

Delegated authority officer decision notice

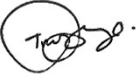
Decision made by	Tim Oruye - Head of Policy and Programmes
Lead officer contact details	Email address: tim.oruye@southandvale.gov.uk Phone number: 07849701774
Decision	To approve the modifications to the Benson Review Neighbourhood Development Plan, detailed in Table 1, to correct spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with improvements from a presentational perspective.
Key decision?	No
If key decision, has call-in been waived by the Scrutiny Committee chair(s)?	N/A
Confidential decision, and if so under which exempt category?	No
Delegated authority reference from the constitution	At its Council meeting on 14 March 2023, South Oxfordshire District Council resolved to authorise the Head of Policy and Programmes, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body – Benson Parish Council, to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.
Risks	The council is required to publish the final made version of a neighbourhood plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The modification in this decision is necessary in the preparation of the made version of the plan to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in previous iterations. The council's decision to make modifications to the plan could be challenged, however, the council has followed all appropriate processes and the nature and scale of the changes are very limited, making any challenge unlikely.
Reasons for decision	Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ("the Regulations") allows the Council to modify a neighbourhood development plan to correct errors with the permission of the Qualifying Body. The Council brought the Benson Neighbourhood Plan Review into legal

force on 14 March 2023; and Delegated to the Head of Policy and Programmes, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

The Qualifying Body – Benson Parish Council - asked the Council to make the following modifications:

Table 1		
Section	Proposed Change	Reason/ Justification
Page 28	Para 3.12 Insert 'The' before 'Local Plan 2035'	Grammatical correction.
Page 73	Paragraph 9.16 replace 'OCC' with 'Oxfordshire County Council'	Factual correction to improve clarity and accuracy.
Page 138	Insert 'Source: Environment Agency & Ordnance Survey'	Factual correction for clarity and accuracy.
Appendix A: Site Assessments – Front cover	Delete 'Submission Version – Sept 2022' Replace 'Appendix A is retained unchanged in this Plan Revision as' with: 'Just one minor amendment to the text for BEN 9 (Benson Materials Store) has been made to Appendix A in this Plan Revision. Otherwise, the Appendix is retained unchanged, to provide'	Factual correction to improve clarity and accuracy.
Appendix B: Design Statement – Front cover	Delete 'Submission Version- Sept 2022'	Factual correction to improve clarity and accuracy.
Appendix B: Design Statement – Page 3	Format contents page	Factual correction to improve clarity and accuracy.

The Council considers the modifications proposed by Benson Parish Council necessary for the purposes of correcting spelling, grammatical and typographical or factual errors. These modifications have been

	<p>incorporated into the made version of the Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan Review.</p> <p>In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012, a copy of this Decision Notice will be available to view on the council's website (https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/benson-neighbourhood-plan/) and at the location set out at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The made version of the Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan Review is available at Appendix 2.</p>			
Alternative options rejected	N/A			
Implications (Climate & Ecological, Legal, Financial, Procurement, Other).	The Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan Review was adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council on 14 March 2023: there are no further implications to highlight.			
Background papers considered	N/A			
Declarations/ conflict of interest?	No			
Consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Relevant Cabinet member	Councillor Anne Marie Simpson	Agreed	26/10/2023
Decision maker's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	<p>Signature: </p> <p>Date: 31/10/2023</p>			

Appendices

Appendix 1

This Decision Notice constitutes ‘the Modification Document’ required under Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The modified Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan Review can be inspected on the council’s website <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/benson-neighbourhood-plan/> , as well as at:

Reception, South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE	If you would like to view these documents at the Council offices, please contact us on 01235 422600 or email planning.policy@southandvale.gov.uk to book an appointment.
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In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2021, a copy of this Decision Notice (‘the Modification Document’) has been sent to:

- The qualifying body, namely Benson Parish Council
- Any person who asked to be notified of the decision

Appendix 2

The Benson Neighbourhood Development Plan – adopted March 2023.