resource by adjacent pre-school.</p> <p>White's Field is the home of many Village events such as the annual food festival and the Chinnor flower and produce show in marquee, and national celebrations such as the Queen's birthday celebrations.</p> <p>Historic value with Chinnor Windmill being rebuilt on this site, attracting much local interest and support as well as visitors to the village. Well placed being adjacent to Mill Lane Primary school and two pre-schools with a dedicated car park.</p>		
6	St. Andrew's Road play area	<p>This small play area is equipped to serve a variety of ages, mostly for younger children. It is a very useful open space providing a play area for children at this end of the village, without the need to cross busy roads to access the main play area off Station Road.</p> <p>Maintained by the Parish Council.</p>		Yes
7	Two open spaces within Van Diemens Close	<p>Attractively soft landscaped green areas adding to the amenity value of the surrounding houses. Much is within sight of the houses giving a safety element for young children. Much used by children for</p>	0.25ha	Yes

		outdoor play, bike riding, informal games etc. Access to the main playing fields is across a busy road from this area. Maintained by the Parish Council.		
8	Hayley Croft	Small Landscaped area adding to the amenity value of the adjacent houses. Much is within sight of the houses giving a safety element for young children. Much used by children for outdoor play, bike riding, informal games, adventurous play etc. Access to the main playing fields is across a busy road from this area. Maintained by the Parish Council.		Yes
9	Estover Way open green	Landscaped area with useful trees offering space for adventurous play, informal games and dog walking, for all ages. Maintained by the Parish Council.		Yes
10	Estover Way balancing pond and wildlife area	Secure fenced and gated wildlife area. Maintained by volunteers and the Parish Council. Outdoor nature and wildlife teaching resource, used by local schools and pre-schools, for example sowing wildflower seeds, making a bug hotel and placing bug boxes. Wetland habitat and wildlife environment. Useful trees and shrubs supporting insects, bugs and wildlife. Maintained by the Parish Council, with heavy maintenance undertaken by Thames Water.		Yes
11	Land behind Greenwood Avenue	Good natural habitat with thick growth of trees and shrubs, including indigenous and fruit and		Yes

		nut bearing trees, providing food and habitat for wildlife. Includes TPO trees. Minimum maintenance by Parish Council.		
12	Henton Village Green (within the parish of Chinnor)	The Henton Village Green is an integral part of the character of Henton, providing an informal local green space at the north end of the village. It is used both for family recreation, for children to play and for village events and activities.	1.42ha	Yes
13	Old Orchard at the junction of Donkey Lane and the railway line	This is an ancient orchard containing valuable heritage trees. Currently under private ownership.	0.15ha	Yes
14	Greenwood Meadow open greens	Landscaped areas offering space for adventurous play, informal games and recreation for all ages.		Yes
15	Memorial Garden (Keens Lane where it meets The Avenue)	Landscaped grassed garden with shrubs and trees, seating and waste bin. Used by all ages as a meeting place and also used by people having lunch or a picnic.	94sqm	Yes





### Appendix 3 – Traffic and Transport

The heart of the village is bound by the square consisting of High Street, Church Road, Station Road and Lower Road. Residents from the village use these roads to access the facilities which exist within it or close by shops, doctors' surgeries, library, schools, the Village Centre, Village Hall and churches. It also forms part of the bus routes which service the village. All four roads have cars parked at some point, leading to congestion at peak times in particular and during the day to a lesser extent.

In addition to traffic generated by the residents, the village, due to its location, attracts through traffic to and from the M40, Thame, High Wycombe and Princes Risborough, the main flow being between the M40 and Princes Risborough. The principal route for this traffic uses Lower Icknield Way, Lower Road and Station Road. Traffic between Thame and the M40 is not insignificant, adding more to the Station Road volume and congestion on Thame Road.

In all the amount of traffic using the two main roads puts considerable pressure on the two junctions which service them. The Mill Lane cross roads and the Oakley Road roundabout are of some concern to the residents.

This inevitably has led to traffic diverting along the High Street or Mill Lane to avoid either congested roads or queues at the junctions. Neither of these options is desirable. It is of concern that the additional housing, commercial and retail expansion in Thame, plus the unknown but potentially large expansion of Princes Risborough and Saunderton, will add considerably to the existing problems in Chinnor.

There is no evidence that any of the recent major planning applications have taken these future demands on our infrastructure into account. It is vital that planning applications bring this to light in their Traffic Assessments. In addition, the assessments should also give figures for all major routes and junctions within and on the outskirts of the village.

Lower Icknield Way has been highlighted as a particular hot spot by residents. There is concern regarding safety, pavements, parking, speed bumps, speeding, HGVs and congestion. This road carries the Princes Risborough traffic and is extremely sensitive to any further increase in volume. Access whether on foot or by car was also noted as poor for residents of Old Kiln Lakes. Lack of parking generally for amenities, but in particular shops and

doctors comes top of the list.

Suggestions have been made by residents to alleviate the traffic problem including: parking/speed restrictions, one way system, a bypass which would allow removal from Chinnor Village of HGV through traffic and direct access to the B4009 from Old Kiln Lakes.

The main roads around the village centre and beyond are deemed unsuitable for cyclists whether for pleasure or as a means of transport. Access to Thame as the nearest town for schools, shopping and employment, Princes Risborough and Lewknor for rail and bus links would benefit from the addition of suitable cycle paths. A cycle link to the Phoenix trail, the Ridgeway and improving use of the westward Lower Icknield Way could provide a solution to some of these problems.

For pedestrians within the centre of the village areas of concern include narrow/unmaintained pavements and insufficient Zebra crossings. Beyond the village, the absence of any paths along the B4009 has been criticised.

### Future aspirations

It is an aspiration of the Plan ultimately to create a series of interconnected pedestrian and cycle corridors encouraging residents to travel by foot or cycle to village amenities rather than by car. This will also create safer wheelchair and mobility scooter routes.

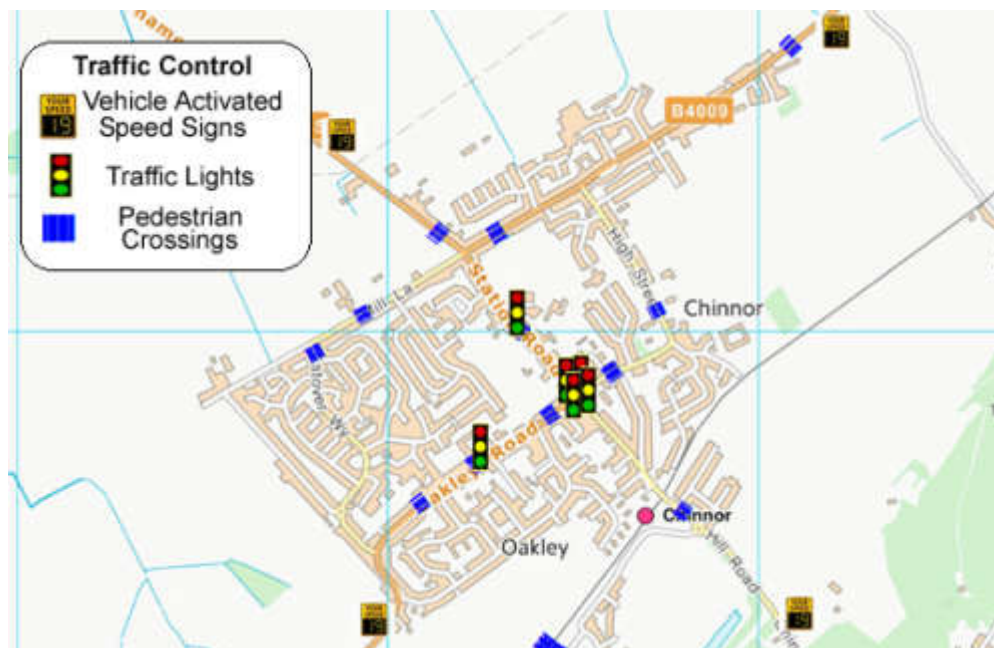
The Plan has identified a series of routes that it would want to develop to facilitate and encourage cycling and walking. These would be clearly marked and well-maintained footpaths and road crossings, plus an on-road cycling space to create a two-way pedestrian and cycle corridor.

- Chinnor Parish Network route A: from the boundary of Chinnor Parish on the B4009 towards Crowell, along the B4009, around the Chinnor Village Square, to the junction of the B4009 with the Henton road.
- Chinnor Parish Network route B: from the boundary of Chinnor Parish on the Thame Road from Emmington, along Station Road, around the Chinnor Village Square, and along Chinnor Hill to the junction with the Ridgeway.
- Chinnor Parish Network route C: from the junction with Oakley Road, along Estover Way and Mill Lane to the junction with Station Road.

Routes A and B would terminate in such a way as to enable adjacent Parishes to connect directly should they choose to, with the aspiration that

this may create an extended network for pedestrians and cyclists to amenities beyond the Chinnor Parish. Refer to map below.





## Public Transport

The transport services, while seemingly under threat, may not answer the requirements of the village. Improved access to Princes Risborough, Lewknor, Stoke Mandeville among others have been requested. There are no evening services.

It has been suggested that restoring public rail services from the Chiltern Line at Princes Risborough to Chinnor in conjunction with the Chinnor and Princes

Risborough Railway would benefit the community. This is a preserved heritage railway which is a thriving tourist asset contributing to the local economy.

## Appendix 4 – Design Guidance

### Introduction

This document sets out best practice for new developments within the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan area. It should be read in conjunction with Policy CH C1 of the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan.

The guidance builds upon and provides a local context to the following documents:

The South Oxfordshire Design Guide 2016 published by South Oxfordshire District Council:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/conservation-and-design/design/design-guide>

The Chilterns Buildings Design Guide 2010 published by the Chilterns Conservation Board:

<http://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/planning-development/buildings-design-guidance.html>

The Chilterns Conservation Board Management Plan:

<http://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/management-plan.html>

### Design Principles

The following design principles will apply to all new development within the Village of Chinnor and the settlement of Henton:

#### Roof Design

There is a widespread use of well accepted roof forms, predominantly clay tiled, double pitched and dormered, which have a timeless quality and which are suitable for new building.

#### Building orientation and layout

Building lines are important, to prevent the overpowering of neighbouring properties, particularly with bulky double garage placements.



## Scale and Density

New buildings should respect the scale, density, style, and general line of existing buildings. Any proposed housing development should be of a scale suitable to its immediate environs and should aim to meet the local needs of Chinnor.

The shape, bulk and proportion of new buildings are an important consideration and developers will be expected to address these issues carefully in emerging proposals. Three storey dwellings will not be supported, 2.5 storey dwellings will be supported in new developments with the Chinnor Village setting provided that they are not grouped together in such a way as to create an overbearing mass.

## Materials

All materials should be of good quality, sympathetic, and appropriate in colour and form to harmonise with their surroundings.

Recommended materials are set out below:

- Bricks of an appropriate colour for the area, usually shades of orange/red and terracotta with limited use of grey for contrast. The texture of bricks should match those typical of the area. Ideally, they should be handmade or appropriately machine textured. The use of joint together with brick is appropriate in the Chilterns area and will promote integration with existing building in Chinnor.
- Plain red clay tiles or natural slate roofs (often with clay ridge tiles) are the predominant roofing materials in most locations.
- Buildings in a traditional style should use windows appropriate to the style; fake traditional styles of window should not be used.

## Porches

Porches and small scale elements break up surfaces. The porch should match the proportions, architectural style and materials of the main building. It should not look as if it has been added as an afterthought or for purely decorative effect. Open porches, canopies and hoods are more easily integrated with the building.



## Curtilage Details

A soft zone between the building and the public boundary should be provided by hedgerows and/or planting to frontages and space around buildings. Bland car parking areas to frontages shall be avoided. Off-street car parking shall be provided for a minimum of two cars.

## Architectural Details

New developments should incorporate architectural details which enhance the traditional rural village quality of the Parish. In particular, the following traditional design details should be incorporated:

- Corbelled brick cornicing rather than featureless deep bargeboards
- Window reveals to be used that ensure that windows are recessed by at least 50 millimetres into the wall for greater shadow and relief

## Relationship to settlement pattern

Any future development should respect the basic settlement pattern of the Parish and its location in close proximity to the Chilterns AONB. Ribbon development will not be permitted. Any proposed housing development should acknowledge the Chinnor context and avoid 'pattern book' designs.

Similar design principles will apply to all new development within the smaller hamlets of Emmington, Lower Wainhill, Spriggs Alley and Chinnor Hill and within the AONB. Moreover, recognition must be given to the broad aims of the Chilterns Conservation Board's Management Plan to ensure that development conserves and enhances the special qualities and characteristics of the Chilterns. The distinctive character of the built and natural environment of the Chilterns shall not be degraded or subject to any negative impacts of development.

## Appendix 5 – Environmental Data

### Tree and Hedge Survey Results - significant hedgerows and trees within Chinnor Village

Chinnor village residents were asked to identify significant trees and hedges within the village envelope that they considered made a significant contribution to the local environment and which they considered should be protected from harm should any development take place in that locality. The location of these trees and hedges has been identified and shown on the map at the end of the appendix. Photographs were also taken in some instance as evidence. These are listed below.

The results of this neighbourhood survey constitute a watch list which the Parish Council can use for reference when considering applications for new developments in the future. The survey results were checked against the Tree Preservation Order Register for Chinnor (OX 39 postcode). The results of the survey of significant trees and hedgerows are listed below. None of the locations listed appeared on the current Register.

TH1 Along Thame Road on west side entering village.

TH2 Opposite 2-16 Lower Icknield Way.

TH3 Hedgerow each side of Donkey Lane going up to the Ridgeway.

TH4 Old orchard at the bottom of Donkey Lane on south side of the railway line.

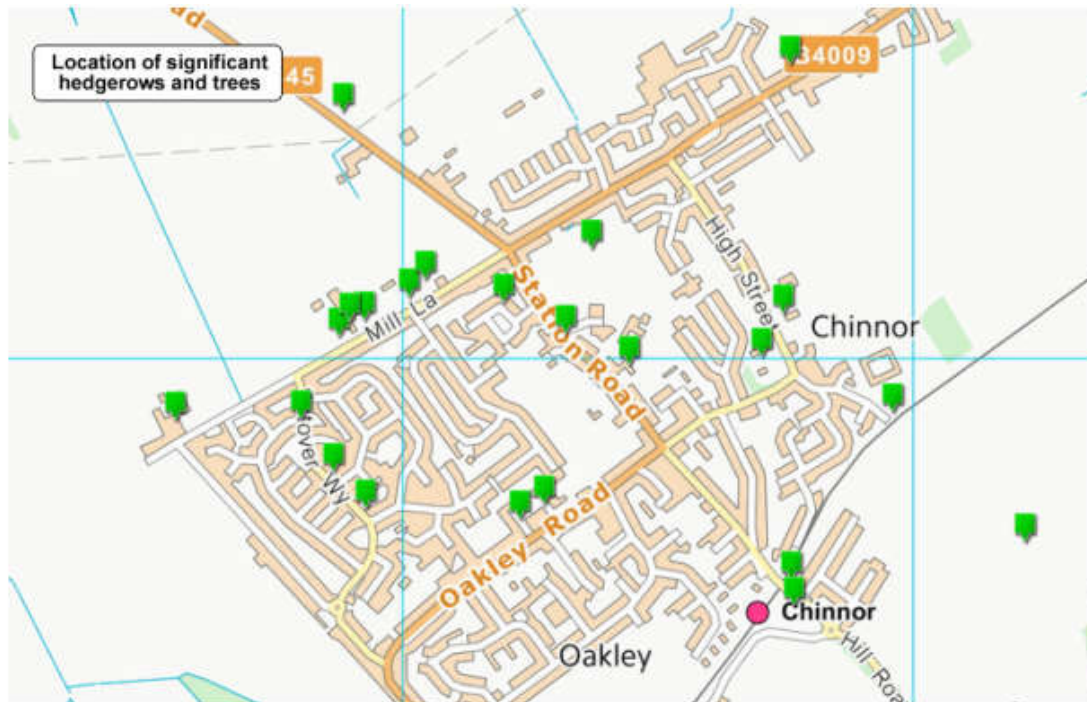
TH5 Hedgerow and associated trees each side of Station Road above the railway bridge going up to the recreation ground. The hedgerow and associated trees (including some in the field) on the recreation ground itself.

TH6 Two areas of trees and orchids maintained by the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway Association on their station site.

TH7 Conigre field willow trees which are historic and the hedging around the fence which borders Station Road and St Andrew's primary school grounds.

TH8 The Rectory garden's trees on Church Road.

- TH9 Row of large Corsican Pines in the grounds of 24 Oakley Road.
- TH10 Two large Beech trees in the grounds of 18 Oakley Road.
- TH11 Enclosed garden area behind the wall opposite the War Memorial in the High Street.
- TH12 Pond in Estover Way.
- TH13 Large ash tree at back of Old Forge, Station Road.
- TH14 Large London Plane in Duck Square just by the Wee Bookshop & Cafe.
- TH15 Trees on the 'green' in van Diemens (Note this land is a Local Green Space).
- TH16 Trees at the junction of Cherry Tree Road and Mill Lane including a Corsican pine.
- TH17 Large ash tree at 35 Mill Lane.
- TH18 The hedgerow which runs down north side of Mill Lane.
- TH19 Remnant of old orchard on farmland at the west end of Mill Lane.
- TH20 Cherry tree at 41 Mill Lane (relic of former cherry orchards).
- TH21 Large Sycamore in the grounds of Mill Lane school grounds by entrance.
- TH22 Group of trees on verge of Estover Way opposite turn to Hedgerley south entrance.
- TH23 Estover Way.



#### [List of suitable native hedge planting](#)

HAZEL (*Corylus avellana*)

QUICKTHORN (*Crataegus monogyna*, Hawthorn, May, Whitethorn)

BLACKTHORN (*Prunus spinosa*, Sloe)

MAPLE, FIELD (*Acer campestre*)

HOLLY (*Ilex aquifolium*)

WAYFARING TREE (*Viburnum lantana*)

BUCKTHORN, COMMON OR PURGING (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

SPINDLE (*Euonymus europaeus*)

### Future Local Green Spaces for recent new developments proposals.

No	Name / Location of local green space	Local / Community / Environmental Value	Size	Proximity
A	Area on the Taylor Wimpey Site behind Glynswood	This site has a central green open space which will include a small play area, and a wildlife area on two sides, one alongside the railway line and one along one other side. These areas will be maintained by Taylor Wimpey. The wildlife area to be cut down and raked annually only, in September, to using means to preserve the flora, fauna and wildlife.	0.17ha	Yes
B	Land to rear of houses on Greenwood Avenue from no. 31 to South East	10m wide strip to be preserved as a wildlife corridor and amenity space, approximately 50m long to complete the corridor connection on the Taylor Wimpey site.	0.18ha	Yes

