

4 Key Sustainability Issues and Likely Evolution without the Plan

- 4.1 Analysis of the baseline information has enabled a number of key sustainability issues facing Cherwell to be identified. Identification of the key sustainability issues and consideration of how these issues might develop over time if the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is not prepared help to meet the requirements of Annex 1 of the SEA Directive to provide information on:

“the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan; and

any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan.”

- 4.2 A set of key sustainability issues for Cherwell was previously identified and set out in the SA Reports for the adopted Local Plan Part 1. That list of key issues was reviewed in the SA Scoping Report for the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review to reflect the updated baseline information and refined to be more concise. These issues have been further revised following further consultation. The revised set of key sustainability issues is presented in **Table 4.1** overleaf. The Council’s Partial Review also sets out key issues.
- 4.3 It is also a requirement of the SEA Directive that consideration is given to the likely evolution of the environment in the plan area (in this case Cherwell) if the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review was not to be implemented. This analysis is also presented in **Table 4.1**, in relation to each of the key sustainability issues.
- 4.4 The information in **Table 4.1** shows that, in general, the current trends in relation to the various social, economic and environmental issues affecting Cherwell (and where relevant Oxford) would be more likely to continue without the implementation of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review although the policies in the adopted Local Plan Part 1 will go some way towards addressing many of the issues. In most cases, the emerging Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review offers opportunities to directly and strongly affect existing trends in a positive way, through an up-to-date plan which reflects the requirements of the NPPF and buildings on the adopted Local Plan Part 1 policies. These issues may also be addressed in Local Plan Part 2.

Table 4.1 Key Sustainability Issues for Cherwell (and Oxford where relevant) and Likely Evolution without the Local Plan Part 1 Review

| Key Sustainability Issues for Cherwell and Oxford | Likely Evolution without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review |
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| <p>Climate change is likely to affect biodiversity, increase hazards from fluvial flooding, increase the problem of low flow rivers during the summer and also affect the social and economic aspects of life.</p> | <p>Climate change is likely to have ongoing effects regardless of the adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, although the adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to address this issue, and these could continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. These policies include ESD 1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change, which requires development to be located in sustainable locations, maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport, be resilient to climate change, minimise the risk of flooding and reduce the effects on the microclimate; ESD 2: Energy Hierarchy and Allowable Solutions, which encourages reducing energy, supplying energy efficiently and making use of renewable energy; ESD 3: Sustainable Construction, which states that all new development must contain sustainable design and construction technology including high levels of water efficiency, meets or exceeds BREEAM 'Very Good' rating. The Local Plan Part 2 offers the opportunity to build on these policies through other development management policies.</p> |
| <p>Cherwell District contains many areas of high ecological value including sites of international and national importance (in particular Oxford Meadows SAC which spans the border between Cherwell District and Oxford City). These are under threat from urban pressures, including disturbance and damage from recreational use.</p> | <p>Pressures on the natural environment in Cherwell are likely to continue regardless of the adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, although the adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to address these pressures, including ESD 10: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity and the Natural Environment, ESD 11: Conservation Target Areas which requires proposed development within or adjacent to a Conservation Target Area to provide biodiversity surveys and a report will be required to identify constraints and opportunities for biodiversity enhancement; and ESD 9: Protection of the Oxford Meadows SAC. Without the site allocations to be made in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review for meeting Oxford's housing needs, further development may not come forward in the most appropriate locations and impacts on biodiversity could be inappropriate.</p> |
| <p>The countryside is continuously under pressure from urban influences and the demand for new development is strong.</p> | <p>Pressures on the countryside are likely to continue regardless of the adoption of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, although the adopted Local Plan Part 1 already allocates large scale development sites which will focus much of the new development in the District in those areas which have been subject to SA through the preparation of the Local Plan Part 1 and selected by the Council as the most appropriate locations for development at the time. Without the site allocations to be made in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review for meeting Oxford's housing needs, further development may not come forward in the most appropriate locations and impacts on the countryside could be inappropriate.</p> |

| Key Sustainability Issues for Cherwell and Oxford | Likely Evolution without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review |
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| <p>The District has significant areas of landscape importance, including the Cotswolds AONB, and Oxfordshire Character Areas.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to protect and enhance the landscape, including ESD 12: Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which seeks to protect and enhance the AONB; and ESD 13: Local Landscape Protection and Enhancement, which aims to enhance the character and appearance of Cherwell's landscape.</p> <p>The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review builds on these overarching policies through new strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on the landscape through the SA. Without the site allocations to be made in the Local Plan Part 1 Review, further development may not come forward in the most appropriate locations and impacts on the landscape could be inappropriate.</p> |
| <p>Development in the south of Cherwell District and Oxford is constrained by the Oxford Green Belt.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to protect the Green Belt, specifically ESD 14: Oxford Green Belt which requires development to maintain the boundaries of the Green Belt and to be within the character of the designation.</p> <p>As part of the Local Plan Part 1 Review, the findings of the countywide Green Belt Study (2015) and District-wide Green Belt Study (2017) will be taken into account, when considering locational options for meeting Oxford's unmet need within Cherwell District. Green Belt land is planned for removal from the Green Belt to accommodate development, but without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review unmet housing need would not be met. The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review identifies strategic and site allocation policies following consideration of their impacts through the SA.</p> |
| <p>Conserving and enhancing designated and non-designated heritage assets, such as historic Oxford and the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site, and the contribution made by their settings and addressing heritage assets at risk from neglect, decay, or development pressures.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to protect and enhance the historic environment, including ESD 15: The Character of the Built and Historic Environment, which requires development in the vicinity of any distinctive natural or historic assets, to deliver high quality design that complements the asset.</p> <p>While that policy would continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, the Part 1 Partial Review builds on this overarching policy through new strategic and site allocation policies following consideration of their impacts on the historic environment through the SA.</p> |
| <p>There are a series of rivers that pass through the area that can cause serious flooding.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to reduce flood risk in the District including ESD 6: Sustainable Flood Risk Management, which seeks to reduce flood risk in the District and safeguarding floodplains and not increasing flood risk</p> |

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| <p>The amount of water abstracted for Banbury and for agricultural purposes has resulted in low flows. This is adversely affecting the biological and ecological statuses of watercourses in the District.</p> | <p>elsewhere; ESD 7: Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), which requires all development to use SuDS for the management of surface water run-off.</p> <p>The policy would continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. New development can increase the risk of flooding but the Part 1 Partial Review builds on this overarching policy through strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on the risk of flooding through the SA.</p> <p>As the Part 1 Review seeks to meet a portion of Oxford's unmet housing need within Cherwell, it is likely to increase demand for water resources. However, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 includes policies to protect water courses in the District including ESD 8: Water Resources, which will only permit development where adequate water resources exist and that do not adversely affect the water quality.</p> <p>The policy would continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. New development may contribute towards issues relating to water quantity and quality but the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review builds on this overarching policy through strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on the water environment through the SA.</p> |
| <p>The water environment suffers from degraded physical habitat, localised low flows and diffuse pollution. The Oxford Meadows SAC is potentially adversely affected by changes to water quality and quantity.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 already includes policies seeking to protect and enhance water quality including ESD 8: Water Resources, which seeks to maintain water quality, ensure of adequate water resources and promote sustainability in water use; ESD 9: Protection of the Oxford Meadows SAC, which requires development to have no adverse effects on the water quality or quantity of any adjacent or nearby watercourses.</p> <p>The policy would continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. New development may contribute towards issues relating to the water environment but the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review builds on this overarching policy through strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on the water environment through the SA.</p> |
| <p>There are increasing demands for energy provision predicted for the future. Some parts of the community experience fuel poverty.</p> | <p>Although the District's energy consumption is decreasing, the 1,142 additional homes per annum or a total of 22,840 dwellings in the plan period could increase demand for and energy consumption in Cherwell. In addition, the Part 1 Partial Review seeks to meet a portion of Oxford's unmet housing need within Cherwell, therefore it is likely to further increase demand for energy.</p> |

| Key Sustainability Issues for Cherwell and Oxford | Likely Evolution without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review |
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| <p>Poor air quality is experienced in some parts of Cherwell due to high concentrations of Nitrogen Oxide. There are already three AQMAs designated in the District, with a fourth recommended for designation. The Oxford Meadows SAC has the potential to be adversely affected by air pollution.</p> | <p>However, the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review builds on this overarching policy through new strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts in the SA.</p> <p>Although Policy ESD10 requires air quality assessment for development proposals likely to have significant negative impacts on biodiversity, there are no dedicated policies in Local Plan Part 1 that address AQMAs (Air Quality Management Areas). The adoption of the emerging Local Plan Part 2 would offer an opportunity to include a policy that could help to reduce the degradation of air quality in the District, and the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review identifies new strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on air quality through the SA.</p> |
| <p>Increasing urbanisation and the demand for further travel has resulted in a loss of tranquillity and increased light pollution.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review seeks to meet a portion of Oxford's unmet housing need within Cherwell, therefore it could increase the need to travel and levels of light pollution and the trend could be exacerbated. However, the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review identifies strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts on light pollution and tranquillity through the SA.</p> |
| <p>The age structure of the population currently shows a significantly below average representation of retired people, however this is predicted to increase significantly. This will have implications for the economy, service provision, accommodation and health.</p> | <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 (Policy BSC4) expects new development to provide for a mix of homes which responds to both housing need and market conditions. It addresses specifically the need to respond to an aging population by requiring large housing sites to provide specialist housing for older people.</p> <p>While such policies would continue to apply in the absence of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, the Review builds on this overarching policy through strategic and site allocation policies selected following consideration of their impacts through the SA.</p> |
| <p>House prices in the area are higher than the national average and wages below the regional average. There is a shortfall in the supply of new housing in both Cherwell District and Oxford City and a need for affordable homes.</p> | <p>The proportion of new housing that will be affordable was determined through the adopted Local Plan Part 1 through policy BSC 3: Affordable Housing, which requires a minimum of 30% of housing to be affordable at Banbury and Bicester and 35% at Kidlington and elsewhere. Without the implementation of policies and proposals in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review there may be less certainty about the delivery of that affordable housing.</p> <p>The acute lack of affordable homes in Oxford will be more difficult to address especially as between 24,000 and 32,000 houses are needed in the city between 2011 and 2031 and the house prices are around 50% more than the national average and 11 times more</p> |

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| <p>The District's Strategic Economic Growth Study highlights that Cherwell benefits from high economic activity, driven by the presence of key high value sectors that have settled in this area, combined with an ageing population presents challenges to developing the local economy.</p> | <p>than the average salary of an Oxford worker. It is estimated that 1,029 affordable homes are needed per year in Oxford. Student accommodation is also a consideration in Oxford's housing supply as between the two universities, over 6,000 students live outside of university accommodation.</p> <p>Local Plan Part 1 contains policies and proposals, including for employment development, which will help to consolidate and expand the growing high value economic activity in the District between Oxford and Milton Keynes.</p> <p>The proportion of new housing that will be affordable was determined through the adopted Local Plan Part 1 through policy BSC 3: Affordable Housing, which requires a minimum of 30% of housing to be affordable at Banbury and Bicester and 35% at Kidlington and elsewhere. The increased provision of new and affordable homes within the District through the allocation of housing developments to meet Cherwell and Oxford's housing needs will make it easier for younger generations to live and work in the District, helping to feed the growing economy.</p> |
| <p>Cherwell and Oxford on average are not generally deprived. However, particular pockets of deprivation exist.</p> | <p>Both Cherwell and Oxford are in the 35% least deprived areas in England, however they both have parcels of deprivation. Oxford has 10 neighbourhood areas that are among the 20% most deprived areas in England.</p> <p>The adopted Local Plan Part 1 contains policies and proposals, including for employment development, which will help to address deprivation. The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review builds on this and enables opportunities to access employment.</p> |
| <p>The health and well being of the population in Cherwell is generally the same or better than the England average. However, as at the national-level, the main health priorities for Cherwell are reducing obesity in children and adults, increasing physical activity, and improving access to screening programmes.</p> | <p>New development may increase congestion and air pollution to the detriment of the local population's health and well being. However, the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review allocates new housing sites in close proximity to existing centres of services and facilities as well as establishes new sustainable transport links and recreation areas to encourage physically active and healthier lifestyles. Without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review this issue may be less well addressed.</p> |
| <p>Car ownership in the area is high, and there are serious congestion problems in key locations, including around Kidlington and the approach into Oxford.</p> | <p>New development may increase congestion but the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review allocates new housing sites that encourage the use of sustainable transport and are allocated following consideration of their impacts on transport patterns through the SA. Without the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review this issue may be less well addressed.</p> |

5 Sustainability Appraisal Framework

SA objectives

- 5.1 The development of a set of SA objectives (known as the SA framework) is a recognised way in which the likely environmental and sustainability effects of a plan can be described, analysed and compared. A set of SA objectives for the Cherwell Adopted Local Plan Part 1 was developed and used throughout the SA of the Local Plan Part 1 and was subject to consultation with the statutory consultees at that time. The SA objectives were developed from the review of plans, policies and programmes, the collection of baseline information and the identification of the key sustainability issues at that time.
- 5.2 The SA framework that was developed for the Local Plan Part 1 has been used as the starting point for the SA framework for the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. It has been reviewed in light of the revised and updated review of plans, policies and programmes, baseline information and key sustainability issues for Cherwell (as presented in **Chapters 2, 3 and 4**) and amendments have been made to a number of the objectives to ensure that they are appropriate for the SA of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. A small number of changes have been made to some of the sub-objectives in the SA framework in order to ensure that they provide a robust and appropriate basis for the SA and cover only those issues that a Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review can actually influence. None of the changes affect the headline SA objectives. Where appropriate, the assumptions that have been used in the SA of areas of search and site options (described further ahead in this chapter and presented in **Appendix 2** have also been updated to reflect these minor changes to the SA framework.
- 5.3 All of the topics specifically required by the SEA Regulations are clearly addressed by the headline SA objectives. The total number of SA objectives has decreased from 19 to 17, and they have been re-ordered to highlight the SA objectives which relate directly to meeting Oxford's unmet needs and the SA objectives with a particular spatial relevance to Oxford.
- 5.4 The sub-objectives add detail to explain the SA objective and inform the appraisal process. In some cases they are directly linked to the Council's evidence base and/or decision making process for selecting options and policies. For example, the sub-objective relating to the coalescence of settlements.
- 5.5 The principal driver for the Part 1 Partial Review is to accommodate some of Oxford's unmet housing need. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing and employment needs over the Plan period. Therefore, SA objectives relating to the provision of housing and economic growth development have been appraised mainly for effects on the City of Oxford. However, it is recognised that economic effects will be wider and/or consequential.
- SA Objective 1 – To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.
 - SA Objective 16 – To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.
 - SA Objective 17 – To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.
- 5.6 Furthermore, SA objectives considered to be of particular spatial relevance to Oxford as well as Cherwell have been appraised for effects in relation to both the City of Oxford and Cherwell District:
- SA Objective 3 – To reduce poverty and social exclusion.
 - SA Objective 6 – To improve accessibility to all services and facilities.

- SA Objective 10 – To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion.
- 5.7 The remaining SA objectives in Cherwell District's SA Framework relate to sustainability issues in Cherwell, which generally relate to the natural and historic environment in Cherwell, and have therefore only been appraised for effects on Cherwell District.
- 5.8 The review of the SA objectives has sought to avoid duplication and any single SA objective covering too many issues (as this would result in mixed effects always being identified for that SA objective).
- 5.9 Following the consultation on the initial SA Report relating to the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Options Paper in November 2016, a few minor changes were made to the SA Framework. These changes largely represented clarifications and simplifications to wording in response to consultation responses (see **Appendix 4**).
- 5.10 The SA framework for the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is presented in **Table 5.1** below. The final column in the table demonstrates which SA objective addresses each of the topics that are required by the SEA Directive to be covered (set out in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations).

Table 5.1: SA Framework for the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Review¹¹⁶

| SA Objective | Sub-Objective | SEA Topic |
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| SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs (Oxford Effects Recorded) | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | 1. Will it contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing requirements? 2. Will it increase the supply of affordable homes, including for the homeless? 3. Will it encourage a mixed use and range of housing tenure, including meeting affordable housing needs? | Population and Human Health |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | 1. Will it promote accessible employment opportunities? 2. Will it contribute to reducing short and long-term unemployment? | Population and Human Health and Material Assets |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness | 1. Will it encourage new business start-ups and opportunities for local people? 2. Will it improve business development and enhance productivity? 3. Will it enhance the image of Oxford as a business location? 4. Will it encourage inward investment? | Population and Human Health and Material Assets |

¹¹⁶ The SA Framework does not consider Green Belt. However, the effects of options on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape are addressed through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), the effects of options on the setting and special character of historic Oxford are considered under the appraisal of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.

The principle of the loss or use of Green Belt as a policy designation is a matter considered by the Council independently from the SA process. However, it is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.

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| of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>5. Will it make land and property available for business development?</p> <p>6. Will it assist in increasing the viability of the rural and farming economy?</p> <p>7. Will it promote development in key sectors?</p> <p>8. Will it promote regeneration; reducing disparities with surrounding areas?</p> <p>9. Will it promote development in key clusters?</p> <p>10. Will it increase business opportunities in the tourism sector?</p> | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Oxford and Cherwell Effects Recorded) | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <p>1. Will it assist in reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell and Oxford?</p> <p>2. Does the spatial option provide opportunities to contribute towards the regeneration of more deprived neighbourhoods?</p> | Population, Human Health and Material Assets |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <p>1. Will it promote compact, mixed-use development, with good accessibility to local facilities (e.g. employment, education, health services, shopping, leisure, green spaces and culture) that improves accessibility and decreases the need to travel?</p> <p>2. Will it provide convenient access to the cultural offer of Oxford via existing transport links?</p> | Population, Human Health and Material Assets |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | <p>1. Will it address any particular air quality impacts arising from specific operational and/or construction related development activities?</p> <p>2. Will it improve air quality particularly within identified AQMAs?</p> <p>3. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns and reduce the need to travel, particularly in areas of high congestion, including public transport, walking and cycling?</p> <p>4. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns in rural areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce journey times between key employment areas and key transport interchanges?</p> | Air, Climatic Factors, and Human Health |
| Other Social and Economic SA Objectives (Cherwell Effects Recorded) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | <p>1. Will it improve access to doctors' surgeries and health care facilities?</p> <p>2. Will it encourage healthy lifestyles and provide opportunities for sport and recreation?</p> | Population, Human Health and Material Assets |

| SA Objective | Sub-Objective | SEA Topic |
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| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the principles of good urban design in reducing crime promoted as part of the proposal? 2. Will it assist in reducing actual levels of crime? 3. Will it assist in reducing the fear of crime? | Population and Human Health |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve residential amenity (including potential to reduce light, smell and noise pollution) and sense of place? 2. Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live and encourage ownership? | Population, Human Health and Material Assets |
| Environmental SA Objectives (Cherwell Effects Recorded) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it, protect, enhance or restore a locally or nationally designated site of nature conservation importance (including those in Oxford that may be affected by new development in Cherwell)? 2. Will it assist Cherwell District Council's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and/or the Oxfordshire BAP achieve its targets? 3. Will it conserve or enhance biodiversity assets or create new habitats? 4. Will it minimise the fragmentation of existing habitats and enhance, restore or create networks of habitats? 5. Will it conserve and enhance species diversity; and in particular avoid harm to protected species? 6. Will it encourage protection of and increase the number of trees? | Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it protect, enhance and restore the District's natural environment assets (e.g. the countryside, parks and green spaces, common land, woodland and forest reserves, AONBs etc.)? 2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's countryside in a sustainable and well-managed manner? 3. Will it improve the landscape, ecological quality and character of open spaces? 4. Will it enhance the townscape and public realm? 5. Will it prevent coalescence between settlements? | Landscape, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it protect, enhance and restore Cherwell's cultural and heritage assets (e.g. World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens and Conservation Areas) and the setting of historic Oxford? 2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's historic environment in a sustainable and well-managed manner? 3. Will it help preserve and record archaeological features? | Cultural Heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage |

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| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve the water quality of the District's rivers and inland water? 2. Will it enable recycled water to be used? 3. Will it promote sustainable water resource management, provision of new facilities/ infrastructure or water efficient measures? | Water, Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and sewer flooding to people and property? 2. Will it result in inappropriate development in the flood plain? 3. Will it increase the provision of sustainable drainage in new developments? | Water, Soil, Climatic Factors and Human Health |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it maximise the provision of housing development on previously developed land as opposed to greenfield sites? 2. Will it maximise the provision of employment development on previously developed land as opposed to greenfield sites? 3. Will it maximise housing densities to make efficient use of land? 4. Will it ensure land is remediated where appropriate? 5. Will it reduce the loss of soil and high grade agricultural land to development? | Soil, Climatic Factors |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the adoption of sustainable design in construction practices and the use of recycled materials? 2. Will it promote the use of locally and sustainably sourced, and recycling of materials in construction and renovation? 3. Will it lead to an increase in the proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources? 4. Will it promote the incorporation of small-scale renewable in developments? | Climatic Factors |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote sustainable waste management practices through a range of waste management facilities? 2. Will it reduce hazardous waste? 3. Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? | Soil and Climatic Factors |

Use of the SA framework

- 5.11 The findings of the SA of the areas of search and potential site allocations for the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are presented in SA matrices, which include a colour coded symbol showing the score for the site against each of the SA objectives along with a concise justification for the score given. The detailed SA matrices are presented in **Appendices 4, 5, 6 and 7**.
- 5.12 The use of colour coding in the matrices allows for likely significant effects (both positive and negative) to be easily identified, as shown in the key below.

Key to SA scores

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| ++ | Significant positive effect likely |
| + | Minor positive effect likely |
| 0 | Negligible effect likely |
| - | Minor negative effect likely |
| -- | Significant negative effect likely |
| ? | Likely effect uncertain |
| +/- | Mixed effect likely |
| ++/- | |
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- 5.13 In carrying out the SA use has been made of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) which provide mapped data of key factors of relevance to the identification of significant effects such as:
- Landscape, biodiversity and cultural heritage designations.
 - Agricultural land classifications.
 - Areas at risk of flooding.
 - Mineral deposits.
 - Areas of social deprivation.
 - Location of employment, retail, community facilities (e.g. schools and hospitals), neighbourhood centres.
 - Transport network including public transport (bus, rail).
- 5.14 It has also been informed by the most recent technical studies, such as the Transport Assessment and Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity Assessment.
- 5.15 Cumulative effects have been considered by comparing the likely effects of the strategic and site allocations policies in the Part 1 Partial Review Plan within the context of the adopted Part 1 Plan and the effects identified for the remainder of the Local Plan (in the 2013 original SA Report) in order to consider the cumulative effects of Part 1 Partial Review to the Local Plan as a whole.

Assumptions

- 5.16 SA involves the judging of the effects of a range of reasonable options. However, in order to ensure consistency in the appraisal of the site options, detailed sets of assumptions have been developed, and were initially presented in the SA Scoping Report. For each of the SA objectives in the SA framework, a clear set of decision-making criteria and assumptions for determining significance of the effects are set out. These assumptions, which have largely been applied through the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data, are presented in **Appendix 2**. It is recognised that in some cases site promoters have specified the location of development within promoted sites and this has been considered by the Council in selecting and or allocating land use distribution on sites. However, not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail in the SA, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.
- 5.17 A separate set of assumptions were devised for the appraisal of open space site options, reflecting the fact that new and improved open spaces could affect some of the SA objectives in different ways to the residential site options. The assumptions for the appraisal of open space options are presented in **Appendix 2**.
- 5.18 The assumptions presented in **Appendix 2** have been amended since they were proposed in the SA Scoping Report, in order to reflect the latest SA framework, to ensure that they are appropriate for the Local Plan Part 1 Review, and to take into account evidence and information that has become available since 2015, improving the robustness of the site appraisals. In particular, the assumptions were tailored for the appraisal of both the broad areas of search presented in **Chapter 7** and site options presented in **Chapter 9**.
- 5.19 As outlined in paragraph 5.9, following the consultation on the initial SA Report relating to the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Options Paper in November 2016, a few minor changes were made to the SA assumptions. These changes largely represented clarifications and simplifications to wording in response to consultation responses (see **Appendix 3**). However, four assumptions were rewritten to draw on Cherwell District Council's new Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) work. Three of the assumption revisions related to the assumptions used in the SA of residential site options:
- SA Objective 7 – To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity.
 - SA Objective 8 – To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.
 - SA Objective 9 – To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.
- 5.20 The assumption used in the SA of the open space site options was also revised to draw on the Landscape work for SA Objective 8 – To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.
- 5.21

6 Appraisal of Vision and Strategic Objectives

Introduction

- 6.1 This Chapter sets out the findings of the SA of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Vision and Strategic Objectives. The Vision of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is:

“To provide new development that meets Oxford’s agreed, identified housing needs, supports the city’s world-class economy, universities and its local employment base, and ensures that people have convenient, affordable and sustainable travel opportunities to the city’s places of work, study and recreation, and to its services and facilities. This development will be provided so that it:

- i. creates balanced and sustainable communities*
- ii. is well connected to Oxford*
- iii. is of exemplar design which responds distinctively and sensitively to the local built, historic and environmental context*
- iv. is supported by necessary infrastructure*
- v. provides for a range of household types and incomes reflecting Oxford’s diverse needs*
- vi. contributes to improving health and well-being, and*
- vii. seeks to conserve and enhance the natural environment.”*

- 6.1 During an initial stage of the Sustainability Appraisal process, a draft vision was appraised. The Council describes how the proposed vision was informed by the key issues faced by Oxford in providing new homes, in addressing the unaffordability of housing, in supporting economic growth and in dealing with its land supply constraints. It was informed by the initial sustainability appraisal, other plan evidence and by the outcome of cooperation, consultation and engagement. The Council advises that the proposed vision seeks to respond to the issues involved in accommodating further development in a strongly and rapidly growing Cherwell with the need to protect its environment, to achieve more use of sustainable transport and to protect the identity of existing communities. The vision needs to be read in addition to the existing vision for Cherwell set out at paragraphs A.8 to A.27 of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031.

- 6.2 The council proposed four Strategic Objectives for the purposes of achieving the Vision:

- **SO16** – *To work with Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council, and other neighbouring authorities as required, in delivering Cherwell’s contribution to meeting Oxford’s unmet housing needs with its required infrastructure by 2031.*
- **SO17** – *To provide Cherwell’s contribution to meeting Oxford’s unmet housing needs so that it supports the projected economic growth which underpins the agreed Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014 and the local economies of Oxford and Cherwell.*
- **SO18** – *To provide housing for Oxford so that it substantively provides affordable access to new homes for those requiring ‘affordable’ housing, new entrants to the housing market, key workers and those requiring access to Oxford’s key employment areas, and to provide well designed development that responds to both needs and the local context.*
- **SO19** – *To provide Cherwell’s contribution to meeting Oxford’s unmet housing needs in such a way that it complements the County Council’s Local Transport Plan, including where applicable, its Oxford Transport Strategy and so that it facilitates demonstrable and deliverable improvements to the availability of sustainable transport for access to Oxford.*

- 6.3 The Council advises that the proposed objectives were informed by the key issues faced by Oxford in providing new homes, in addressing the unaffordability of housing, in supporting economic growth and in dealing with its land supply constraints. They were also informed by the initial sustainability appraisal, other plan evidence and by the outcome of cooperation, consultation and engagement. The proposed objectives seek to respond to the issues involved in accommodating further development to deliver the proposed vision.
- 6.4 The existing Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 provides fifteen strategic objectives for Cherwell (SO1 to SO15) in the interest of developing a sustainable local economy, for building sustainable communities and for ensuring sustainable development. Although tailored to meeting Cherwell's needs, all of the objectives remain relevant in planning for the additional housing to meet Oxford's unmet needs. In shaping the vision the Council has been careful not to harm the adopted Cherwell Local Plan strategy.

Summary of effects

- 6.5 This section presents the potential sustainability effects of the Part 1 Review Vision and four Strategic Objectives on the City of Oxford and Cherwell District. The preferred Vision and four Strategic Objectives have been appraised against each SA Objective in the SA Framework. The effects are summarised in **Table 6.1**.

Table 6.1: Summary of effects of Vision and Strategic Objectives

| Vision and Strategic Objectives | SA1: Building Sustainable Homes | SA2: Improving Health and Social Inequality | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA4: Reducing Crime | SA5: Creating Vibrant Communities | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flooding Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities | SA17: Creating Economic Growth |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Vision | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | ++ | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | +/-? | 0 | 0 | + | + | ++ |
| SO16 – Contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet need | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | + | -? | -? | -? | +/-? | 0 | -? | 0 | 0 | + | + | + |
| SO17 – Support economic growth | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | + | -? | -? | -? | +/-? | 0 | -? | 0 | 0 | + | + | ++ |
| SO18 – Provide affordable, well-designed dwellings | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | + | + | + |
| SO19 – Improve sustainable transport links | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | ++ | -? | -? | -? | +/-? | 0 | -? | -? | 0 | + | + | + |

- 6.6 The Vision focusses on the delivery of affordable, well-designed and well-located (i.e. in close proximity to Oxford) homes to contribute towards fulfilling Oxford's unmet housing need. Therefore, a significant positive effect has been identified for SA Objective 1 which promotes the building of sustainable and affordable homes. Significant positive effects have also been identified for SA Objectives 6 and 17 because the Vision emphasises the importance of convenient and sustainable access to Oxford's places of work, study and recreation, as well as its services and facilities. The close proximity of new homes to Oxford, as well as convenient access via sustainable modes of transport has the potential to have a significant positive effect on reducing road congestion and air pollution from transport (SA Objective 10). However, overall, this effect is recorded as mixed and uncertain due to the potential for some minor adverse effects associated with increased construction rates in the short term and population growth in the medium and long term increasing the number of private vehicles on the road network. The significant positive effects of the Vision are likely to result in indirect minor positive effects for SA objectives 2, 3, 5 and 16. Mixed minor positive and minor adverse effects are predicted for SA objectives 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13. The minor adverse effects are due to the fact that a significant increase in the number of homes within the District has the potential have cumulative effects on the area's biodiversity, landscape, cultural heritage, flood risk and agricultural land resource. These minor adverse effects are considered to be uncertain until the exact quantity, location, detailed design, density and landscaping of the homes are known. The minor positive effects are due to the Vision's commitment to respond distinctively and sensitively to the local built, historic and environmental context. Negligible effects are recorded for SA Objectives 4, 11, 14 and 15 as the Vision is unlikely to affect levels of crime, water quality, sustainable resource consumption and waste management.
- 6.7 Strategic Objectives 16 and 18 are broadly considered to have the same effects as the Vision, with the exception that more minor positive effects are recorded under SA Objectives 6, 10 and 17. This is because SO16 and SO18 focus on the delivery of affordable homes rather than their proximity and sustainable accessibility to Oxford. The predicted effects of SO18 slightly differ from those of SO16 because SO18 refers to the need for the design of new homes to respond to the local context. Consequently, it is considered that there is more potential for minor positive effects associated with SA Objectives 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13. Overall, these effects are recorded as mixed uncertain due to the potential for some minor adverse effects associated with a significant increase in development in the area effecting existing biodiversity, landscape and cultural heritage assets, agricultural land resource and increasing flood risk. Again, the uncertainty attached to these effects is because the exact quantity, location, detailed design, density and landscaping of the new homes is unknown.
- 6.8 Strategic Objective 17 is broadly considered to have the same effects as the Vision, with the exception that more minor positive effects are recorded under SA Objectives 6 and 10. This is because SO17 focuses on the delivery of affordable homes with express purpose of supporting the economic growth of Oxford and Cherwell, rather than convenient and sustainable access to Oxford. Consequently, the significant positive effect on SA Objective 17 is retained. In addition, SO17 is considered to have uncertain minor negative effects against SA Objectives 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13.
- 6.9 Strategic Objective 19 is broadly considered to have the same effects as the Vision, with the exception that a more minor positive effect is recorded under SA Objective 17. This is because SO19 focuses on the need for new residential developments to complement the County Council's Local Transport Plan and the Oxford Transport Strategy, so that the developments facilitate improvements sustainable transport network, particularly to and from Oxford, rather than economic growth. Consequently, the significant positive effects on SA Objectives 6 and 10 are retained. In addition, SO19 is considered to have uncertain minor negative effects against SA Objectives 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13.

Selection of Vision and Strategic Objectives

- 6.10 The Council has taken forward the proposed vision into the Plan. It advises: *"The proposed vision is an evolution of the draft vision having regard to the initial sustainability appraisal, other plan evidence and by the outcome of cooperation, consultation and engagement. New elements include responding distinctively and sensitively to the local, built and environmental context; contributing to the improvement of health and well-being and conserving and enhancing the natural environment. This has led to overall improvements in the SA's conclusions on the environmental effects of the vision. There are no significant negative effects identified. The proposed vision has been taken forward as a sound basis for the Plan."*

7 Appraisal of areas of search findings

Introduction

7.1 This Chapter sets out the findings of the SA for the likely environmental, social and economic effects of nine areas of search covering the whole of Cherwell – potential broad locations for accommodating the additional growth. These are:

- Option A – Kidlington & Surrounding Area
- Option B – North & East of Kidlington
- Option C – Junction 9, M40
- Option D – Arncott
- Option E – Bicester and Surrounding Area
- Option F – Former RAF Upper Heyford & Surrounding Area
- Option G – Junction 10, M40
- Option H – Banbury & Surrounding Area
- Option I – Remainder of District / Rural Dispersal

7.2 The location of each area is shown in **Figure 7.1: Areas of Search** and descriptions of each area are set out below.

Area of search A: Kidlington and surrounding area

7.3 The area contains the large village of Kidlington which is surrounded by the Oxford Green Belt. It lies directly to the north of the City of Oxford at the southern end of Cherwell District. The area also contains the smaller villages of Yarnton and Begbroke, as well as the Oxford Spires Business Park and London-Oxford Airport. Oxford Parkway Station, connecting Kidlington to Oxford and Bicester sits within the area. The Rivers Cherwell and Thames and their associated floodplains flow through the area, supporting ecological assets.

Area of search B: North and east of Kidlington

7.4 The area contains the villages of Islip and Shipton-on-Cherwell which lie to the north of Kidlington at the southern end of Cherwell District. Two railway lines run through the two villages; however only Islip has its own station, connecting the village to Oxford and Bicester. The large Shipton-on-Cherwell Quarry sits to the north of the village of Shipton-on-Cherwell. The quarry is designated as a SSSI and Local Wildlife Site and lies adjacent to the River Cherwell and Oxford Canal.

Area of search C: Junction 9, M40

7.5 The area is centred on Junction 9 of the M40 motorway, which connects the area to London and Oxford to the south and Banbury to the north. The village of Wendlebury lies in the centre of the area. A railway line connecting Bicester and Oxford runs through the area, but there is no existing railway station. The town of Bicester sits close to the north eastern edge of the area and is accessible via the A41.

Area of search D: Arncott

7.6 The area lies in the south eastern corner of Cherwell District. The area contains the village of Arncott and three significant areas of development to the west, east and south of the village: Arncott Depot, St Georges Barracks and Piddington Depot.

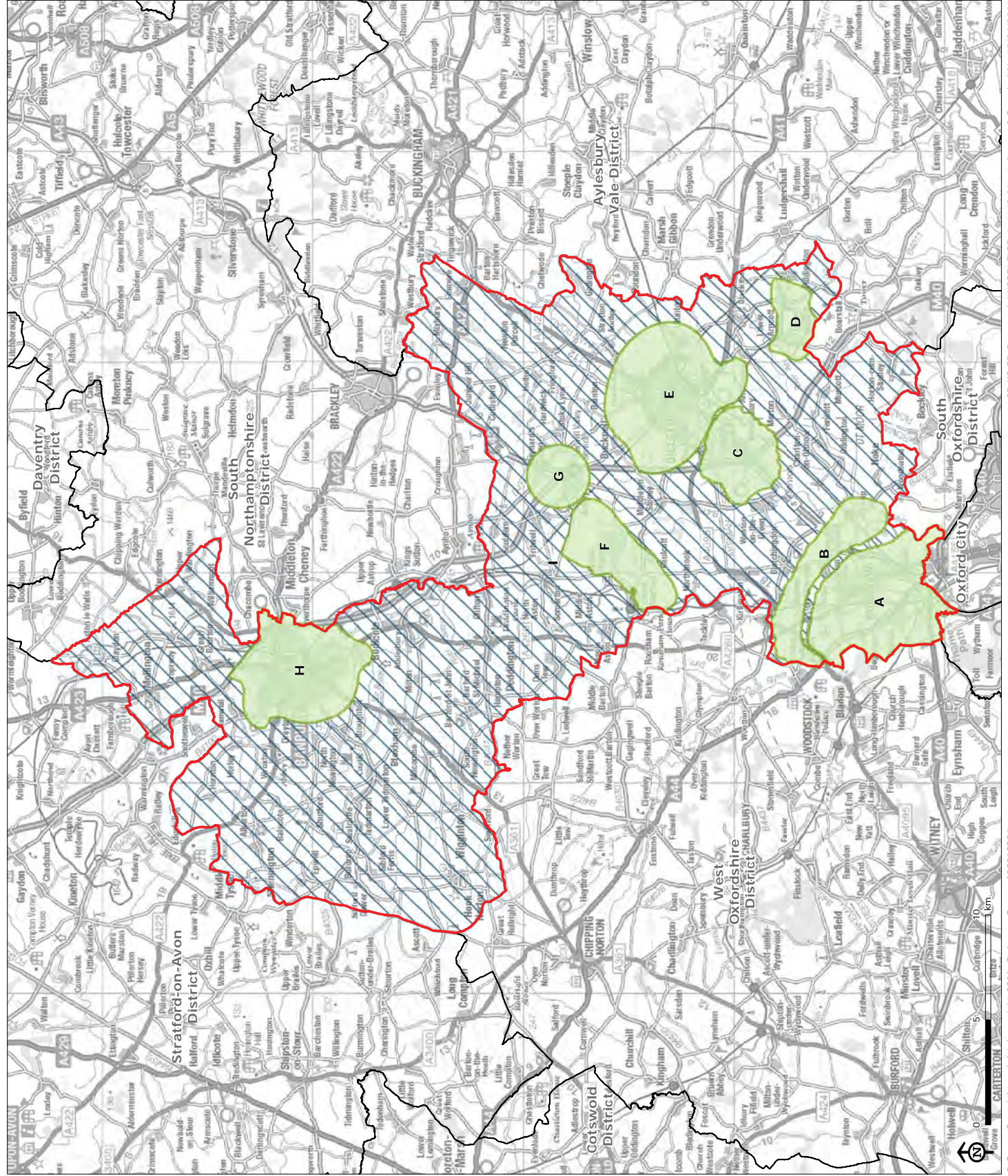
Cherwell Local Plan

Figure 7.1

Areas of Search

- Cherwell District boundary
- Other district boundaries
- Areas of search**
- A to H
- I

Map Scale @ A3: 1:175,000



Area of search E: Bicester and surrounding area

- 7.7 The area contains the town of Bicester and the surrounding area, which includes the villages of Caversfield and Launton. Two railway lines run through the town, connecting the area to Oxford, London and Banbury. Graven Hill depot and Bicester Airfield lie to the south and north of the town respectively.

Area of search F: Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area

- 7.8 The area contains the former RAF Upper Heyford. The base has been allocated in the adopted Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. The area lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford which has a railway station connecting the area to Banbury and Oxford. Much of the area is designated as Conservation Area associated with the historic villages and the former RAF base.

Area of search G: Junction 10, M40

- 7.9 The area is centred on Junction 10 of the M40 motorway, which connects the area to London and Oxford to the south and Banbury to the north. The villages of Ardley and Fewcott and Cherwell Valley Services lie within the area.

Area of search H: Banbury and surrounding area

- 7.10 The area contains the town of Banbury and the surrounding area, which includes the village of Bodicote. A railway line runs through the town, connecting the area to Oxford and Warwick. The River Cherwell and the Oxford Canal flow through the centre of the town. Both the canal and the railway line are bordered by a number of large industrial estates.

Area of search I: Remainder of district / rural dispersal

- 7.11 The area represents the remainder of the District, i.e. the land that does not fall within the other areas of search. The vast majority of the area is rural in nature, containing small hamlets and villages removed from urban centres. The large wetland of Otmoor is situated at the southern end of the area. A small portion of the Cotswolds AONB falls within the north western corner of the area.

Identification of the reasonable alternatives

- 7.12 Although the housing need arises from Oxford, options across the whole District have been examined as reasonable alternatives because Oxfordshire has a countywide Housing Market Area (SHMA, 2014). The Areas of Search have been identified having regard to the location of urban areas, the potential opportunities to develop on previously developed land, received site submissions and 'focal points' or nodes that might be developable.
- 7.13 The Banbury area (Option H), Bicester area (Option E) and Former RAF Upper Heyford (within Option F) are growth locations in the adopted Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 (2011-2031). Options C and G are focused on two strategically significant motorway junctions – 9 and 10 of the M40. Area A has an immediate relationship with Oxford and contains key transport corridors (road and rail). Option B also has a close relationship to Oxford with focal points on transport corridors, at existing settlements or through areas of previously developed land. Option D comprises an area of the district with large areas of previously developed land. Option I forms the district's remaining rural areas where limited development is currently provided for through the adopted Local Plan.
- 7.14 As the purpose of the Partial Review is to meet Oxford's unmet housing need, options close to Oxford, including within the Green Belt cannot be considered to be unreasonable. The Planning Inspector who examined the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031, anticipated that the Green Belt would need to be within scope. His Non-Technical Summary records: *"Add a formal commitment from the Council, together with other relevant Councils, to undertake a joint review of the boundaries of the Oxford Green Belt, once the specific level of help required by the city of*

Oxford to meet its needs that cannot reasonably be met within its present confines, is fully and accurately defined"

- 7.15 The identification of the Areas of Search enables the Council to consider potential development options at a broad area level before considering specific sites within the selected sustainable areas. It has sought to establish a strategic location for growth; one on which to pursue site identification and to identify the specific options that would sustainably deliver the Partial Review's vision and objectives. This is a reasonable and pragmatic approach which avoids what would otherwise be a disproportionate process (in the context of the focused remit of the Partial Review) to consider many more individual sites at a detailed and district wide level. In total, there are 142 identified sites across the district which meet the minimum specified site area of two hectares. All of these sites that are within scope are part of the assessment of Areas of Search.
- 7.16 The Council has consulted on the Areas of Search through formal consultation on an Options Paper and through stakeholder and parish engagement.
- 7.17 The feedback received is documented in the Council's Statement of Consultation. In summary, the following main variations to the Council's approach were suggested:
1. Locating development at the most sustainable Category A villages in Area I.
 2. The strategy should follow that in the adopted Local Plan which should concentrate development at Banbury and Bicester with some limited development in the rural areas.
 3. A combination of Options should be considered. For example, most development in Areas of Search A and B but with some smaller sites allocated in the most sustainable Category A villages.
 4. The consideration of other 'freestanding' locations.
- 7.18 In response to (1) and (4) the Council advises that the consideration of Area I entails the consideration of possible growth at Category A villages in addition to other rural options such as new freestanding locations. This is reflected in the appraisal below and is considered by the Council in selecting its options to take forward to the site assessment stage (see paragraphs 7.69 to 7.91 below).
- 7.19 In response to (2) and (3), the Council considers combinations of Areas of Search in selecting its options to take forward to the site assessment stage (see paragraphs 7.69 to 7.91 below).
- 7.20 The Council's consultation on the Areas of Search was supported by an Initial Sustainability Appraisal and Interim Transport Assessment in addition to the completed work of the Oxfordshire Growth Board.
- 7.21 The appraisal of the Proposed Submission Plan takes into account the Council's evidence base as of the end of May 2017.

Approach to appraisal

- 7.22 Each area of search was appraised against the SA Framework on the assumption that housing growth could be located in any part of each the areas. However it is recognised that strategic development may not be appropriate in all locations within the areas of search. The detailed assumptions for appraising the effects of housing development within the areas of search are set out in **Appendix 2**.
- 7.23 All areas of search were appraised on the same basis using the assumptions set out in **Appendix 2**. This was in order to ensure that all reasonable alternatives for locating the additional development required were appraised in a consistent and systematic manner using the same baseline information where available.

Summary of area of search effects on the City of Oxford

- 7.24 This section presents the areas of search effects on the City of Oxford. These are summarised in and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 4**. These SA findings were considered by Cherwell District Council in identifying the most sustainable and suitable locations (Areas of Search) in which to accommodate Oxford's housing needs. It has allowed the Council to examine how each Area of Search performs in terms of achieving the Vision and Plan Objectives.
- 7.25 The Partial Review of Cherwell District Council's Part 1 Local Plan is intended to accommodate some of Oxford's unmet housing need. Therefore, SA Objectives 1, 16 and 17 in Cherwell District Council's SA Framework were considered to be particularly relevant in appraising the effects of the areas of search on the City of Oxford. Furthermore, SA objectives 3, 6 and 10 were considered to be of particular spatial relevance to Oxford and were therefore also used to appraise effects on the City of Oxford. The remaining SA objectives in Cherwell District's SA Framework relate to sustainability issues in Cherwell and were therefore only appraised for effects on Cherwell District

Table 7.1 : Summary of areas of search effects on the City of Oxford

| SA Objectives of Relevance to Oxford | SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|---|
| | B – North and East of Kidlington | A – Kidlington and surrounding area | E – Bicester and surrounding area | C – Junction 9, M40 | F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | H – Banbury and surrounding area | D – Arcott | G – Junction 10, M40 | I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire | ++ | ++ | +/- | + | +/- | -- | +/- | +/- | -? |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (only Oxford effects recorded here) | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities | ++ | ++ | ++ | + | + | + | -- | -- | -- |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++ | ++/- | ++ | + | + | + | -- | -- | -- |

SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

- 7.26 All nine areas of search are considered to make a significant positive contribution to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need. Given their size, they all have the potential to accommodate all or a substantial amount of the residential development required.
- 7.27 Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

- 7.28 Areas of search A and B scored a significant positive effect against SA objective 16. This is because both areas lie close to the northern edge of Oxford and have good access to jobs in the City via existing public transport and the local road network.
- 7.29 Areas of search C, D, E, F, G and I are considered to make minor positive and minor negative effects against this objective. This is because these areas lie further away from the City of Oxford, which would mean that new residents would have further to travel by public transport network and/or the road network.
- 7.30 Area of search H scored a significant negative effect against SA objective 16. This is because the town of Banbury lies a significant distance from the City of Oxford in the northern half of Cherwell District.
- 7.31 Cherwell's employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.

- 7.32 All nine areas of search are considered to make a minor positive contribution to objective 17. The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect. In addition, indirect minor positive effects on economic growth are also likely in the short term as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.
- 7.33 Cherwell's employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 7.34 All nine areas of search are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 3. Area of search A sits in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford. However, the Oxford communities that border the area are considered to be some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 7.35 Areas of search A, B and E scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of proximity to current sustainable transport links to Oxford and therefore scored a significant positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. This is because areas A and B are in close proximity to the City and Area E, containing Bicester and the surrounding area, has strong public transport connections with the City, including a railway line and bus routes.
- 7.36 Areas of search C, F and H are considered to have a minor positive effect against SA objective 6 either due to their relatively close proximity to the City of Oxford or due to their relatively strong public transport links, most notably via the railway line which runs through the centre of Cherwell District.
- 7.37 Areas of search D, G and I are all considered to score a significant negative effect against SA objective 6 because these areas are more isolated meaning that new residents would most likely have to rely on the road network and private cars to access facilities and services in Oxford.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 7.38 Areas of search A, B and E scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of proximity to current sustainable transport links to Oxford and therefore scored a significant positive effect in relation to air pollution. This is because areas A and B are in close proximity to the City and accessible via more sustainable transport modes and Area E, containing Bicester and the surrounding area, has strong public transport connections with City, including a railway line and bus routes. Area of search A also scores a minor adverse effect against SA objective 10 due to its close proximity to the City of Oxford, including the City's Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), the reasoning being that a significant amount new housing in this area could increase the levels of traffic within the AQMA.
- 7.39 Areas of search C, F and H are considered to have a minor positive effect against SA objective 6 either due to their relatively close proximity to the City of Oxford or due to their relatively strong public transport links, most notably via the railway line which runs through the centre of Cherwell District. Therefore, new residents within these areas could access Oxford without having to rely on carbon intensive private cars.
- 7.40 Areas of search D, G and I are all considered to score a significant negative effect against SA objective 6 because these areas are more isolated meaning that new residents would most likely have to rely on the road network and private cars to access facilities and services in Oxford.

Summary of area of search effects on Cherwell District

- 7.41 This section presents the 'areas of search' effects on Cherwell District. These are summarised in **Table 7.2** and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 4**. These SA findings were considered by Cherwell District Council in identifying the most sustainable and suitable location (Areas of Search) in which to accommodate Oxford's housing needs. It has allowed the Council to examine how each Area of Search performs in terms of achieving the Vision and Plan Objectives.
- 7.42 The principal driver for the Partial Review of Cherwell District Council's Part 1 Local Plan is to accommodate some of Oxford's unmet housing need. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing and employment needs over the Plan period. Therefore, SA objectives relating to the provision of housing and economic growth (SA Objectives 1, 16 and 17) have been appraised for effects on the City of Oxford (as outlined above) and are not presented in this section. In terms economic growth it is recognised there may be wider and secondary effects for Oxfordshire resulting from housing development.

Table 7.2: Summary of Areas of Search effects on Cherwell District

| SA Objectives | SA Objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|---|
| | B – North and East of Kidlington | H – Banbury and surrounding area | A – Kidlington and surrounding area | F – Bicester and surrounding area | F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | C – Junction 9, M40 | D – Arncott | G – Junction 10, M40 | I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal |
| SA Objectives | | | | | | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | +++? | ++ | + | -- | --? |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++ | ++/- | ++/- | ++/- | + | + | + | - | - |
| Other Social and Economic SA objectives (effects only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | + | + | + | + |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Environmental SA objectives (effects only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? |

| SA Objectives | B – North and East of Kidlington | H – Banbury and surrounding area | A – Kidlington and surrounding area | E – Bicester and surrounding area | F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | C – Junction 9, M40 | D – Arncott | G – Junction 10, M40 | I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|---|
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | -? | -? | -? | --? | -? | --? | -? | --? |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | --? | -? | --? | --? |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | -? | - | -? | 0 | 0 | 0 | -? | -? |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | - | - | - | +? | - | +? | - | - |

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 7.43 All but one of the nine areas of search is considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 3. This is because the vast majority of the communities within Cherwell's area of search are considered to be some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation. Consequently, new residential development within these areas is not considered to generate many opportunities to reduce poverty and social exclusion.
- 7.44 Area of search H, which includes the town of Banbury and the surrounding area, scores a minor positive effect against this objective. This is because there are several communities within the town which are recorded as being within the 10-30% percentiles on the indices of multiple deprivation, which is well below the national average. Therefore, housing growth within close proximity to these communities has the potential to have a positive effect in reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell by contributing to the regeneration of the communities through investment in new public realm, facilities and services.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 7.45 Areas of search A, B, E and H are considered to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 6. This is because all contain or lie adjacent to Cherwell District's main settlements of Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington and therefore have good access to their good range of facilities and services.
- 7.46 Areas of search C and F are also considered to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 6. This is because both areas contain or lie in close proximity to Category A villages within Cherwell District which also contain school facilities. Area C is also in close proximity to Bicester. Area F contains services and facilities at the former airbase. Area of search D scores a minor positive effect because it contains the Category A village of Upper Arncott but does not contain its own school facilities.
- 7.47 Areas of search G and I are considered to have a significant negative effect on SA objective 6. This is because these areas are relatively isolated, meaning that new residents in these locations would have to travel further to access local services and facilities within Cherwell District.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 7.48 Areas of search A, B, E and H are considered to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 10. This is because all contain or lie adjacent to Cherwell District's main settlements of Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington and therefore have good access to their good range of facilities and services without the need to travel by private, car encouraging new residents in the District to travel via more sustainable modes. Areas of search A, E and H also score a minor negative effect against this objective in acknowledgement of the fact that these areas contain or lie in close proximity to Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) known to have high levels of air pollution associated with concentrations of road traffic. Significant increases in new residents in these locations could increase the number of private cars on the road and the number of local receptors suffering from the effects of air pollution.
- 7.49 Areas of search C, D and F are considered to have a minor positive effect on SA objective 10. This is because these locations have some sustainable transport networks which would encourage new residents to travel via more sustainable modes than private cars.
- 7.50 Area of search G and I are considered to have a minor negative effect on SA objective 10 because the areas are not in close proximity to local services and facilities within the District's towns and villages and there are limited railway, bus and cycle services and facilities.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

- 7.51 Areas of search A, B, E, F and H are all considered to have a significant positive effect on SA objective 2. This is because these areas contain locations which are within 800m of healthcare facilities, such as hospitals and GP surgeries, open spaces or sports facilities for recreation and Public Rights of Way. Consequently, new residents within these areas would be able to access local medical facilities and adopt active lifestyles relatively easily, contributing positively to their health.
- 7.52 Areas of search C, D, G and I are all considered to have a minor positive effect on SA objective 2. This is because these areas contain some, but not all, health care facilities, open spaces or sports facilities for recreation and Public Rights of Way.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

- 7.53 All nine areas of search are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 4. This is because the effects of developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on the design of the developments and factors such as the incorporation of green space which will not be influenced by the location of residential development.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 7.54 All nine areas of search are considered to have a minor negative effect on SA objective 5. This is because all areas of search are in close proximity to existing residential development which could be adversely effected by the construction of new homes. Furthermore, all areas of search either contain or sit directly adjacent to significant pieces of infrastructure, such as 'A' roads, motorways and railway lines. Locating new residential development in close proximity to such infrastructure has the potential to generate long term adverse noise effects for new communities.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 7.55 All nine areas of search are considered to have the potential to generate significant adverse effects against SA objective 7. While the direct effects of new development within the areas on biodiversity and geodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the areas has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 7.56 Areas of search B, D, F and I are considered to have a significant negative effect on SA objective 8. This is because these locations are generally more rural in character with limited urbanising influences on the countryside. Therefore, more housing growth within these relatively open and rural areas is more likely to have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District.
- 7.57 Areas of search A, C, E, G and H are considered to have a minor negative effect on SA objective 8. This is because these areas contain some of the District's main settlements, i.e. Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington, or contain motorway junctions which are more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to their existing urban edges (or in the vicinity of the junction) without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside.
- 7.58 All these effects are uncertain until the detailed design, landscaping and scale of developments are known.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 7.59 All nine areas of search are considered to have the potential to generate significant adverse effects against SA objective 9. While the effects of new housing development in the areas are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the areas has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character of statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

- 7.60 All nine areas of search are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 11. This is because the location of potential residential development is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

- 7.61 All nine areas of search are considered to have a minor negative effect on SA objective 12. This is because the vast majority of the land within the areas of search is greenfield land outside of flood zone

3. Development on such land is likely to increase the impermeable surface area of the District with long term and cumulative negative effects on flood risk. However, the vast majority of the land within the areas is not at immediate risk of flooding.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

7.62 All but one of the areas of search is considered likely to have a significant adverse effect on SA objective 13. This is because the majority of the land within the majority of the areas is greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Consequently, development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District. A significant proportion of the agricultural land is Grade 3, but it is uncertain whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.

7.63 Area of search D is the exception, scoring a minor negative effect. This is because the area contains the urban area of the villages of Upper and Lower Arncott and a large area of previously developed MOD land, including buildings and areas of hardstanding. However, the majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land designated as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. There is also some Grade 3 agricultural land.

7.64 All the effects of new housing development in the areas are uncertain until the location, layout and design are known.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

7.65 The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of areas of search on this SA objective will largely be negligible.

7.66 However, areas containing Minerals Consultation Areas (identified through the Oxfordshire Minerals Local Plan) could result in development sterilising mineral resources and restricting the availability of resources in the District. A significant proportion of areas A and B are Mineral Consultation Areas. Therefore, both areas score a minor negative effect against this objective. Areas of search E, G, H and I are also considered to have the potential to have minor adverse effects on SA objective 14, although this effect is considered to be less certain due to the fact that smaller proportions of the areas are covered by the Minerals Consultation Areas.

7.67 Areas of search C, D and F are considered to have a negligible effect against this objective because these locations do not contain Minerals Consultation Areas.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

7.68 All but two of the areas of search are considered to have a minor adverse effect on SA objective 15. This is because the vast majority of these areas are greenfield land with limited opportunities to reuse existing materials left behind on previously developed sites. However, areas of search D and F are considered to have the potential for minor positive effects because they contain significant areas of previously developed land where there may be opportunities for re-using existing buildings and materials, although this is uncertain depending on the previous uses of the areas.

Selection of Areas of Search for more detailed site assessment

7.69 The Council has considered the Areas of Search having regard to the appraisal results, the Plan's key issues, its vision and objectives, the evidence base and the outcome of cooperation, consultation and engagement.

7.70 The options were:

- Option A – Kidlington & Surrounding Area
- Option B – North & East of Kidlington
- Option C – Junction 9, M40

- Option D – Arccott
- Option E – Bicester and Surrounding Area
- Option F – Former RAF Upper Heyford & Surrounding Area
- Option G – Junction 10, M40
- Option H – Banbury & Surrounding Area
- Option I – Remainder of District / Rural Dispersal

7.71 The Council notes the SA's overall conclusions which are summarised as follows:

- Areas of Search B and A score the most significant positive effects (++).
- Areas of Search A and B score the most significant positive effects in relation to meeting Oxford's needs.
- Areas of Search B, H, A and E score the most positive significant effects on Cherwell.
- All Areas of Search record some significant negative effects (--) overall.
- Areas of Search B, A, E, C and F score the least significant negative effects in relation to meeting Oxford's needs.
- Areas of Search H, A, E and C score the least significant negative effects on Cherwell.

7.72 The Council notes that in terms of meeting Oxford's needs and meeting SA objectives of particular relevance to Oxford, Areas of Search A and B perform best in sustainability terms; that Options C, E, F, and H perform less well; and that Options D, G, I perform most poorly. SA objectives related to sustainable transport and access to Oxford's employment areas are most influential in the differences between options. Areas A and B benefit from sustainable transport factors and access to services and facilities and jobs.

Reasons for not selecting Areas of Search C to I

7.73 The Council advises that having regard to the SA, the rest of its evidence base and the outcome of consultation, engagement and cooperation, Areas of Search C to I are not considered to be suitable for accommodating housing to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs. This is for the following reasons:

1. They are less well situated to build communities associated with Oxford.
2. They are less well situated to assist with the delivery of the Oxford Transport Strategy, in terms of existing sustainable travel connectivity and the opportunity for sustainable commuter travel behaviour.
3. They are more likely to result in a higher level of commuting to Oxford by private motor vehicle.
4. They are likely to result in less affordable transport options for accessing Oxford for potential occupiers of affordable and low cost housing.
5. More dispersed options provide less opportunity for strategic infrastructure investment (e.g. transport and education).
6. It is likely that significant additional development could not be built at Bicester, Banbury and RAF Upper Heyford by 2031, in addition to that in the existing Local Plan.

7.74 For these reasons, the Council considers that Areas of Search C to I, or a combination of any options including C to I, would not sufficiently deliver the Partial Review's vision and objectives.

7.75 The Council also considers that a development strategy focused on any of Areas of Search C to I, or any combination of those areas, would have a greater detrimental impact on the existing development strategy for Cherwell set out in the existing Local Plan. It advises that the reasons for this are as follows:

Option C – Junction 9, M40

7.76 Development in Area of Search C would result in a new growth location which would have a significant impact on the district's settlement hierarchy (comprising three urban areas and an existing village

categorisation) and the rural character of the district in that area (contrary to the existing Plan's vision and policy ESD13).

- 7.77 Furthermore, significant development close to Bicester would provide unwarranted competition for private and public investment potentially hindering the delivery of existing Local Plan policies by 2031.

Option D – Arncott

- 7.78 Development in Area of Search D would result in a new growth location which would have a significant impact on the district's settlement hierarchy (comprising three urban areas and an existing village categorisation) and the rural character of the district in that area (contrary to the existing Plan's vision and policy ESD13).

- 7.79 Furthermore, significant development close to Bicester would provide unwarranted competition for private and public investment potentially hindering the delivery of existing Local Plan policies by 2031.

Option E – Bicester and Surrounding Area

- 7.80 Additional significant development in the Bicester area would provide unwarranted competition for private and public investment potentially hindering the delivery of existing Local Plan policies by 2031.

Option F – RAF Upper Heyford and Surrounding Area

- 7.81 Additional significant development at or adjoining former RAF Upper Heyford is unlikely to be deliverable by 2031.

- 7.82 Furthermore, significant development elsewhere in the Area of Search would result in a new growth location which would have a significant impact on the district's settlement hierarchy (comprising three urban areas and an existing village categorisation) and the rural character of the district in that area (contrary to the existing Plan's vision and policy ESD13).

Option G – Junction 10, M40

- 7.83 Development in Area of Search G would result in a new growth location which would have a significant impact on the district's settlement hierarchy (comprising three urban areas and an existing village categorisation) and the rural character of the district in that area (contrary to the existing Plan's vision and policy ESD13).

Option H – Banbury and Surrounding Area

- 7.84 Additional significant development in the Banbury area would provide unwarranted competition for private and public investment potentially hindering the delivery of existing Local Plan policies by 2031.

Option I – Remainder of District / Rural Dispersal

- 7.85 Significant development focused on the district's villages would undermine the existing Cherwell strategy by placing over-reliance on delivery in rural areas of the district causing harm in terms of transport impacts. The Planning Inspector who examined the Plan in 2014-2015 said:

"The plan's overall strategy sustainably focusses most new development on the two towns of Bicester and Banbury, with about 5,400 new homes in the rural areas, including at Kidlington and the former RAF Upper Heyford to 2031. This is clearly the most sustainable strategy for the district over the plan period and reflects the guidance in paras 17 and 30 of the NPPF. It properly seeks to alter the local pattern of recent housing growth, as a disproportionate percentage (almost half) has taken place in the smaller settlements, adding to commuting by car and congestion on the road network at peak hours. The number of new homes outside the two towns would be around a quarter of the overall total for the plan period taking into account the significant level of housing land supply already available in the rural areas." (Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031, Inspector's Report, para. 212)

- 7.86 Furthermore, significant development elsewhere in the Area of Search would result in a new growth location which would have a significant impact on the district's settlement hierarchy (comprising three urban areas and an existing village categorisation) and the rural character of the district in that area (contrary to the existing Plan's vision and policy ESD13).

Reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B

- 7.87 The Council considers that only Option A (Kidlington & Surrounding Area) and Option B (North & East of Kidlington) are suitable for meeting Oxford's unmet needs.

7.88 It advises that this is due to the:

1. Proximity to Oxford, the existing availability of public transport and the opportunity to maximise the use of sustainable and affordable transport in accessing Oxford's key employment areas and services and facilities.
2. Opportunity to achieve an overall, proportionate reduction in reliance on the private motor vehicle in accessing Oxford's key employment areas and services and facilities and to achieve further investment in sustainable transport infrastructure.
3. Deliverability of sustainable transport improvements in comparison to other Areas of Search.
4. Relationship of existing communities to Oxford.
5. Existing economic relationship between the Areas of Search and Oxford
6. Opportunity to provide affordable homes to meet Oxford's identified need close to the source of that need.

7.89 The Council notes that Areas of Search A and B would be inconsistent with the existing Local Plan strategy of mostly avoiding development in the Green Belt. However, it considers that development in the Green Belt does not in itself interfere with the delivery of growth at Bicester, Banbury and Former RAF Upper Heyford or the management of sustainable levels of growth in the rural areas. It notes that the Green Belt in Cherwell has not previously been considered for additional development. The Council also considers that the remit of the Partial Review is such that the Green Belt could not be ruled out as a location for additional development to meet Oxford's needs and that this was recognised by the Planning Inspector who endorsed the Partial Review commitment.

7.90 The Council is of the view Options A and B could deliver the vision and objectives which underpin the Partial Review without significantly undermining the delivery of the development strategy for meeting Cherwell's needs set out in the existing Local Plan.

7.91 The Council considers that the unsuitability of other options and the lack of urban capacity within the administrative boundary of Oxford, means that there are exceptional circumstances to consider options that affect the Green Belt. In the absence of other suitable options, Areas A and B were taken forward.

8 Appraisal of quantum of additional development findings

Introduction

- 8.1 As outlined in **Chapter 2**, a strategic work programme has been developed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board. Called the Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme, the Programme is informing local plan reviews (including Cherwell's) including by identifying and appraising strategic spatial options for accommodating Oxford City's unmet housing need. While the Programme does not allocate sites, it does demonstrate the potential ability of each District to deliver a range of sites that can be shown to closely relate to Oxford and thus to enable the unmet housing need of Oxford to be apportioned in a manner which would deliver development which is sustainable over a realistic time period.
- 8.2 Within this context, the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review seeks to assess how Cherwell District can help to accommodate a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.
- 8.3 This chapter presents the findings of the SA of three options to be potentially planned for in the Cherwell Local Part 1 Partial Review.

Identification of reasonable alternatives

- 8.4 On the 26th September 2016, the Growth Board decided on an apportionment of 14,850 homes to the district and city councils. Cherwell District was asked to consider the accommodation of 4,400 homes in addition to its existing Local Plan commitments (some 22,840 homes).

Table 8.1: Oxfordshire Growth Board apportionment of Oxford's Unmet Housing Needs

| District | Apportionment – Number of Homes (Net) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cherwell | 4,400 |
| Oxford | 550 |
| South Oxfordshire ¹¹⁷ | 4,950 |
| Vale of White Horse | 2,200 |
| West Oxfordshire | 2,750 |
| Total | 14,850 |
| Cherwell | 4,400 |

- 8.5 It is for each of the Oxfordshire districts through their statutory Local Plan processes to explore how to accommodate their apportioned share of Oxford's unmet need under the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate.
- 8.6 Cherwell's apportionment of 4,400 dwellings equates to just under 30% of Oxford's agreed unmet housing need up to 2031 (15,000 homes). The SA is testing this figure in the interest of ensuring it is a sustainable requirement in the context of alternatives.

¹¹⁷ South Oxfordshire District Council did not agree to the apportionment.

- 8.7 The District Council has advised that there is no evidence for a justified, specific alternative to 4,400 homes. However, a significantly lower or higher figure are reasonable alternatives in the context of the high level of development already committed in Cherwell and the high level of housing need faced by Oxford.
- 8.8 Three options are therefore appraised for quantities of additional housing growth:
- 4,400 homes (the Growth Board figure).
 - Significantly less than 4,400 homes.
 - Significantly more than 4,400 homes.

Approach to appraisal

- 8.9 The appraisal acknowledges that 4,400 is not an insignificant number of homes, which generates significant effects against several SA objectives; however, as a set figure, it is considered that the delivery of 4,400 homes will generate more significant effects than the less than 4,400 homes option and less significant effects than the more than 4,400 homes option.
- 8.10 An initial high-level appraisal was undertaken of each growth option against the SA Framework on the assumption that the growth could be located anywhere within Cherwell District.
- 8.11 Following this high-level appraisal, each growth option was appraised against the SA Framework on the assumption that the growth would all be located within areas of search A and B. This was because, following consideration of the potential effects of accommodating the growth options within and across all areas of search on Cherwell District and the City of Oxford (see **Chapter 7 & Chapter 8**), areas of search A and B are identified by the Council as the most sustainable locations for accommodating additional housing growth. Therefore, the detailed assumptions for appraising the effects of housing development within the areas of search (see **Appendix 2**) were also applied for the appraisal of the three quantum options for additional housing growth, while taking into account the differing amount of new housing that might be delivered under each option.
- 8.12 All three quantum options were appraised on the same basis using the assumptions in **Appendix 2**. This was in order to ensure that the three reasonable alternatives for the amount of additional development to be delivered were appraised in a consistent and systematic manner.

Initial high-level appraisal of accommodating each growth option anywhere within Cherwell District

- 8.13 This section presents the quantum effects on the City of Oxford and Cherwell District summarised in **Table 8.2**.

Table 8.2: High-level appraisal of accommodating each growth option anywhere within Cherwell District

| Quantum Options Sustainability Effects | | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes |
|---|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs (scores only relate to Oxford City) | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ +/- -? |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire | ++ | ++ | ++ | + / -- |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of Oxford and Oxfordshire | + / ? | + / ? | + / ? | + / - ? |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (scores relate to Oxford City and Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion | + / ? | + / ? | + / ? | + / ? |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | -- / ? | -- / ? | -- / ? | - / ? |
| Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health | ? | ? | ? | ? |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - / ? | - / ? | - / ? | - / ? |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -- ? | -- ? | -- ? | - ? |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside | - ? | -- ? | -- ? | - ? |

| Quantum Options Sustainability Effects | | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes |
|--|--|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment | | --? | --? | -? |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | | --? | --? | -? |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance | | --? | --? | -? |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products | | ? | ? | ? |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | | - | - | - |

SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's need

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

- 8.14 Cherwell District Council has been apportioned 4,400 dwellings as a result of the Oxfordshire Growth Board's Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme. This equates to just under 30% of Oxford's unmet housing need up to 2031. Significant positive effects are recorded for options delivering 4,400 or more.
- 8.15 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within Cherwell is likely to result in an under provision of housing for Oxford, which has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need with significant positive effects. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District

- 8.16 Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford. Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more will significantly increase the number of homes (including affordable homes) providing the opportunity for local workers and students to access the City's employment opportunities, with significant positive effects on this objective.
- 8.17 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes could result in significantly fewer homes making it harder for local workers and students to access the City's employment opportunities, inhibiting economic growth in the area with significant adverse effects on this objective.
- 8.18 However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number and location of homes is known.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District

- 8.19 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will make it easier for the wider County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.
- 8.20 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes could result in significantly fewer homes providing less opportunities for access to the City's employment and education opportunities, inhibiting economic growth and innovation in the area with minor adverse effects on this objective.
- 8.21 However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number and location of homes is known.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 8.22 The District has pockets of deprivation but generally is considered to contain some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation but these vary depending upon location. Therefore, new development is likely to have a positive but uncertain effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 8.23 Due to the unknown location of development effects are uncertain.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 8.24 Close proximity or easy access to local facilities and services, reduces the need to travel by private car, helping to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport which contribute towards reducing air pollution and road congestion.
- 8.25 Options which provide a greater number of homes are likely to lead to more air pollution and congestion.
- 8.26 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more could lead to significant adverse effects on this objective. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 could have a minor adverse effect on this objective. As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects. Due to the unknown location of development effects are uncertain.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

- 8.27 Due to the unknown location of development effects are uncertain.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

- 8.28 All three quantum options are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 4. This is because the effects of developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on the design of the developments and factors such as the incorporation of green space which will be addressed through development management policies and proposals put forward at the planning application stage.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 8.29 A minor negative effect is identified for the options which would result in the development of additional new homes within Cherwell. This is because Cherwell contains a significant number of existing residential communities. Therefore, new housing growth in Cherwell has the potential to generate noise, air and light pollution affecting existing communities, particularly in the short term during construction. Due to the unknown location of development effects are uncertain.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 8.30 The general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate indirect adverse effects on biodiversity assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the area. The greater the number of new homes delivered the more potential there is for significant adverse effects. However as 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.
- 8.31 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this is uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 8.32 The general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate indirect adverse effects on landscape and countryside. The greater the number of new homes delivered the more potential there is for significant adverse effects. As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.
- 8.33 Accommodating significantly more than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects on this SA objective.
- 8.34 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain as their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 8.35 The general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character of the District. The greater the number of new homes delivered (i.e. under the options for 4,400 homes or significantly more), the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within area has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this is uncertain as the exact number of homes and their location are

known. However as 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

- 8.36 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain as their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

- 8.37 All three quantum options are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 11. This is because the effects of residential would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

- 8.38 The general principle of housing growth within Cherwell has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with adverse effects on this objective. The greater the number of new homes delivered, the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering 4,400 homes or significantly more than 4,400 homes has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects. As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

- 8.39 Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects.

- 8.40 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

- 8.41 For the District to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development of 4,400 dwellings, or significantly more, on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective.

- 8.42 Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects.

- 8.43 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

- 8.44 Due to the unknown location of development effects are uncertain.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

- 8.45 For the District to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore minor adverse effects are recorded.

Summary of quantum effects in Areas of Search A and B

- 8.46 This section presents the quantum effects on the City of Oxford and Cherwell District summarised in **Table 8.3** and outlined in more detailed in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 5**.

Table 8.3: Summary of quantum effects in Areas of Search A and B

| Quantum Options Sustainability Effects | | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes |
|---|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs (scores only relate to Oxford City) | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++/--? |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire | ++ | ++ | ++ | +/--? |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of Oxford and Oxfordshire | + | + | + | +/-? |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (scores relate to Oxford City and Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities | ++ | ++ | ++ | +/-? |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/- | ++/- | ++/- | +/-? |
| Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health | ++ | ++ | ++ | +/-? |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | - | - | - |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | --? | --? | -? |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for | -? | --? | --? | -? |

| Quantum Options Sustainability Effects | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes |
| enjoyment, the countryside | | | |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment | --? | --? | -? |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | --? | --? | -? |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance | --? | --? | -? |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products | - | - | - |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | - | - |

SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's need

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

- 8.47 Cherwell District Council has been apportioned 4,400 dwellings as a result of the Oxfordshire Growth Board's Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme. This equates to just under 30% of Oxford's unmet housing need up to 2031. Significant positive effects are recorded for the two options delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford.
- 8.48 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within Cherwell is likely to result in an under provision of housing in and around Oxford, which has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need with significant positive effects. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

- 8.49 Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford. Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will significantly increase the number of homes (including affordable homes) making it easier for local workers and students to access the City's employment opportunities, with significant positive effects on this objective.
- 8.50 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford could result in significantly fewer homes in close proximity to the City, making it harder for local workers and students to access the City's employment opportunities, inhibiting economic growth in the area with significant adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.

- 8.51 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will make it easier for the wider County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.
- 8.52 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford could result in significantly fewer homes in close proximity to the City, making it harder for local workers and students to access the City's employment and education opportunities, inhibiting economic growth and innovation in the area with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 8.53 Kidlington and the surrounding area within areas of search A and B are generally considered to contain some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, new development within areas of search A and B is likely to have a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion, i.e. new residential communities are unlikely to contribute to regenerating areas of search A and B.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 8.54 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford and the village of Kidlington will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good range of local services and facilities and in close proximity to the City of Oxford, with potential significant positive effects on this objective.

8.55 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County, locations which might not have as good accessibility to local services and facilities and the City of Oxford, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to the City's facilities and services, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the specific number of homes that would be delivered is known.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

8.56 Close proximity or easy access to local facilities and services, reduces the need to travel by private car, helping to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport which contribute towards reducing air pollution and road congestion.

8.57 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford and the village of Kidlington will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good range of local services and facilities and in close proximity to the City of Oxford with potential significant positive effects on this objective.

8.58 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County, locations which might not have as good accessibility to local services and facilities and the City of Oxford, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to the City's facilities and services, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the specific number of homes that would be delivered is known.

8.59 The southern edge of areas of search A and B borders the Oxford Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), which covers the entire City. Development in close proximity to the AQMA could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems, with minor adverse effects on this objective for all three options that would meet, exceed or be less than Cherwell's apportionment of 4,400 homes.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

8.60 Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to Oxford and the villages of Kidlington, Begbroke, Islip and Yarnton will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good access to medical services and open spaces for recreation, with significant positive effects on this objective.

8.61 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford and the villages would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County; locations which might not have as good accessibility to medical services and open spaces and sports facilities for recreation, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to medical services and recreation facilities of Oxford, Kidlington, Islip and Yarnton, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the specific number of homes that would be delivered is known.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

8.62 All three quantum options are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 4. This is because the effects of developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on the design of the developments and factors such as the incorporation of green space which will be addressed through development management policies and proposals put forward at the planning application stage.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 8.63 A minor negative effect is identified for the options which would result in the development of additional new homes within Cherwell. This is because the area within and around Kidlington (areas of search A and B) contain a significant number of existing residential communities. Therefore, new housing growth in this area has the potential to generate noise, air and light pollution affecting existing communities, particularly in the short term during construction. Furthermore, the area contains London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spires Business Park, two railway lines and the A44 and A34. New housing developments in close proximity to London-Oxford Airport, A-roads or railway lines have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise, air and light pollution effects.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 8.64 The general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate indirect adverse effects on biodiversity assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the area. The greater the number of new homes delivered (i.e. under the options for 4,400 homes or significantly more), the more potential there is for significant adverse effects.
- 8.65 Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this is uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 8.66 Being in close proximity to the large village of Kidlington and the urban area of Oxford, the area where new homes would be delivered is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to their existing urban edges without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. Therefore, accommodating 4,400 homes, or significantly fewer homes, in areas of search A and B has the potential to generate minor adverse effects.
- 8.67 Accommodating significantly more than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects on this SA objective.
- 8.68 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 8.69 Given the concentration of historic assets, including the setting of historic Oxford, within areas of search A and B, the general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on their setting and special character. The greater the number of new homes delivered (i.e. under the options for 4,400 homes or significantly more), the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within areas of search A and B has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this is uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.
- 8.70 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

- 8.71 All three quantum options are considered to have a negligible effect on SA objective 11. This is because the location of potential residential development is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

- 8.72 The general principle of housing growth within areas of search A and B (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with adverse effects on this objective. The greater the number of new homes delivered, the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering 4,400 homes, or significantly more than 4,400 homes, within areas of search A and B has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects, although this uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.
- 8.73 Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects.
- 8.74 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

- 8.75 For areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development of 4,400 dwellings, or significantly more, on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective.
- 8.76 Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects.
- 8.77 All effects of new development irrespective of the overall amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

- 8.78 For areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land within a Minerals Consultation Region, sterilising a portion of the County's finite mineral resources and limiting its local availability. Therefore minor adverse effects are recorded.
- 8.79 The development of no new homes will result in negligible effects on this objective.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

- 8.80 For areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore minor adverse effects are recorded.

Reasons for selecting 4,400 homes

- 8.81 In summary, the SA shows that providing fewer than 4,400 homes has the least potential for significant environmental effects but also does not provide any distinguishable significant positive effects. Providing more than 4,400 homes provides significant positive economic and social effects but also significant potential negative effects on objectives relating to the environment. Providing 4,400 homes also provides the same significant positive effects but with less significant negative effects.
- 8.82 The Council advises: *"Having regard to this outcome and the fact that planning for a housing requirement in accordance with a countywide cooperative conclusion accords with the requirements of para. B.95 of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031, it is considered that 4,400 homes is the appropriate option to take forward. Para B.95 makes clear that 'These issues are not for Cherwell to consider in isolation' and the clear relationship between the conclusion of joint work and the need for the Partial Review – '...this will trigger a partial review of the Local Plan...for that part of the unmet need to be accommodated in the Cherwell District'".*

9 Appraisal of site options within Areas of Search A and B Findings

Introduction

- 9.1 This Chapter sets out the findings of the SA of the 42 site options within areas of search A and B. 38 sites were appraised within the initial SA. In addition, it presents the findings of three additional site options promoted within areas of search A and B during the consultation on the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Options Paper. The three new site options – 202, 209, 210 – represent alternative site locations. An alternative site boundary to the previously appraised site option 39 was proposed during the consultation of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Options Paper. Consequently, the original appraisal work undertaken for site option 39 has been revised to reflect the new site boundary and the site reference has been renamed 39A. Finally, an alternative site boundary to the previously appraised site option 20 was identified, including land at Yarnton nurseries and Begbroke, by the Council following the consultation of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Options Paper. The alternative site boundary has therefore been appraised in addition to site option 20 as site option 20A.
- 9.2 The location of each residential and open space option is shown in **Figure 9.1: Residential and Open Space Site Options within Areas of Search A and B**.¹¹⁸
- 9.3 Of the 42 site options appraised in this chapter, 11 site options have been taken forward (either fully or in partially) for allocation¹¹⁹ within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. **Table 9.1** lists the site options and the site allocation policies each site option sits within. The site allocation policies are illustrated in **Figure 10.1** in **Chapter 10**. These site options are also highlighted in bold in **Tables 9.2 to 9.4** so that their scores can be easily compared with the alternative options. The reasoning behind the selection of the 11 site options for allocation in the Local Plan Part Partial Review is outlined at the beginning of **Chapter 10**.

Table 9.1: Site Options selected for allocation in Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review

| Site Allocation Policy | Original Site Option Ref. | Full / Partial Allocation |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Policy 6a – Land East of Oxford Road | Site 38 - North Oxford Triangle, Kidlington | Partially Allocated |
| Policy PR6b - Land West of Oxford Road | Site 38 - North Oxford Triangle, Kidlington | Partially Allocated |
| | Site 123 - Land to South of A34, North of Linkside Avenue, Wolvercote | Fully Allocated |
| Policy PR6c – Land at Frieze Farm | Site 39A – Frieze Farm | Partially Allocated |
| Policy PR7a – Land South East of Kidlington | Site 178 - Land east of Kidlington and west of the A34 | Fully Allocated |
| | Site 202 - Land adjacent to | Fully Allocated |

¹¹⁸ Note: the coloured site options in Figure 9.1 are only illustrated to provide clarity on individual site option boundaries, specifically where site options overlap.

¹¹⁹ While the entire area of a site option may have been allocated within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, the development area within each area is restricted to a smaller area within each site allocation policy.

| Site Allocation Policy | Original Site Option Ref. | Full / Partial Allocation |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| | Bicester Road, Gosford, Kidlington | |
| Policy PR7b – Land at Stratfield Farm | Site 49 - Land at Stratfield Farm, Oxford Road, Kidlington | Fully Allocated |
| Policy PR8 - Land East of the A44 | Site 20a - Begbroke Science Park | Fully Allocated |
| | Site 126 - Seedlake Piggeries, Yarnton | Fully Allocated |
| Policy PR9 - Land West of Yarnton | Site 51 - Land to West of A44/Rutten Lane, North of Cassington Road, surrounding Begbroke Wood | Partially Allocated |
| Policy PR10 – Land South East of Woodstock | Site 22 - Land North West of Oxford Airport, near Woodstock | Fully Allocated |
| | Site 25 – Land East of Marlborough School, Woodstock | Partially Allocated |

Identification of reasonable alternatives

- 9.4 Potential development sites have been submitted to the Council on an ongoing basis including as part of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The nine areas of search have been appraised to identify the broad areas of the District most sustainable (both for Cherwell and Oxford) for accommodating a portion of Oxford’s unmet housing need and associated infrastructure.
- 9.5 Areas of search A and B have been identified by Cherwell District Council to be the most sustainable and suitable options within which to identify specific sites for meeting Oxford’s unmet housing need within the District. Therefore, only proposed development sites within areas of search A and B (see **Figure 7.1: Areas of Search**) were taken forward for appraisal.

Selecting residential and open space site options

- 9.6 An assessment has been undertaken by Cherwell Council to identify recently promoted sites. This includes sites in areas A and B promoted in response to the Options Paper consultation in November 2016. Sites that were under 2 hectares in size were discounted from further consideration in the SA. Sites in Areas A and B promoted for employment as well as housing meeting this criteria are assessed in the SA. Suitable non-strategic sites for all potential uses will be considered for Local Plan Part 2 and assessed through the SA for Local Plan Part 2.
- 9.7 42 potential development sites 2 hectares and over in size and located within areas of search A and B were assessed in the SA as residential site options.
- 9.8 The same 42 sites have been appraised as potential open space site options.

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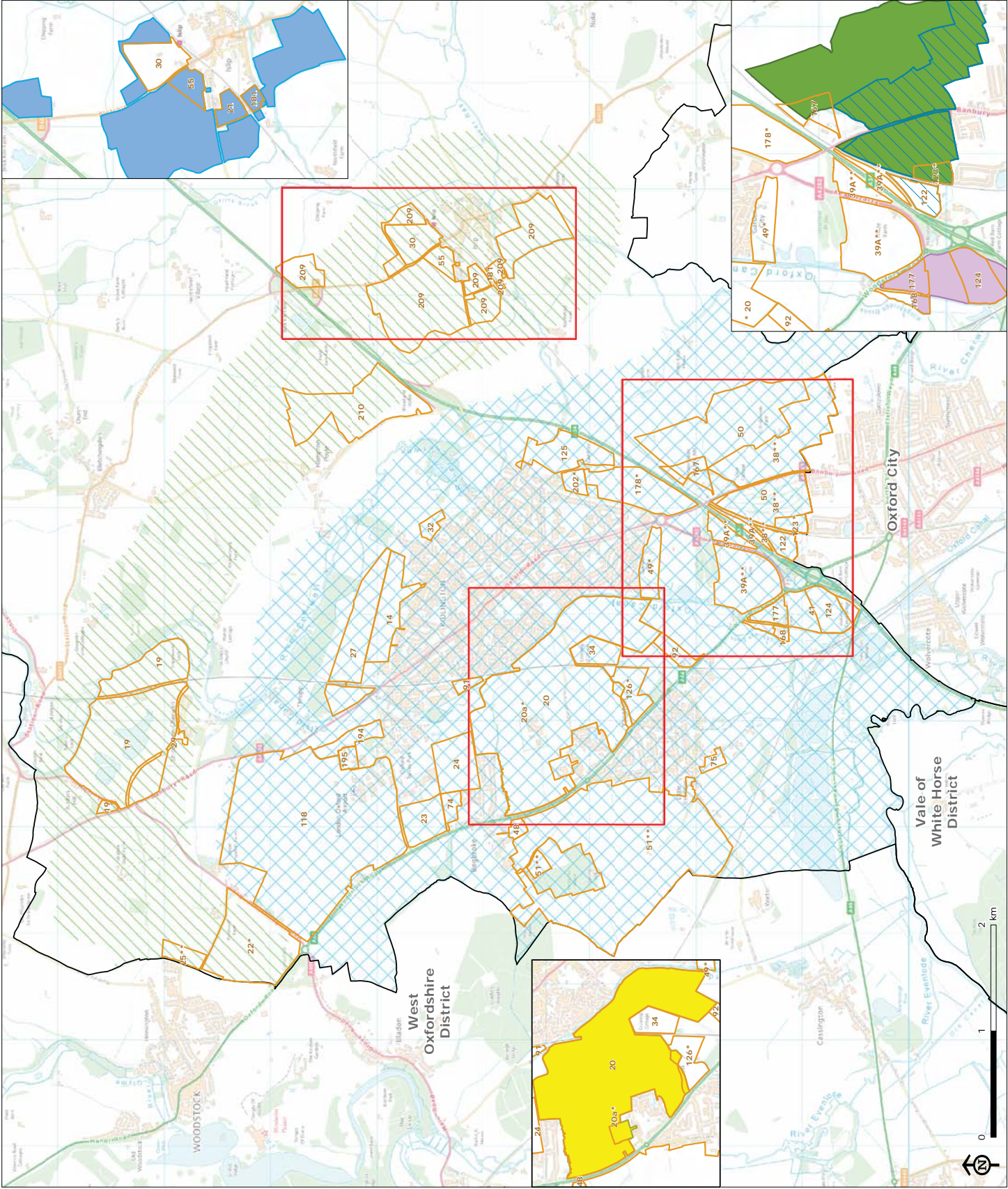
Figure 9.1

Residential and Open Space Site Options within Areas A and B

- Cherwell District boundary
- Other district boundaries
- Residential site options
- Site 20a
- Site 38
- Site 41
- Site 50
- Site 209
- Area of search**
- A
- B

* Fully allocated site
 ** Partially allocated site

Map Scale @ A3: 1:35,000



Approach to appraisal

Appraising residential site options

- 9.9 Each residential site option was appraised using the detailed assumptions outlined in **Table A2.1** in **Appendix 2**.
- 9.10 It is recognised that in some cases site promoters have specified the location of development within promoted sites and this has been considered by the Council in selecting and or allocating land use distribution on sites. However, not all site options have detailed development plans. Therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail in the SA, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site using each sites redline boundary and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base. The appraisal of sites does not assess how each site performs in terms of access to jobs in south Cherwell (areas A and B) directly as all sites have the ability to achieve this. The area of search assessment and policy assessments however provide further information.

Appraising open space options

- 9.11 Each open space option was appraised using the detailed assumptions outlined in **Table A2.2** in **Appendix 2**.

Summary of residential site options effects on the City of Oxford

- 9.12 This section presents the effects of the 42 residential site options within areas of search A and B on the City of Oxford. The effects are summarised in **Table 9.2**, and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 6**.
- 9.13 The Partial Review of Cherwell District Council's Part 1 Local Plan is intended to accommodate some of Oxford's unmet housing need. Therefore, SA Objectives 1, 16 and 17 in Cherwell District Council's SA Framework were considered to be particularly important in appraising the effects of areas of search on the City of Oxford. Furthermore, SA objectives 3, 6 and 10 were considered to be of particular spatial relevance to Oxford and were therefore also used to appraise effects on the City of Oxford. The remaining SA objectives in Cherwell District's SA Framework relate to sustainability issues in Cherwell and were therefore only appraised for effects on Cherwell District.

Table 9.2: Summary of effects of residential site options on Oxford

| Area of Search | Site | SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | | | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| | | SA1: Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities and Oxford | SA17: Creating Economic Growth | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | | |
| A | Site 14 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 20 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 20A | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 23 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 24 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 27 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 32 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 34 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 38 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 39A | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | ++/-- | 1 | 2 |
| | Site 41 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 48 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 49 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 3 |
| | Site 50 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 51 | ++ | -- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 1 | 1 |
| | Site 74 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 75 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 91 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 92 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 3 |
| | Site 118 | ++ | -- | + | 0 | + | + | 1 | 1 |
| Site 122 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/-- | 1 | 2 | |
| Site 123 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/-- | 1 | 2 | |

| Area of Search | Site | SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | | | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects |
|----------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| | | SA1: Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities and Oxford | SA17: Creating Economic Growth | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | | |
| | Site 124 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 125 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/-- | 1 | 2 |
| | Site 126 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/- | 0 | 3 |
| | Site 167 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 168 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 3 |
| | Site 177 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 178 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | 1 | 4 |
| | Site 194 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | + | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 195 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | + | 0 | 1 |
| B | Site 202 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/- | 1 | 2 |
| | Site 19 | ++ | -- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| | Site 21 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 22 | ++ | -- | + | 0 | + | + | 1 | 1 |
| | Site 25 | ++ | -- | + | 0 | + | + | 1 | 1 |
| | Site 29 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 30 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 55 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 181 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 209 | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/- | 0 | 2 |
| | Site 210 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | + | ++/- | 0 | 2 |

SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

- 9.14 It is assumed that all of the 42 housing site options (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) will make provision for affordable housing (either on site or by way of financial contribution). Significant positive effects are likely for all Part 1 sites because they are all relatively large sites (able to accommodate 50+ dwellings). Therefore, each site is assumed to provide more opportunities for developing greater numbers of new and affordable homes to meet Oxford's unmet housing need.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

- 9.15 The population growth associated with new residential development will increase the number of economically active people in close proximity to Oxford.
- 9.16 Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace, ensuring economic growth in Oxford.
- 9.17 Significant positive effects are identified for 12 sites. This is because these sites are within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs (i.e. by walking/cycling or public transport) and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road.
- 9.18 Significant negative effects are identified for five sites. This is because these sites do not have easy access to jobs within Oxford, i.e. within 45 minutes via walking/public transport and private car.
- 9.19 The remaining sites (25 of the 42 sites) scored mixed effects due to the fact that they were found to be within 45 minutes of Oxford jobs walking/public transport or by private car – not both.
- 9.20 Three of the site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review score significant negative effects (sites 22, 25 and 51). Three score significant positive effects (sites 38, 123, 178 and 202). The remaining four score mixed minor positive minor negative effects (sites 20a, 39a, 49 and 126).

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire .

- 9.21 The increased provision of affordable housing in close proximity to Oxford will make it easier to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect for all 42 residential site options (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review). All 42 residential site options are also expected to have short term, indirect minor positive effects on economic growth including those associated with the increased rates of construction.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 9.22 New residential developments within deprived areas have a greater opportunity to reduce poverty and social exclusion though local investment in facilities and services, infrastructure and regeneration of public realm. However, none of the sites were found to be adjacent to deprived neighbourhoods in Oxford (i.e. within the bottom 30% on the indices of multiple deprivation). Therefore, all sites (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) were considered to have negligible effects.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 9.23 Almost half (16 of the 41) of the sites are directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford and are therefore likely to have significant positive effects on accessibility to services and facilities.
- 9.24 Six sites are likely to have significant negative effects due to the fact that they are not within close proximity to current sustainable transport routes in to Oxford.

- 9.25 The remaining 20 sites are likely to have minor positive effects. This is because, despite not being in close proximity to a good range of sustainable transport routes, the sites are within 500m of premium bus routes in to the City.
- 9.26 All eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review are considered to have positive effects against this objective. Five site options (sites 20a, 38, 49, 126 and 178) are considered to have significant positive effects and the remaining site options (sites 22, 25, 39a, 51, 123 and 202) are considered to have minor positive effects against this objective.
- SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion*
- 9.27 The location of sites can influence people's ability to use low carbon and sustainable transport links to access local services and facilities, including education, retail, leisure and cultural opportunities. Furthermore, sites' close proximity to existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) can compound existing local air quality issues by increasing road congestion. Oxford City is an AQMA.
- 9.28 The majority (31 out of 42 sites) of sites were found to have mixed effects. Of these, 18 could have mixed significant positive and significant negative effects or mixed significant positive and minor negative effects due to their relatively good sustainable transport links but close proximity to the Oxford AQMA. Eleven sites could have significant negative or mixed significant negative and minor positive effects due to their relatively poor access to sustainable transport links to Oxford and/or their close proximity to the Oxford AQMA. Nine sites were assessed as having mixed minor positive and minor negative effects.
- 9.29 Five sites were identified as having a minor positive effect because they have moderately good access to sustainable transport links to Oxford but are not considered to adversely affect the Oxford AQMA.
- 9.30 Six of the site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review score mixed significant positive/minor negative effects against this SA Objective (sites 20a, 38, 39a, 49, 126 and 178). Two of the selected site options score minor positive effects against the objective (22 and 25). Selected site option 51 scores a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect. Selected site options 123 and 202 score a mixed significant negative/minor positive effect.
- 9.31 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

Summary of residential site options effects on Cherwell District

- 9.32 This section presents the effects of the 42 residential site options within areas of search A and B on Cherwell District. The effects are summarised in **Table 9.3**, and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 6**.
- 9.33 The principal driver for the Partial Review of Cherwell District Council's Part 1 Local Plan is to accommodate some of Oxford's unmet housing need. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing and employment needs over the Plan period. Therefore, SA objectives relating to the provision of housing and employment development (SA Objectives 1, 16 and 17) have only been appraised for effects on the City of Oxford and are not presented in this section.

Table 9.3: Summary of effects of residential site options on Cherwell District

| Areas of Search | Sites | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects |
|-----------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA2: Improving Health and Well Being | SA4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | SA5: To create and sustain vibrant communities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flood Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management | | | | |
| A | Site 14 | 0 | ++ | +/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | Site 20 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | -- | - | - | 1 | 3 | | | |
| | Site 20A | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | -- | - | - | 1 | 3 | | | |
| | Site 23 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | + | 0 | - | 0? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 2 | 2 | | | |
| | Site 24 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | -- | - | - | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | Site 27 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 2 | 1 | | | |
| | Site 32 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | Site 34 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | -- | - | - | 2 | 1 | | | |
| | Site 38 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 3 | 2 | | | |
| | Site 39A | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 3 | 2 | | | |
| | Site 41 | 0 | + | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 3 | 1 | | | |
| | Site 48 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | Site 49 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 2 | 3 | | | |
| | Site 50 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 3 | 2 | | | |
| Site 51 | 0 | ++ | +/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | --- | 0 | - | --- | - | - | 3 | 2 | | | | |

| Areas of Search | Sites | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA2: Improving Health and Well Being | SA4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | SA5: To create and sustain vibrant communities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flood Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management | | | | |
| | Site 74 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| | Site 75 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 91 | 0 | ++ | +/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Site 92 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Site 118 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 122 | 0 | + | +/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Site 123 | 0 | ++ | +/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | 0? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 124 | 0 | + | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| | Site 125 | 0 | ++ | +/-- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Site 126 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | 0? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| | Site 167 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Site 168 | 0 | + | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 177 | 0 | + | ++/-- | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| | Site 178 | 0 | ++ | ++/-- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| | Site 194 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | - | - | 0 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 195 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0 | - | 0? | -? | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| Areas of Search | Sites | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects | |
|-----------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA2: Improving Health and Well Being | SA4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | SA5: To create and sustain vibrant communities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flood Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management | | | | |
| B | Site 202 | 0 | ++ | +/- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | 0? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| | Site 19 | 0 | -- | -- | + | 0 | - | --? | --? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | + | - | + | 4 | 0 |
| | Site 21 | 0 | - | -- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 22 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0 | - | -? | -? | --? | 0 | - | - | - | - | 0 | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 25 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0 | - | --? | --? | 0? | 0 | - | - | - | - | 0 | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 29 | 0 | -- | -- | + | 0 | - | -? | --? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | + | - | + | 3 | 0 |
| | Site 30 | 0 | - | -- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | ++/-- | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | Site 55 | 0 | - | -- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | -? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | 0 | - | 2 | 1 |
| | Site 181 | 0 | - | -- | ++ | 0 | - | -? | --? | --? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| | Site 209 | 0 | - | +/- | ++ | 0 | - | --? | --? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| | Site 210 | 0 | - | ++/- | + | 0 | - | --? | --? | -? | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1 |

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 9.34 New residential developments within deprived areas have a greater opportunity to reduce poverty and social exclusion through local investment in facilities and services, infrastructure and regeneration of public realm. However, none of the site options were found to be adjacent to a deprived neighbourhood within Cherwell (i.e. within the bottom 30% on the indices of multiple deprivation). Therefore, all sites (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) were considered to have negligible effects.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 9.35 Two thirds of the site options (29 out of 42) are expected to have significant positive effects as they were found to be directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Cherwell or in close proximity to settlements which have a good range of existing services and facilities.
- 9.36 Two site options are expected to have significant negative effects as they were found to be removed from existing sustainable transport routes and local centres that serve Cherwell.
- 9.37 Five site options are expected to have minor positive effects due to their relatively close proximity to local centres in Cherwell and sustainable transport routes that serve Cherwell.
- 9.38 Six site options are expected to have minor negative effects as they were found to have relatively poor sustainable transport links and access to existing local centres.
- 9.39 All eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review are considered to have significant positive effects against this objective.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 9.40 The location of residential sites can influence people's ability to use low carbon and sustainable transport links to access local services and facilities, including education, retail, leisure and cultural opportunities. Furthermore, sites' close proximity to existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) can compound existing local air quality issues by increasing road congestion. There are currently three AQMAs with another recommended AQMA within Cherwell, where existing air quality issues would be exacerbated as a result of new development.
- 9.41 The majority (31 out of 42 sites) of residential site options were found to have mixed effects. Of these, 17 could have mixed significant positive and significant negative effects or mixed significant positive and minor negative effects due to their relatively good sustainable transport links but close proximity to Cherwell's AQMAs.
- 9.42 Eleven sites could have significant negative or mixed significant negative and minor positive effects due to their relatively poor access to sustainable transport links and/or their close proximity to Cherwell's AQMAs. Nine sites were assessed as having mixed effects with minor positive and minor negative effects.
- 9.43 Five sites were identified as having a minor positive effect because they have moderately good access to sustainable transport links but are not considered to adversely affect Cherwell's AQMAs.
- 9.44 Four of the site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review score mixed significant positive/significant negative effects against this SA Objective (sites 38, 39a, 49 and 178). Two of the selected site options score minor positive effects against the objective (22 and 25). Selected site option 51 scores a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect. Selected site options 123 and 202 score a mixed significant negative/minor positive effect. Selected site options 20a and 126 score mixed significant positive/minor negative effects.
- 9.45 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

- 9.46 Positive effects are expected for housing sites that are within walking distance (800m) of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), open spaces and footpaths and cycle routes as these will help ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage them to make more

journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active outdoors in open spaces, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

- 9.47 Significant positive effects are expected for 15 of the residential site options. This is because they are within 800m of a healthcare facility, an area of open space or sports facility and at least one Public Right of Way or cycle path.
- 9.48 For the remaining 27 residential sites, minor positive effects are likely as they are located within 800m of either a healthcare facility, an area of open space, sports facility or Public Right of Way or cycle path.
- 9.49 Six of the selected site options (20a, 49, 51, 126, 178 and 202) score significant positive effects against this SA objective. The remaining five selected site options (38, 39a, 22, 25 and 123) score minor positive effects.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

- 9.50 The effects of new residential developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of all 42 potential residential sites (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) on this SA objective will be negligible.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 9.51 The location of housing sites will not directly affect residents' satisfaction with neighbourhoods or provision, protection and enhancement of cultural activities, as these would be more influenced by development management policies. Therefore, negligible effects are generally expected.
- 9.52 However, all 42 potential residential sites (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) are either within close proximity to sensitive receptors (e.g. existing houses, schools, hospitals) and/or are directly adjacent to significant infrastructure (e.g. 'A' road, motorway or railway line) or industrial areas. These sites are therefore likely to have minor negative effects associated with short term adverse effects on the amenity of existing communities during the construction phase (as a result of increased noise and light pollution). Residential sites adjacent to 'A' roads, motorways or railway lines or industrial areas are likely to result in long term adverse effects from noise and air pollution on new communities.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 9.53 New residential developments in close proximity to biodiversity or geodiversity assets have the potential to adversely affect them through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution or increased recreation pressure.
- 9.54 Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) contains an ecology assessment of each site option within areas of search A and B.
- 9.55 Three of the 42 site options are likely to result in a significant negative effect as these sites are rated as either having high or high to medium sensitivity, due to their close proximity to international or national habitats or species, or may contain or be in close proximity to a habitat type listed in Annex I of the Habitats Directive.
- 9.56 Over three quarters of the site options (30 of the 42 sites) are expected to have a minor negative effect as they are judged as having medium or medium to low ecological sensitivity. These site options either contain or lie within close proximity to a regional or county significant population/a number of any nationally important species or semi-natural ancient woodland greater than 0.25ha in area.
- 9.57 The remaining nine site options are considered to have a negligible effect due to the fact that these sites were assessed as having low ecological sensitivity. This low ecological sensitivity is attributed to the lack of habitats or species within the immediate vicinity of these sites, or site options containing or being in close proximity to a regularly occurring, locally significant species.

- 9.58 While proximity to designated sites provides an indication of the potential for an adverse effect, there is uncertainty over the actual impact that development will create, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects associated with measures promoting habitat connectivity and enhancement. Furthermore, at this strategic level of assessment, it is difficult to accurately determine the potential impacts of development and increases in population on biodiversity and geodiversity assets (designated or undesignated). More accurate assessments will be needed once more detailed development proposals are defined as part of any planning applications.
- 9.59 Ten of the selected site option score uncertain minor negative effects against this objective. The only exception was selected site option site 39a which was scores a negligible effect.
- 9.60 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 9.61 Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) contains an assessment of each site option's landscape capacity to accommodate residential development. This judgement draws on both the sensitivity and value of the landscape within each site and the surrounding area.
- 9.62 Of the 42 site options, 22 have been assessed as having low or medium-low capacity and are therefore expected to have a significant negative effect against this objective. Sites with low capacity are not considered able to accommodate new development without adverse impacts to the landscape. Sites with medium to low capacity are may have some limited capacity but careful consideration would need to be given to the type and scale of development.
- 9.63 Minor negative effects are expected for 18 site options due to the fact that these options are expected to have medium or medium to high capacity for development as long as consideration is given to the surrounding landscape.
- 9.64 Two site options (sites 202 and 123) are likely to have a negligible effect as the sites lie adjacent to an existing residential area where new development would appear as an extension to the existing urban edge.
- 9.65 Six of the selected site options (20a, 38, 49, 178, 22 and 25) score uncertain minor negative effects against this objective. Three of the selected site options (39a, 51 and 126) score uncertain significant negative effects against this objective. The remaining two selected sites (sites 123 and 202) score an uncertain negligible effect against this objective.
- 9.66 All effects are uncertain until the detailed design, scale and layout of each development site are known.
- 9.67 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 9.68 Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) contains an Archaeology and Heritage chapter that provides a judgement in relation the cultural sensitivity of each site option. The judgment takes into consideration the potential archaeological resource, built heritage and historic landscape. In addition, Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) includes a site-based assessment against the five NPPF purposes of Green Belt. In this study, the land within each site has been assessed to determine its role in preserving the setting and special character of the historic town of Oxford (Purpose 4).
- 9.69 Significant negative effects are likely for four of the 42 site options. This is due to the fact that three of these sites are considered to have high or high to medium sensitivity. Such sites either contain or are in close proximity to designated cultural assets that have international sensitivities, are extremely well preserved or are of exceptional quality, or are located within extremely well preserved historic landscapes with exceptional coherence, integrity, time-depth, or other critical factors. Site 51 scores a significant negative effect due to its prominent location and contribution to the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford.

- 9.70 Nearly half (19 of 42) of the site options are considered to have medium or medium to low sensitivity and are expected to have minor negative effects on the historic environment. This is due to the fact that they may influence a specific designated or non-designated cultural asset that has reasonable quality, interest or importance. In addition, a further 13 of the 41 sites are considered to have a minor negative effect due to the contribution the land within the site makes to the setting of the historic city of Oxford.
- 9.71 The remaining sites options (5 of the 42) are judged as having low sensitivity due to the limited presence of cultural heritage assets of value within their immediate vicinity and they are considered to be located in landscapes that are badly fragmented and the contextual associations are severely compromised or have little or no historical interest. Furthermore, these 5 sites are not considered to be within the setting of the historic city of Oxford. Therefore, these sites were recorded as having a negligible effect against this objective.
- 9.72 Six of the selected site options (sites 20a, 39, 49, 123, 178 and 202) score uncertain minor negative effects against this objective. Three of the selected site options (38, 51 and 22) score uncertain significant negative effects against this objective. The remaining two selected site options (126 and 25) score uncertain negligible effects against this objective.
- 9.73 All effects are uncertain as the potential and significance of negative and positive effects on cultural heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of new development.
- 9.74 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

- 9.75 The location of residential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each site. Therefore, all 42 potential residential site (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) options are considered to have negligible effects.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

- 9.76 With the exception of three site options, the majority of residential site options (39 of the 42 sites) are either entirely or mainly on greenfield land outside of flood zones 3. Therefore, these sites are expected to have minor negative effects due to the potential increase in impermeable surfaces that could increase overall flood risk in the District.
- 9.77 Site 125 lies only on land within flood zone 3. Over 75% of Site 210 lies on land within flood zone 3. Therefore both of these sites are likely to have significant negative effects on this objective. Site 195 is located on brownfield land outside of flood zone 3 and is therefore likely to have negligible effect on this objective.
- 9.78 All eleven of the selected site options score minor negative effects against this objective.
- 9.79 As 4,400 represents a set figure in terms of this assessment, this may assist in limiting adverse effects.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

- 9.80 Residential sites located on high quality agricultural land would result in the loss of such land. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.
- 9.81 The majority of the site options (32 of the 42 sites) have the potential to generate significant negative effects. This because the majority of sites sit on some of the District's best and most versatile agricultural land. Sites 20, 24 and 34 are on Grade 2 Agricultural Land. 29 sites are on Grade 3 Agricultural Land. These effects are uncertain because it is unknown whether this agricultural land is Grade 3a or 3b. Seven sites have the potential to have only minor negative effects because they are largely located on Grade 4 Agricultural Land, which is less favourable than Grades 1-3.

- 9.82 Three sites have the potential for minor positive effects as they are located on brownfield land. One site (Site 30) is considered to have a significant positive effect on this objective due to the fact that the site is currently a disused oil storage facility. The redevelopment of previously developed land is considered to be a more efficient use of land, although this is uncertain depending on the quality of the land and the layout of the proposed development.
- 9.83 Seven of the selected site options (38, 39a, 49, 51, 126, 22 and 25) score uncertain significant negative effect against this objective. Two of the selected site options (178 and 202) score minor negative effects, and the remaining selected site (site 20a) scored a significant negative effect against this objective.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

- 9.84 As with the majority of developments, residential sites require minerals for construction. To promote the efficient use of primary minerals, Mineral Consultation Areas have been designated by Oxfordshire County Council (the Minerals Planning Authority) in order to prevent mineral sterilisation.
- 9.85 The majority of site options (36) are located within Mineral Consultation Areas which could result in the loss of safeguarded minerals resource (unless prior extraction occurs before the residential development takes place) and therefore have minor negative effects.
- 9.86 Negligible effects are likely for the remaining six residential site options which are not located on Mineral Consultation Areas.
- 9.87 Eight of the selected site options score minor negative effect against this objective. The three exceptions are selected sites 22, 25 and 123, both of which are record negligible effects against this objective.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

- 9.88 All residential sites are likely to generate waste, however those located on brownfield land may have opportunities to re-use existing building materials.
- 9.89 The majority of site options (39 sites) have the potential to generate minor negative effects because they are located on greenfield land where there is likely to be fewer opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials.
- 9.90 The remaining three sites have the potential to generate minor positive effects because they are located on brownfield land where there are more opportunities to re-use existing buildings and materials, although this is uncertain because it depends on the previous use of the site.
- 9.91 All eleven of the selected site options score minor negative effects against this objective.

Summary of open space options effects

- 9.92 This section presents the effects of the 42 open space options within areas of search A and B.
- 9.93 The effects are summarised in **Table 9.4**. There are no detailed SA matrices for the open space options, as only eight of the SA objectives are likely to be affected by the development of land for open space, and the potential effects are generally very similar irrespective of the location of the potential open space site.

Table 9.4: Summary of open space options effects

| Area of Search | Sites | SA1: Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes | SA2: Improving Health and Social Inequality | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA4: Reducing Crime | SA5: Creating Vibrant Communities | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flooding Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities | SA17: Creating Economic Growth | Number of Significant Negative Effects | Number of Significant Positive Effects |
|----------------|----------|--|---|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
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| | Site 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | ++ | -? | + | 0 | 0 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 181 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | + | -? | +++ | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Site 209 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | ++ | --? | +++ | 0 | 0 | ++ | + | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| | Site 210 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | ++ | -? | + | 0 | 0 | ++ | + | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

9.94 Due to the nature of open space options (which are unlikely to include much development, if any), negligible effects are expected for the following SA objectives:

- SA objective 1 - Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes
- SA objective 2 - Improving Health and Social Inequality¹²⁰
- SA objective 3 – Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion
- SA objective 4 – Reducing Crime
- SA objective 10 – Reducing Road Congestion
- SA objective 11 – Improving Water Quality
- SA objective 15 – Sustainable Waste Management
- SA objective 16 – Creating Employment Opportunities; and
- SA objective 17 – Creating Economic Growth

9.95 **Table 9.4** shows that 18 of the Open Space sites have the potential to generate significant negative effects on the landscape. Over 90% of the sites are likely to have at least one significant positive effect. The significant positive effects are generally all in relation to environmental SA objectives (biodiversity, historic environment, flood risk and efficient use of land).

9.96 Notable effects have been identified for SA objectives 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14. These effects are summarised below.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

9.97 All Open Space site options (including the eleven site options selected for allocation within the Local Plan Part Partial Review) are likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. This is due to the fact that open spaces improve local amenity and the public realm.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

9.98 The majority of the Open Space site options (37 sites) are likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. This is due to the fact that these sites are within 800m of Cherwell's settlements, i.e. the communities who will benefit from such open spaces.

9.99 Minor negative effects are likely for the remaining five Open Space site options. This is because these sites are located more than 800m from Cherwell's settlements.

9.100 Eight of the selected site option score minor positive effects against this objective. The remaining three selected site options (22, 25 and 123) score minor negative effects against this objective.

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

9.101 All Open Space site options are expected to generate positive effects on this objective. This is because new open spaces are likely to include new habitats promoting habitat connectivity and biodiversity. The extent of positive effects may vary depending on the type of provision.

9.102 Significant positive effects are likely for 37 Open Space site options. These sites are considered to be large (over 3ha) and therefore have more potential for creating new habitats.

9.103 The remaining five Open Space site options are considered to be small (less than 3ha) and are therefore expected to have minor positive effects.

9.104 All eleven of the selected site options score significant positive effects against this objective.

¹²⁰ Note that proximity of new open spaces to residential areas, and therefore how easily people will be able to make use of sites for active outdoor recreation, is assessed under SA objective 6.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 9.105 Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) contains an assessment of each site option's landscape capacity to accommodate informal and formal recreational development, which is considered to be an appropriate proxy for the types of development that may be provided on new open spaces. This judgement draws on both the sensitivity and value of the landscape within each site and the surrounding area.
- 9.106 Of the 42 site options, 18 have been assessed as having low or medium-low capacity for formal and/or informal recreational development and therefore have the potential to have significant negative effects against this objective. Sites with low capacity are not considered able to accommodate new development without adverse impacts to the landscape. Sites with medium to low capacity may have some limited capacity but careful consideration would need to be given to the type and scale of development.
- 9.107 Minor negative effects are expected for 22 site options due to the fact that these options are expected to have medium or medium to high capacity for recreational development as long as consideration is given to the surrounding landscape.
- 9.108 Two site options (sites 48 and 49) are likely to have a negligible effect due to the limited potential for formal or informal recreational development in these locations to have an adverse effect on the wider landscape.
- 9.109 Seven of the selected site options (20a, 39a, 123, 126, 178, 202 and 22) score uncertain minor negative effects against this objective. Three of the selected site options (38, 51 and 25) score uncertain significant negative effects. The remaining selected site option (site 49) scores an uncertain negligible effect against this objective.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 9.110 There are 11 Open Space site options that are within close proximity of designated heritage assets. These sites are expected to have uncertain significant positive effects on these assets and their settings, primarily by preventing other developments, which could have negative effects from taking place.
- 9.111 Uncertain minor positive effects are expected for the 24 Open Space site options located within 250m of one or more designated heritage assets.
- 9.112 The remaining seven Open Space site options are more than 250m from designated heritage assets and would therefore have a negligible effect.
- 9.113 Uncertainty is recorded for all effects on the setting of historic assets until such time as the detailed design and landscaping of the open spaces are known.
- 9.114 Four of the selected site options (20a, 39a, 49 and 22) score uncertain significant positive effects against this objective. Four of the selected site options (38, 51, 126 and 202) score uncertain minor positive effects. The remaining three selected site options (sites 25, 123 and 178) score negligible effects.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

- 9.115 Open Space sites are likely to have a positive effect by ensuring that areas with permeable surfaces are retained, reducing the risk of surface water flooding. There are ten large Open Space sites (over 3ha) within high flood risk areas (flood zones 2 and 3). These sites are likely to have significant positive effects.
- 9.116 There are 22 sites that are smaller (less than 3ha) which are located within high flood risk areas (flood zones 2 and 3) or large (over 3ha) outside of flood risk areas. These sites are likely to have minor positive effects.
- 9.117 The remaining 10 Open Space site options are small sites (less than 3ha) situated outside of high flood risk areas. These sites are likely to have negligible effects.

9.118 Five of the selected site options (20a, 25, 38, 51 and 123) score minor positive effects against this objective. Three of the selected site options (39a, 49 and 202) score significant positive effects. The remaining three site options (sites 126, 178 and 22) score negligible effects.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

9.119 Open Space sites located on the best and most versatile agricultural land in the District (Grades 1, 2 and 3) could generate positive effects by preserving the land's arable potential. However, open space is unlikely to be returned to agricultural use. While these positive effects will depend on the nature of the open space uses, three Open Space site options are located mainly or entirely on Grade 1 or 2 Agricultural Land and are therefore likely to have significant positive effects. Minor positive effects are expected for 30 site options located on land classified as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Site 30 is considered to be an exception to this general rule. Although the site is designated as 51% Grade 3 Agricultural Land and 49% Grade 4 Agricultural Land, the land defined within the site boundary is a disused oil storage facility. Therefore, this site is recorded as likely to have a negligible effect on this objective alongside another eight site options which are not located on land designated as Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land.

9.120 Six of the selected site options (22, 25, 38, 39a, 51, and 123) score minor positive effects against this objective. Three selected site options (49, 178 and 202) score negligible effects. The two remaining site options (20a and 126) score significant positive effects.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

9.121 While Open Space sites may not require minerals for construction (depending on the level of development and landscaping/hard paving that occurs within the open space, their location could inhibit the exploitation of available mineral resources in the District. Mineral Consultation Areas have been designated by Oxfordshire County Council (the Minerals Planning Authority) in order to prevent minerals sterilisation. Minor negative effects are likely for 37 Open Space site options located within Mineral Consultation Areas, although there may be opportunities for prior extraction of mineral if necessary. Negligible effects are likely for the remaining five Open Space site options located outside of Mineral Consultation Areas.

9.122 Eight of the selected site options score minor negative effects against this objective. The three exceptions are selected site options 22, 25 and 123, which score negligible effects.

10 Appraisal of preferred site allocations and strategic policies within Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review

Introduction

- 10.1 This Chapter sets out the findings of the SA of the 18 policies set out within Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Proposed Submission document. The 18 policies can broadly be categorised into two groups: strategic planning policies and site allocation policies.
- 10.2 There are ten strategic planning policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review:
- Policy PR1 – Achieving Sustainable Development for Oxford
 - Policy PR2 – Housing Mix, Tenure and Size
 - Policy PR3 – The Oxford Green Belt
 - Policy PR4a – Sustainable Transport
 - Policy PR4b – Kidlington Centre
 - Policy PR5 – Green Infrastructure
 - Policy PR11 – Infrastructure Delivery
 - Policy PR12a – Delivering Sites and Maintaining Housing Supply
 - Policy PR12b – Applications for Planning Permission for the Development of Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review
 - Policy PR13 – Monitoring and Securing Delivery
- 10.3 There are eight site allocation policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review:
- Policy PR6a – Land East of Oxford Road
 - Policy PR6b – Land West of Oxford Road
 - Policy PR6c – Land at Frieze Farm
 - Policy PR7a – Land South East of Kidlington
 - Policy PR7b – Land at Stratfield Farm
 - Policy PR8 – Land East of the A44
 - Policy PR9 – Land West of Yarnton
 - Policy PR10 – Land South East of Woodstock
- 10.4 The location of the eight site allocations set out within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review to accommodate a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is shown in **Figure 10.1**.
- 10.5 The effects of the strategic planning policies and site allocation policies are reported separately below.

Reasons for selecting the preferred site allocations policies

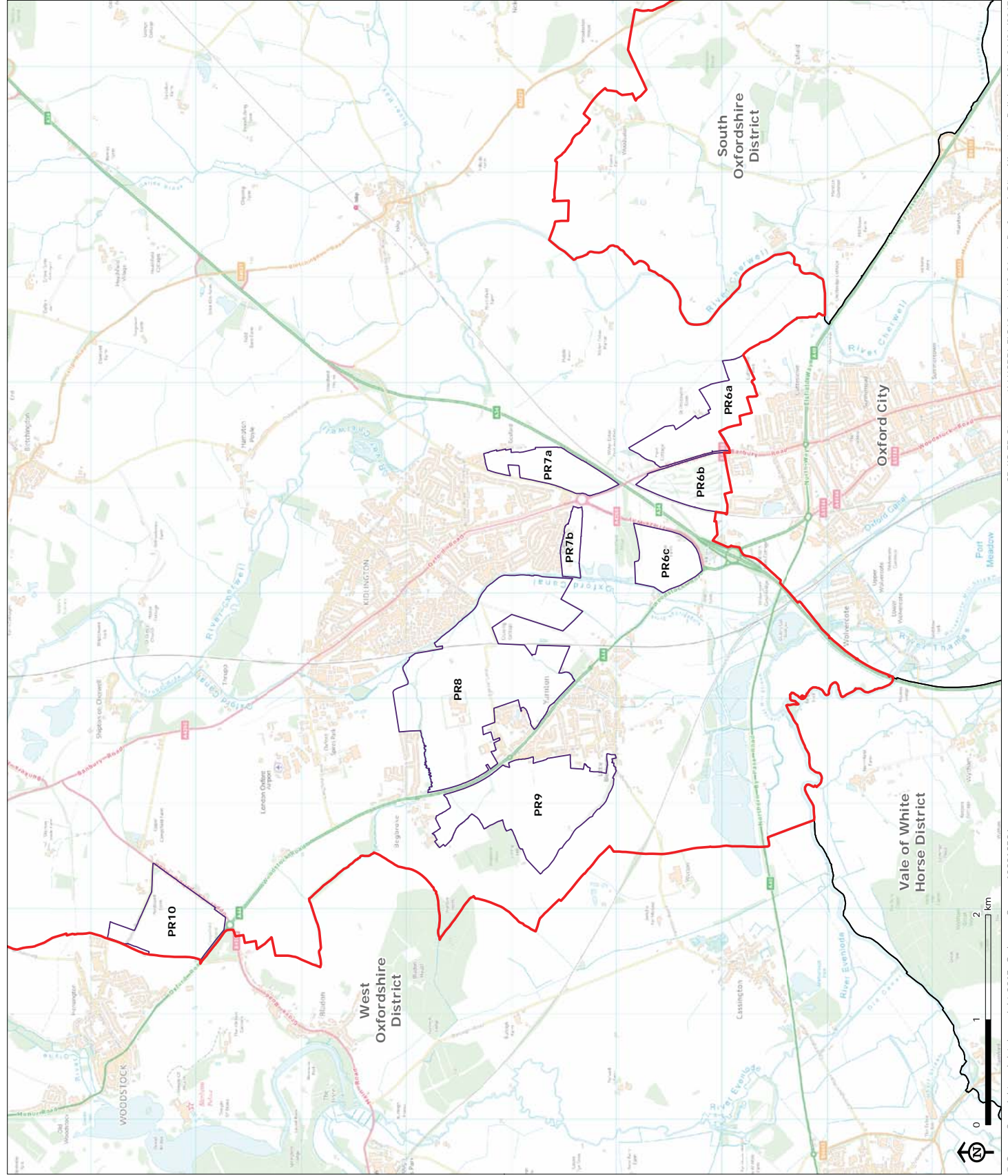
- 10.6 This section details the Council's reasoning for the selection of sites which were taken forward for policy development and further SA.

Figure 10.1

Preferred Site Allocation Policies

- Cherwell District boundary
- Other district boundaries
- Preferred site allocation policies
- PR6a: Land East of Oxford Road
- PR6b: Land West of Oxford Road
- PR6c: Land at Frieze Farm
- PR7a: Land South East of Kidlington
- PR7b: Land at Stratfield Farm
- PR8: Land East of the A44
- PR9: Land West of Yarnton
- PR10: Land South East of Woodstock

Map Scale @ A3: 1:35,000



- 10.7 All site options in Areas of Search A and B have been assessed in the SA. In determining which sites should be taken forward, the Council has considered the results of the SA, other Local Plan evidence and the results of consultation and engagement. The Council has concluded that the sites illustrated in **Figure 10.1** would be suitable and would provide the best way of meeting the Plan's vision and objectives and achieving sustainable development.
- 10.8 The Council's key reasons for selecting sites are set out below. The key reasons for not taking forward other sites are also summarised. The Council has advised that it has noted that the SA has shown that all sites within Areas of Search A and B have some positive and/or significant positive effects.
- 10.9 In considering the suitability of sites, the Council has taken account of the need to meet the Plan's objectives and to achieve its vision.
- 10.10 The vision seeks to:
- support Oxford's world class economy, its universities and employment base;
 - ensure that people have convenient, affordable and sustainable travel opportunities to the city's places of work, study and recreation and to its services and facilities;
 - deliver development that is well connected to Oxford; and,
 - provide for a range of household types and incomes reflecting Oxford's diverse needs.
- 10.11 In doing so it seeks to:
- create balanced and sustainable communities;
 - provide for exemplar design which responds distinctively and sensitively to the local built, historic and environmental context;
 - ensure development is supported by necessary infrastructure;
 - contribute to improving health and well-being; and,
 - conserve and enhance the natural environment.
- 10.12 The objectives relate to:
- partnership working to meet needs and required infrastructure by 2031 (objective SO16);
 - providing development so it supports the projected economic growth which underpins the housing needs and local Oxford and Cherwell economies (objective SO17);
 - substantively providing affordable access to new homes for those requiring affordable housing, new entrants to the housing market, key workers and those requiring access to Oxford's key employment areas, and providing well designed development that responds to the local context (objective SO18); and,
 - providing development so that it complements the County Council's Local Transport Plan (including the Oxford Transport Strategy) and facilitates demonstrable and deliverable improvements to the availability of sustainable transport for access to Oxford (objective SO19).
- 10.13 Oxford's importance as a key economic driver directly influences the rest of Oxfordshire; particularly where, as in Cherwell's case, there are significant, shared economic interests at the interface between the city and the district or along main transportation corridors. This includes the University of Oxford's Begbroke Science Park, London-Oxford Airport, the commercial area at Langford Lane, Kidlington and the allocated Northern Gateway site within Oxford.
- 10.14 The Council advises that it is seeking to benefit from and to help deliver the County Council's rapid transit (Local Transport Plan) proposals, to take advantage of the new Oxford Parkway Railway Station, to complement the proposal for a new Oxford Park and Ride facility off the Woodstock / Bladon / A44 roundabout, to capitalise on the provision of improved cycle routes into Oxford and help deliver a significant increase in the proportion of people accessing Oxford by alternative modes of transport to the private car.
- 10.15 Specific issues from its evidence studies including on transport, landscape, Green Belt, ecology (including the Oxford Meadows Special Area of Conservation), flooding and land availability have been considered. The Council considers the need for sites to be deliverable and viable to be of high importance in view of the need to maintain a five year supply of sites and ensure that the required

homes are delivered by 2031. The relationship between individual sites and the potential to revise the boundaries of sites has been taken into account.

- 10.16 The Council also advises that it has taken into account the potential impact of specific sites on the strategy of the adopted Local Plan and the guidance contained within the adopted Kidlington Framework Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which supports the adopted Local Plan has also been relevant. It has considered other strategies and plans of relevance including the Local Transport Plan, the Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan, the adopted Oxford Core Strategy, the City Council's Housing Strategy and the existing and emerging West Oxfordshire plans. The Council has considered the work programme of the Oxfordshire Growth Board having regard to the purpose of that work and its non-statutory but cooperatively based status.
- 10.17 The Council advises that the opportunities as well as the constraints presented by sites have been examined. The Council has considered public opinion – the main responses received to two formal periods of consultation on Issues and Options Papers and associated workshops. It has considered the outcome of engagement with service providers such as the County Council and the view of prescribed and statutory bodies such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England and Highways England. The view of individual site promoters and their site submissions have also been considered.
- 10.18 The Council advises that it received 148 representations to the Issues consultation and 1,225 representations to the Options consultation. The Council's consultation statements highlight the main issues raised and how these have been taken into account. Following the Options consultation, the Council has noted significant concern from respondents about development in the Green Belt as well as other views including that development should be accommodated close to Oxford.
- 10.19 Detailed information that has informed the selection of sites is contained within the Plan's supporting documents.

The Council's Summary of Reasons for Site Selection / Rejection

Sites Outside the Green Belt

- 10.20 National Green Belt policy makes it clear that once established Green Belt boundaries should only be demonstrated in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of the Local Plan (NPPF, para. 83).
- 10.21 The Council is clear that all reasonable non-Green Belt options must be considered before options within the Green Belt. The Council has considered Areas of Search across the district and rejected Areas C to I because of their unsuitability. Within selected Areas A and B, two sites lie outside the Green Belt:
- Site 22 - Land north west of London-Oxford Airport, near Woodstock*
- Summary of SA findings*
- 10.22 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded in relation to the historic environment, the efficient use of land and employment opportunities.
- The Council's Conclusion*
- 10.23 Woodstock is one of West Oxfordshire's most sustainable settlements, a rural service centre just outside the Oxford Green Belt, bordering Cherwell District to the north-west of London-Oxford airport. Woodstock is located on the A44 corridor connecting the airport with Begbroke, Yarnton and Oxford. The edge Woodstock is approximately 7km from north Oxford.
- 10.24 The A44 is featured in the Local Transport Plan's Oxford Transport Strategy in the interest of accommodating 'rapid transit' connections to Oxford and developing a new Park and Ride strategy. Land at the Woodstock/Bladon/airport junction on the A44 is identified in the Oxford Transport Strategy as a location for a new Park and Ride facility.
- 10.25 The County Council's A44/A4260 Corridor Study identifies improvements to the A44 corridor in the interest of achieving a 'modal shift' to more sustainable forms of transport. It seeks to re-prioritise

the route for through traffic away from the A4260 and the centre of Kidlington to the A44. This will enable use of the new Park and Ride.

- 10.26 The study also provides for improvements to the existing national cycle way between Woodstock and Oxford along the western side of the A44 and linking to a new 'super cycleway' serving Oxford via Kidlington. The combined effect of these measures makes Woodstock a sustainable location in transport terms for accommodating some growth to help meet Oxford's housing needs.
- 10.27 Woodstock is a focus for growth in West Oxfordshire's emerging Local Plan in order to meet its own needs. Woodstock has a good range of services and facilities helped by its function as a tourist destination.
- 10.28 The World Heritage Site of Blenheim Palace, with its Grade 1 Registered Park, is located to the south west of Woodstock and is of international and national heritage significance. There is an important physical and historical inter-relationship between Woodstock and the Blenheim estate.
- 10.29 The estate is making land available for development to the south east of Woodstock in addition to land it has put forward within West Oxfordshire. The land in Cherwell mostly comprises this large (48.7 hectares) arable field bounded by the A4095 (Upper Campsfield Road) to the south-east, Shipton Road to the north-east and by the A44 to the south-west.
- 10.30 The site has an open and flat character bounded by a good tree belt frontage along Campsfield Road and Shipton Road and a high (2.5m) agricultural hedgerow fronting the A44. The land's containment by woodland is a key landscape characteristic and it relates well to Campsfield Wood on the opposite side of Oxford Road, as well as with the wooded nature of Bladon Heath and High Lodge to the south.
- 10.31 The area adjoins land to the north-west that has recently been approved by West Oxfordshire District Council for up to 300 homes including local retail, office and community facilities and public open space (WODC ref. 16/01364/OUT). The development of that site would extend Woodstock up to the Cherwell boundary and result in the construction of houses opposite Blenheim Park which is situated to the south west of the A44.
- 10.32 There is further potential for development in this location outside but next to the Oxford Green Belt. The reasons for this are:
- the relationship of Woodstock to the A44 corridor;
 - the sustainability of Woodstock in terms of it being a well-served, small town and the potential for integration with West Oxfordshire's extended built-up area;
 - the proposals in the Oxford Transport Strategy and the A44/A4260 Corridor Study for sustainable transport improvements and traffic management measures along the corridor facilitating improved access to Oxford and providing the opportunity for a modal shift in the proportion of people accessing the city by means other than the private car;
 - the provision of a Park and Ride facility for Oxford next to Woodstock and the improvements / provision of cycleways to Oxford;
 - the immediate access to the A44 corridor from the south-eastern edge of Woodstock;
 - the compatibility of the location with the vision and objectives; and,
 - the need to ensure that sustainable options for accommodating the required growth for Oxford within Cherwell outside the Green Belt are utilised to minimise any need to provide development within the Green Belt.
- 10.33 A sensitively planned and designed development of limited scale could be achieved that relates well to Woodstock, delivers required facilities and responds positively to the historic environment and results in significant improvements to the natural environment to deliver a net increase in biodiversity.
- 10.34 The site is located adjacent to Woodstock and could link and integrate with the existing urban area. Woodstock is in West Oxfordshire but has a level of services and facilities and transport links equal to (and in cases more than) Cherwell's Category A settlements (excluding Kidlington). The site is outside the Green Belt.
- 10.35 The LSCA finds that the site has medium capacity for residential development with a need to respect the setting of the SAM and Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site and Grade I Registered Park and

Garden. The whole of the site area is not considered to be appropriate for development. The site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is considered to be Medium/Low.

- 10.36 The Council considers that the site should be taken forward for residential development albeit with the need to restrict the residential development area.

Site 25 - Land east of Marlborough School, Woodstock

SA Findings

- 10.37 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded in relation to the efficient use of land, landscape impact and employment opportunities.

The Council's Conclusion

- 10.38 This area of land (6 hectares) adjoins Site 22 to the north and is also being promoted by the Blenheim Estate. It lies immediately to the north of and east of Shipton Road, adjoining the north-eastern most part of Woodstock. It comprises field parcels contained by a hedgerow to the east.

- 10.39 The merits of this general location for meeting the Plan's vision and objectives and the sustainable transport relationship with Oxford are highlighted in the summary for site 22. As land adjoining Woodstock, and in view of the conclusion on site 25, it is considered that the site should be taken forward should it be required to support sustainable development, notwithstanding its potential visibility in the surrounding countryside (LSCA). Should it be required for development in association with site 25, a design and mitigation solution to visibility may be achievable.

- 10.40 The Council considers that the site should be taken forward albeit for residential for the purpose of consideration alongside Site 22.

Sites Selected within the Green Belt

Site 38 - North Oxford Triangle, Kidlington

SA Findings

- 10.41 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities, reducing air pollution and employment opportunities. Significant negative effects are recorded for impact on the historic environment, for the efficient use of land and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

- 10.42 The northern fringe of Oxford includes neighbourhoods either side of the A4165 Oxford/Banbury Road – the main arterial route into north Oxford from Kidlington to the north. The site comprises land either side of the A4165 and to the east of the railway.

East of the A4165

- 10.43 To the east is the residential area of Cutteslowe an inter-war development. Cutteslowe extends southward to the A40. To the south of the A40 are the Sunnymead and Summertown areas of Oxford in which are a wide range of services and facilities including Primary and Secondary Schools and a neighbourhood centre.

- 10.44 The edge of Cutteslowe marks the boundary between Oxford and Cherwell. To the north and east is open agricultural land leading eastwards, to the Grade II* Listed St. Frideswide Farmhouse (and Listed wall) and on into the River Cherwell valley, and northwards, to the Oxford Parkway Railway Station, Water Eaton Park and Ride and the A34 trunk road. There are train and regular bus services into central Oxford. This transport infrastructure and the existing built-up area of Oxford are strong urbanising influences.

- 10.45 The fields to the east of the A4165 are large with weak boundaries, creating an open, exposed landscape but becoming more intricate further into the Cherwell Valley beyond St. Frideswide Farmhouse. There are views out to the wider countryside and higher ground across the valley. The village of Islip (to the east) and Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital (south-east) are prominent.

- 10.46 The southernmost edge of Cherwell to the south of the A34 has the perception of being part of Oxford. The existing urban environment of the Cutteslowe and Wolvercote areas, the heavily urbanising influence of the Park and Ride, new railway station and other transport infrastructure contribute to this.
- 10.47 The area's immediate relationship with Oxford provides a sustainable opportunity to create a new gateway neighbourhood with direct access to central Oxford, Summertown, to employment opportunities including at Northern Gateway and to services and facilities nearby within Oxford. In this location, sustainable travel choices can be strongly encouraged and car use for local journeys discouraged. There is a clear opportunity to integrate with the existing north Oxford communities.
- 10.48 Development in this area would result in the loss of agricultural land some landscape and heritage impact and the loss of/harm to Green Belt. The benefits of developing in this area would outweigh the adverse effects.
- 10.49 Development would result in a considerable reduction in the settlement gap between Oxford and Kidlington and will also weaken the justification for retaining the Green Belt status of the Park and Ride site. However, there is a clear opportunity to provide an urban extension for Oxford with very high levels of sustainability in transport terms and that results in a community integrated with Oxford and with access to potential jobs and amenities.
- 10.50 Development could be provided while avoiding the more sensitive landscape of the Cherwell Valley (restricting the easterly extent of development), planning for a soft urban edge to the east and protecting the Grade 2* Listed St Frideswide Farmhouse and the existing public rights of way.
- 10.51 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with the need to restrict the residential development area.

West of the A4165

- 10.52 West of the road is the heavily treed and historic North Oxford Golf Club. It comprises some 31 hectares of land and, the Council is advised, operates with the benefit of a rolling lease from the University colleges. In this area are residential neighbourhoods built during the second half of the 20th century, Jordan Hill Business Park, Wolvercote Cemetery and a Recreation Ground.
- 10.53 Immediately to the west is the Oxford-Bicester railway line over which is a footbridge connecting to a relatively small area of agricultural land between the railway and the A34. That land connects to Oxford's Northern Gateway development area immediately to the south. National Cycle Network Route 51 runs along the A4165.
- 10.54 The southernmost edge of Cherwell to the south of the A34 has the perception of being part of Oxford. The existing urban environment of the Cutteslowe and Wolvercote areas, the heavily urbanising influence of the Park and Ride, new railway station and other transport infrastructure contribute to this.
- 10.55 The area's immediate relationship with Oxford provides a sustainable opportunity to create a new gateway neighbourhood with direct access to central Oxford, Summertown, to employment opportunities including at Northern Gateway and to services and facilities nearby within Oxford. In this location, sustainable travel choices can be strongly encouraged and car use for local journeys discouraged. There is a clear opportunity to integrate with the existing north Oxford communities.
- 10.56 Although development would result in the loss of a golf course, some landscape and heritage impact and the loss of/harm to Green Belt, the benefits of developing in this area far outweigh the adverse effects.
- 10.57 The historic golf course presently provides a recreation facility for Oxford. It comprises an important buffer feature on the urban edge, limiting perception of the city, and helps to maintain the gap with Kidlington.
- 10.58 However, the existing urbanising influences and the clear opportunity to develop a consolidated new neighbourhood to the north of Oxford, with the opportunity for connectivity to the Northern Gateway development site, to the potential development land to the east of Oxford and to the Oxford Parkway railway station, outweigh the loss of this area as a buffer. Replacement land of a similar size would need to be identified should there be a continued need for a Golf Course.

10.59 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with the need to identify an area of land for a possible replacement Golf Course should this be needed.

Land East of the Railway

10.60 This comprises an area of agricultural land between the railway, the A34 and commercial development (within Oxford's allocated Northern Gateway site) to the east of the Peartree Interchange. Notwithstanding the advantages of this area in terms of the relationship and connectivity with Oxford, residential development would be segregated in this area. It would not best meet the Plan's objectives nor best achieve sustainable development. Its situation next to the Northern Gateway site and the presence of a footbridge over the railway may suggest that routes through the site could nonetheless be achieved to assist further with development to the west of the A4165.

10.61 The Council considers that the land should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 123 - Land to South of A34, North of Linkside Avenue, Wolvercote

SA Findings

10.62 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution and the efficient use of land

The Council's Conclusions

10.63 The site comprises part of the existing golf course. The site is considered to be suitable to take forward for the reasons explained in relation to land West of the A4165 – part of site 38.

10.64 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development.

Site 20 (20 A) - Begbroke Science Park, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.65 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities, reducing air pollution and improving health and well being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.66 Land to the east of the A44 near Begbroke Science Park provides the opportunity to meet Oxford's needs in close association with the expansion of one of the University of Oxford's key economic assets. There is the potential to integrate with and capitalise upon sustainable transport improvements associated with the Oxford Transport Strategy and the A44/A4260 Corridor Study and to improve connectivity with Kidlington

10.67 The existing Local Plan provides for a small scale Green Belt Review, to be undertaken through a separate Local Plan Part 2, to help meet high value employment needs in an area of search centred on the Science Park. The A44 corridor between north Oxford and Woodstock has an economic function of mutual interest to Cherwell and Oxford. Development in this location would capitalise on the existing relationships in this area between the two authority areas. London-Oxford Airport and the Langford Lane commercial area are nearby.

10.68 Development would result in a significant reduction of the Green Belt between Begbroke, Yarnton and Kidlington but there is an opportunity to create a distinctive neighbourhood while retaining the identity of existing settlements and maintain a strategic gap to the west of Kidlington.

10.69 The Oxford Canal corridor provides a landscape setting to the area, an interface between Kidlington and Begbroke/Yarnton and connectivity with Oxford. There are environmental assets and land available in the area that provide the opportunity for net gains in biodiversity and the provision of significant public open space of benefit to the wider community. From a landscape perspective, there is medium capacity for development with necessary consideration of specific constraints such as Rowel Brook and the Oxford Canal, a Conservation Area. The Science Park is among a number of urban influences. Development could be achieved while protecting the canal corridor and other historic

assets. A development approach could be achieved that protects and enhances important environmental assets.

10.70 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development.

Site 126 - Seedlake Piggeries, Yarnton

SA Findings

10.71 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution, access to services and facilities and improving health and well being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.72 Development of this site would result in a freestanding, isolated area of development to the east of the A44 opposite Yarnton and to the west of the railway. There is an area of Yarnton village further north to the east of the A44 but a piecemeal approach to development would not be in the interest of achieving sustainable development notwithstanding the site's location on a transportation corridor with a premium bus route and national cycleway into Oxford. However, taking forward development on site 20, near Begbroke Science Park, would provide the opportunity for a sustainable consolidated approach with site 126.

10.73 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development but only with site 20.

Site 49 - Land at Stratfield Farm, Oxford Road, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.74 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities, improving health and well-being, and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are recorded for the efficient use of land and in relation to reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.75 Stratfield Farm is to the west of the A4260 Oxford Road at the southern edge of Kidlington. The land lies between the existing built-up area to the north and Stratfield Brake Sports Ground to the south and extends from Kidlington roundabout in the east to the Oxford Canal in the west. The canal corridor is a Conservation Area. Site 20 lies to the west of the canal.

10.76 The westernmost section of the site alongside the canal comprises part of the Lower Cherwell Valley Conservation Target Area (CTA). CTAs were identified to restore biodiversity through the maintenance, restoration and creation of nationally defined priority habitats. They seek to address habitat fragmentation through the linking of sites to form strategic ecological networks which can help species adapt to the impact of climate change. CTAs represent the areas of greatest opportunity for strategic biodiversity improvement in the District.

10.77 The eastern part of the site is the least constrained in terms of accommodating development and is accessible from the A4260 and Kidlington (A4260/A44) roundabout slip road. A northern and central part of the site has the potential to connect to Croxford Gardens, a suburban residential street within the 'garden city' area of Kidlington. Towards the centre of the site is the Grade II listed Stratfield Farmhouse. The farmhouse and its out-buildings are generally in a poor state of repair and development would ensure the renovation of these buildings and their long term future.

10.78 Development on the site would result in some coalescence in the Green Belt towards Oxford. However, it is in a highly sustainable location in transportation terms to facilitate access to the city. Development would also be perceived as a planned extension to Kidlington. The site presents significant opportunity for net biodiversity enhancements provided the extent of development is limited and improved connectivity is provided for, including over the canal to site 20. Stratfield Brake Sports Ground and the District Wildlife Site would ensure the containment of development and the maintenance of a soft southern edge to Kidlington.

10.79 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with development restricted to parts of the site in the interest of securing substantial net biodiversity gains and improved connectivity.

10.80 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with development being restricted to parts of the site.

Site 51 - Land West of A44/Rutten Lane, North of Cassington Road, surrounding Begbroke Wood, Yarnton

SA Findings

10.81 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded in relation to landscape impact, impact on the historic environment, the efficient use of land and employment opportunities.

The Council's Conclusion

10.82 Yarnton is a large Category A village which has access to a range of services and facilities including a primary school. It is well connected to Oxford being in close proximity to sustainable transport routes which run through the village and along the A44 corridor. Yarnton is approximately 2 km from the city boundary.

10.83 Yarnton's location on the A44 means it is well situated to take advantage of sustainable transport improvements arising from the Oxford Transport Strategy and associated A44/A4260 Corridor Study as well as existing premium bus routes.

10.84 The site comprises predominantly farmland which lies to the west and north of the village. The eastern edge is defined by the built-up edge of Yarnton and the A44. To the north the edge of the site is close to but separated from Begbroke. Begbroke Wood, an ancient woodland and District Wildlife Site lies immediately to the north west. Frogwelldown Lane, a public right of way and District Wildlife Site forms the south west boundary.

10.85 In landscape terms there is a strong sense of distinction between the elevated farmland to the west, north and south and the low lying situation of Yarnton to the east. There is the opportunity for some residential development on the lower slopes immediately to the north and west of the village without undue harm to the purposes of the Green Belt in that location and the wider landscape more generally. The development in that area could be integrated with Yarnton but would take a broadly linear form along the A44. However, it would have strong visual link with the land to the east of the A44 – the approach to Begbroke Science Park – particularly if development is also taken forward in that location.

10.86 The promotion of a much larger area of land than would be suitable for residential development provides potential for improving access to the countryside and achieving net gains in biodiversity. Development would need to avoid harm to existing environmental assets and Begbroke Conservation Area to the north.

10.87 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with development being restricted to parts of the site.

Site 178 - Land east of Kidlington and west of A34, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.88 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, access to services and facilities, reducing air pollution and improving health and well-being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.89 The site lies to south east of Kidlington, to the east of Bicester Road and to the west of the A34. Located off the Kidlington Roundabout, the site is within close proximity to Oxford and sustainable transport routes into the city. Some development has already been provided to the east of the Bicester Road and the A34 provides containment. From a landscape perspective, the site has medium to high capacity for residential development which could be integrated with the existing built up area of Kidlington near to Oxford and avoiding traffic through Kidlington centre.

10.90 The Kidlington Framework Masterplan identified the need for new sports pitches for Kidlington and there is a clear opportunity to achieve this in this location. Development would result in the loss of Green Belt land but the pitches could be provided within the Green Belt and would assist in retaining a permanent gap within the built up area of Oxford (having regard to the conclusions on site 38). They would be accessible from existing sports facilities nearby Stratfield Brake and would represent a positive use of land within the Green Belt.

10.91 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development albeit with residential development being restricted to parts of the site.

Site 202 - Land adjacent to Bicester Road, Gosford, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.92 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, access to services and facilities and improving health and well-being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.93 The site lies immediately north of site 178, to the south of an affordable housing scheme developed to the east of Bicester Road to the north of small cemetery and allotments. From a landscape perspective, there is high capacity for residential development due to the site's relative containment by the existing mature hedgerow boundaries and the potential to be perceived as an extension to the residential area immediately to the north. The site is within close proximity to Oxford and sustainable transport routes into the city. Development could be integrated with the existing built up area of Kidlington near to Oxford and avoiding traffic through Kidlington centre. Development would best achieve sustainable development through a consolidated, well designed approach with site 178. Development would result in the loss of Green Belt land but sports pitches, shown to be required by the Kidlington Framework Masterplan, could be provided within the Green Belt and would assist in retaining a permanent gap within the built up area of Oxford (having regard to the conclusions on site 38). They would be accessible from existing sports facilities nearby Stratfield Brake and would represent a positive use of land within the Green Belt.

10.94 The Council considers that the land should be taken forward for residential development but as part of a consolidated approach with site 178.

Sites Rejected within the Green Belt

Site 14 - Land North of the Moors, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.95 Significant positive effects identified in relation to improving health and well-being and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects identified in relation to the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.96 The site is situated to the north of Kidlington. It has previously been included in a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2014) as a potential suitable site subject to only part of the site being developed, landscaping proposals which retain the relationship of the area with the wider countryside and the historic environment (see also the LSCA) and the demonstration of exceptional circumstances to release the site from the Green Belt.

10.97 Since that time, the Kidlington Framework Masterplan has been adopted (2016) which highlights the need to protect the high quality setting to the north and east of Kidlington.

10.98 The location of the site would enable the use of sustainable transport. However, the site's location to the north of Kidlington centre means that travel by private car through the village centre to access Oxford can also be expected.

10.99 The site has some merit as a northerly extension to Kidlington but is not considered to represent the best way to achieve sustainable development to meet Oxford's needs.

10.100 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 19 - Shipton on Cherwell Quarry, Shipton on Cherwell

SA Findings

10.101 No significant positive effects are identified. Significant negative effects are recorded in relation to landscape, biodiversity, access to services and facilities, employment and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.102 The site is an extensive, active minerals site which is being progressively restored. From a landscape sensitivity perspective, the site has low capacity for residential development due to the ecological importance of the area and the setting of the adjacent conservation areas. However, the LSCA notes that there may be some potential for residential outside designated areas. The development of the site (for a new settlement) would introduce strategically significant growth in an area with a strong rural character and which is more peripheral than most other options in Areas of Search A & B. In terms of accessibility to Oxford, its location does not benefit from sustainable transport services to the same extent as other sites and the same walking and cycling opportunities do not exist. The site is not well placed to capitalise on the County Council's rapid transit proposals and is likely to result in additional traffic through Kidlington centre.

10.103 Additionally, there is some doubt about deliverability. A comprehensive approach to the restoration of this minerals site would be required and there is significant doubt that the site could be developed so that all the homes are delivered by 2031 and so that a five year supply of homes to meet Oxford's needs could be maintained.

10.104 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 21 Land off Mill Lane/ Kidlington Road, Islip

SA Findings

10.105 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution, access to services and facilities and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.106 The site lies to the west of Islip north of the railway line. Although Islip has a railway halt providing services to Oxford, it is removed from other existing sustainable transport routes and does not feature as part of the Oxford Transport Strategy's rapid transit proposals. There is limited scope for bus and cycle improvements which would require a critical mass of development that would change the rural character of this historic village. Other site options are available that would provide a better fit with the County Council's sustainable transport policies and better achieve sustainable development well connected with Oxford.

10.107 The Council considers that the site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 23 - Land at junction of Langford Lane/A44, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.108 Significant positive effects are recorded for access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are recorded for landscape impact and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.109 The site is located adjacent to Begbroke and therefore could integrate with the existing settlement. However, the site is associated with the flight path at the airport and will not connect well with existing sustainable routes. It is considered that the relative isolation of the site from any other residential properties and services and its landscape context in relation to the surrounding business park and airport uses, results in a reduced capacity for residential development. Release of this area from the Green Belt would represent encroachment on an area that currently has no urbanising features and it would weaken the contribution of adjacent Green Belt. There are public objections to the site.

10.110 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development

Site 24 - Begbroke Lane, North East Field, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.111 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded for the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.112 Although the site is situated off the A44 transport corridor, which is planned to be improved, and development would result in an extension to a Category A village, development of this site would lead to direct coalescence between Begbroke and Kidlington to the north. The open field to the north of the site (to the south of Langford Lane) has been granted permission for a Technology Park and would compound this coalescence (effectively connecting Begbroke to London-Oxford Airport) and significantly harming Begbroke's identity.

10.113 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development

Site 27 - Land North of the Moors and east of Banbury Road, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.114 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded for landscape impact and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.115 The site is located near to Kidlington but is currently separated from the urban fringe of Kidlington by a strip of land comprising grassland/fields and as a result the site is considered to have a low capacity for residential development. There would be adverse impacts on the natural and historic environment, the landscape and the setting at north Kidlington. Release of this land may also necessitate release of PR14 and this would represent a sizeable encroachment on the countryside. The site has less potential to contribute towards the spatial strategy for North Oxford, Kidlington and the A44 corridor set out above and in the Partial Review. There are a significant number of public objections.

10.116 The site is situated to the north of Kidlington and to the north of site 14. Without site 14, the site would be separated from the built-up area and development would be poorly integrated with Kidlington. The Council's conclusion on site 14 was that it should not be taken forward for residential development for the reasons stated.

10.117 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 29 - Land at Shipton on Cherwell, Shipton on Cherwell

SA Findings

10.118 No significant positive effects are identified. Significant negative effects are recorded in relation to access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution and impacts on the landscape.

The Council's Conclusion

10.119 The site comprises part of the former railway line and adjoining land between the main Shipton on Cherwell Quarry and the village. From a landscape sensitivity perspective, the capacity for residential development in the majority of the site along the former railway line is low (LSCA). The two fields in the west of the site have a medium capacity but the land would not be suitable for the construction of 100 homes (the strategic site threshold) without significant adverse harm to the strong rural character of the area. The area is more peripheral than most other options in Areas of Search A & B. In terms of accessibility to Oxford, its location does not benefit from sustainable transport services to the same extent as other sites and the same walking and cycling opportunities do not exist. The site is not well placed to capitalise on the County Council's rapid transit proposals and is likely to result in additional traffic through Kidlington centre.

10.120 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 30 - Oil Storage Depot, Bletchingdon Road, Islip

SA Findings

10.121 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being and the efficient use of land. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution, access to services and facilities and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.122 The site comprises previously developed land to the north of Islip. Development of the entire site would be out scale with the village in this rural location. The site is detached from the settlement core and has a strong sense of visual openness which means that it relates more strongly to the countryside than to Islip. Although Islip has a railway halt providing services to Oxford, it is removed from other existing sustainable transport routes and does not feature as part of the Oxford Transport Strategy's rapid transit proposals. There is limited scope for bus and cycle improvements which would require a critical mass of development that would change the rural character of this historic village. Other site options are available that would provide a better fit with the County Council's sustainable transport policies and better achieve sustainable development well connected with Oxford.

10.123 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development

Site 32 - Land adjoining 26 & 33 Webbs Way, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.124 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded for the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.125 The site's location to the north of Kidlington centre means that increased traffic through the village could be expected. The site lies within a Conservation Area comprising the original historic core of the village but this in itself would not preclude high quality, sensitively designed development. The Kidlington Framework Masterplan (2016) highlights the need to protect the high quality setting to the north and east of Kidlington. In view of the likely traffic generation and the Masterplan's aspiration, the site is not considered to represent the best way to achieve sustainable development to meet Oxford's needs.

10.126 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 34 - South of Sandy Lane, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.127 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are recorded for landscape impact and for the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.128 The site is located between Yarnton and Kidlington to the east of the railway line and to the west of the Oxford Canal. It adjoins site 20. The western boundary of the site is bounded by the railway line and there is a sewerage treatment plant along its southern boundary. The site is set within an arable landscape and development of the single field in isolation would be out of character; therefore the site is considered to have a low capacity for development. Residential development to the east of the railway would unacceptably damage the integrity of the Green Belt between the railway and Kidlington, an important strategic gap to retain, particularly if site 20 is taken forward.

10.129 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 39A - Frieze Farm, Woodstock Road, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.130 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact, the efficient use of land and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.131 The site comprises land mainly to the north of the A34 and the Frieze Way roundabout approaching the Peartree interchange. A strip of land to the south of the A34 and west of the railway is also included. Residential development would be segregated from Oxford and separated from Kidlington and Yarnton. Development would breach the A34 and be perceived as a freestanding development and a new highly urbanising influence between Oxford and Cherwell. The relatively exposed and elevated nature of the site to the south would result in residential development being highly visible from the north. Central and eastern land parcels are land locked by road and rail corridors.

10.132 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development but has been taken forward for recreation development (Policy PR6c), as a replacement to the golf course allocated for residential development in Policy PR6b. No other suitable land is available nearby.

Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.133 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution, access to services and facilities and employment opportunities. Significant negative effects are recorded for landscape impact, for the efficient use of land and in relation to reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.134 The site is located away the urban area of Kidlington in the open countryside in close proximity to the SSSI and Oxford Meadows SAC and separated from Oxford by the A34. Low capacity for residential development is identified as it forms the landscape setting to the Oxford Canal and would result in a complete change in landscape setting. Development in this area would significantly encroach on the countryside and reduce the gap between Oxford and Yarnton and would adversely affect the historic setting of the City.

10.135 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward.

Site 48 - Land south of Solid State Logic Headquarters, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.136 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are recorded for the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.137 The site forms part of the grounds for a business called Solid State at Begbroke. It is adjacent to Begbroke (west) and, in principle, could be integrated with the settlement. However, there is likely to be harm to the historic and natural environment including by the provision of the site access. The development of this site would also be out of character with the settlement pattern of Begbroke (west).

10.138 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward.

Site 50 - Land North of Oxford, Kidlington (relates to parts not covered by site 38)

SA Findings

10.139 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities, reducing air pollution and employment opportunities. Significant negative effects are recorded for impact on the historic environment, the efficient use of land and in relation to reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.140 The Council has concluded that site 38 should be taken forward. Site 50 extends beyond this in an easterly and northerly direction. On its own the additional land would be separated and represent development in the open countryside where the landscape has less capacity for development. As effectively an extension to site 38, development would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape including the rural character and the setting of Oxford. There would likely be a significant adverse effect on the setting of the Grade II* listed St. Frideswide Farm and Grade II listed wall north east of the farm. The Cherwell Valley is an important element in Oxford's historic setting.

10.141 The Council considers that site 50 should not be taken forward for residential development (site 38 remains suitable).

Site 55 - Land off Bletchington Road, Islip

SA Findings

10.142 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities, reducing air pollution and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.143 From a landscape perspective the land has medium to high capacity for residential development. Limited development could be sited where it reflects the existing settlement pattern and form of development. However, development in this location would not be supported by the County Council's sustainable transport policies. Other options would better achieve sustainable development well connected with Oxford.

10.144 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 74 – Land at no.40 and to the rear of 30-40 Woodstock Road East, Begbroke

SA Findings

10.145 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.146 The site comprises a 'backland' area at the rear of properties and is partly previously developed land. Integration with Begbroke would be difficult due to access and existing commercial uses. In isolation this site plays a relatively weak role in protection of countryside, but in conjunction with land to the north and east it retains an undeveloped Green Belt link between open countryside to the north/west and east.

10.147 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 75 - Land adjacent to The Old School House, Church Lane, Yarnton

SA Findings

10.148 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. No significant negative effects are identified.

The Council's Conclusion

10.149 The site is adjacent to Yarnton and in principle could link to and integrate with the existing village. However, there are likely to be impacts on the setting of Registered Park and Garden and listed buildings to the south of the site. Church Lane is constrained by its narrow carriageway.

10.150 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development

Site 91 - Land South of Station Field Industrial Park, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.151 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to the efficient use of land and landscape impact.

The Council's Conclusion

10.152 The site is located to the south of the employment area at Langford Lane and therefore could link to the existing urban area but this is likely to also adversely impact on residential amenity. The site contains areas of dense vegetation. Rushy Meadows SSSI is located 30m to the west on the opposite bank of Oxford Canal. The site is isolated by the railway corridor to the east and Canal to the west and only accessible via the existing industrial area to the north. The landscape capacity for residential use is considered to be medium to low. The parcel is too isolated for its release to cause more than minimal harm to Green Belt purposes, although its location gives it good potential for beneficial use. Access to Oxford jobs is poor by walking and public transport. An unsuitable location for residential development.

10.153 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 92 - Knightsbridge Farm, Yarnton

SA Findings

10.154 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.155 The site is an employment site near to Yarnton and in use. It is located along the A44 with access from it via a slip road under the railway bridge. The site is separated from Yarnton by the A44 and a commercial area but could link to the existing village and Kidlington. The landscape capacity for residential development is considered to be medium to low as the site is isolated within the existing landscape context to the north east and south extending to agricultural land. Development would narrow the gap between Kidlington and Yarnton. It would weaken the Green Belt contribution of adjacent fields. Residential development to the east of the railway would unacceptably damage the integrity of the Green Belt between the railway and Kidlington, an important strategic gap to retain, particularly if site 20 is taken forward.

10.156 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 118 - London-Oxford Airport, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.157 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact, the efficient use of land and employment opportunities.

The Council's Conclusion

10.158 The site comprises the operational airport an important asset to the local, county and regional economy. Residential development is unlikely to be conducive to the good operation of airport and the Council would not seek to encourage development that might lead to the loss of such an important asset and facility and the employment it generates. The relative openness of the site and its prominence within the surrounding landscape mean that residential development would be highly visible within the local landscape context and alter the historical context of the former military airfield. There is medium to low capacity to accommodate residential development. The land constitutes a sizeable area of open countryside that forms a major element in the gap between Woodstock and Kidlington.

10.159 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 122 - Land to South of A34, adjacent to Woodstock Road, Wolvercote

SA Findings

10.160 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.161 See site 38 (land east of the railway)

10.162 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 124 - Land to West of A44, North of A40, Wolvercote

SA Findings

10.163 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.164 The site is located away the urban area of Kidlington in the open countryside in close proximity to the SSSI and Oxford Meadows SAC and separated from Oxford by the A34. The site is considered to have a low capacity to accommodate residential development as it forms the landscape setting for the Oxford Canal which is a well used recreational route in a rural setting. The site also forms part of the setting for the listed structures of Duke's Cut Lock and the associated canal towpath bridge. Development of the land parcel in isolation would also be out of character within the area. Development would significantly encroach on the countryside and adversely affect the historic setting of the City.

10.165 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 125 - Land at Gosford Farm, Gosford, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.166 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, improving health and well-being and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution and flood risk.

The Council's Conclusion

10.167 The majority of the site is in either Flood Zone 3 or 2. Other suitable sites are available. The small area of the site outside of the Flood Zones would result in development encroaching unnecessarily beyond Water Eaton Lane.

10.168 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 167 - Land adjacent to Oxford Parkway, Banbury Road, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.169 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.170 The site comprises part of Water Eaton Park and Ride and land adjoining to the east. The land to the east is being considered for an extension to the Park and Ride through the Local Transport Plan and supporting Park and Ride Study. The site also includes rail depot that is proposed to be safeguarded under policy M6 of the Minerals & Waste Local Plan Proposed Submission Document, 2015. Residential development on this site would not be deliverable and the site is not considered to be suitable in view of its importance for the operation of transportation infrastructure.

10.171 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 168 - Loop Farm, Wolvercote

SA Findings

10.172 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution and access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.173 The site is located away the urban area of Kidlington in the open countryside in close proximity to the SSSI and Oxford Meadows SAC and separated from Oxford by the A34. The site is relatively well contained and therefore residential development would be relatively well concealed. However the surrounding land use is primarily agricultural and therefore residential development would be isolated in the surrounding landscape context. In landscape terms, the capacity for residential development is considered to be low. Release of land would constitute significant encroachment on countryside and would adversely affect the historic setting of the City.

10.174 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 177 - Loop Farm (2), Wolvercote

SA Findings

10.175 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to employment opportunities, access to services and facilities and reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to the efficient use of land, landscape impact and reducing air pollution.

The Council's Conclusion

10.176 The site is located away from the urban area of Kidlington in the open countryside in close proximity to the SSSI and Oxford Meadows SAC and separated from Oxford by the A34. The site is relatively exposed in its nature providing the visual and landscape setting of the Oxford Canal. The capacity for residential development is considered to be low as residential development would be isolated and out of character within this area. Release of land would constitute significant encroachment on countryside that would significantly reduce the perceived gap between the two settlements, impinging on the Oxford-Kidlington gap and adversely affecting the historic setting of the City.

10.177 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 181 - Land off Mill Street/Mill Lane, Islip

SA Findings

10.178 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution, the efficient use of land and landscape.

The Council's Conclusion

10.179 Although Islip has a railway station providing services to Oxford, it is removed from other existing sustainable transport routes and does not feature as part of the Oxford Transport Strategy's rapid transit proposals. There is limited scope for bus and cycle improvements which would require a critical mass of development that would change the rural character of this historic village. Other site options are available that would provide a better fit with the County Council's sustainable transport policies and better achieve sustainable development well connected with Oxford. The site is considered to have a medium to low capacity to accommodate residential development as the site is on the outer edge of the settlement where residential properties are becoming more dispersed. The site is also considered to be important in providing the landscape setting for the Islip Conservation Area with the Conservation Area appraisal identifying the site with a positive view.

10.180 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 194 - Land off Langford Lane, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.181 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.182 The site is located on land at the airport between Oxford Spire to its west and the Lower Cherwell Conservation Target Area to its east. It is near to Kidlington but separated from residential areas and adjacent employment uses at the airport. The capacity to accommodate residential development is considered to be low due to the close proximity of the site to London Oxford Airport, Oxford Spire Business Park and Oxford Motor Park. Development would result in an unsuitable living environment.

10.183 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 195 - Kidlington Depot, Langford Lane, Kidlington

SA Findings

10.184 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to access to services and facilities. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to landscape impact.

The Council's Conclusions

10.185 The site is on land occupied by commercial uses at the airport which would be lost to re-development. It comprises an unsuitable living environment.

10.186 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 209 - Land at Islip

SA Findings

10.187 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to improving health and well-being and employment opportunities. Significant negative effects were identified in relation to impacts on biodiversity, landscape and the efficient use of land.

The Council's Conclusion

10.188 Although Islip has a railway station providing services to Oxford, it is removed from other existing sustainable transport routes and does not feature as part of the Oxford Transport Strategy's rapid transit proposals. There is limited scope for bus and cycle improvements which would require a critical mass of development. The collection of sites promoted could generate such as mass but would fundamentally change the rural character of this historic village and the wider area and create a wholly new growth point in the district. This would undermine the strategy of the existing Local Plan. Other site options are available that would provide a better fit with the County Council's sustainable transport policies and better achieve sustainable development well connected with Oxford.

10.189 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Site 210 - Land at Hampton Poyle

SA Findings

10.190 Significant positive effects are identified in relation to reducing air pollution. Significant negative effects are identified in relation to impacts on biodiversity, landscape, the efficient use of land and reducing flood risk.

The Council's Conclusion

10.191 The development of this expansive area of land would have a significant adverse effect of the character and appearance of the rural area and Hampton Poyle village. The landscape capacity to accommodate residential development is considered to be medium to low as the site area is physically disassociated from the village and would appear in the landscape as an isolated residential area

representing significant encroachment on the countryside. A new growth point in this location would undermine the existing Local Plan strategy. Although a much smaller development might be accommodated the land is poorly situated for maximising the use of sustainable transport to access Oxford and to minimise car journeys.

10.192 The Council considers that site should not be taken forward for residential development.

Approach to appraisal

10.193 Site allocation policies have been appraised using the site assumptions outlined in **Table A2.1** in **Appendix 2**. The location and geographical extent of the land to which the policy has been considered. In addition, consideration has been given to the implications of measures outlined within each policy, specifically the likelihood of these measures contributing to the mitigation of adverse effects and the enhancement of positive effects. These mitigation measures have been informed by the SA of the site options appraised in **Appendix 6**.

10.194 The strategic policies have been appraised more generally against the SA Framework outlined in **Chapter 5**.

10.195 The Council has identified some areas of land in the Green Belt (see policy PR3) which it considers should be removed from the Green Belt or safeguarded in addition to the land covered by the site allocation policies. Although unlikely, as the removal of the Green Belt designation could lead to development, this has been assessed in the SA.

10.196 The Council considered various approaches and policy requirements for its policies and based on evidence and other information it has determined its policy wording. It was considered that there were no reasonable alternatives to these policies as drafted which would result in significant effects that were differential in the context of the SA.

Summary of strategic policies effects on the City of Oxford

10.197 This section presents the effects of the ten strategic policies set out within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review in relation to the City of Oxford. The effects are summarised in **Table 10.1**, and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 7**.

Table 10.1: Summary of effects of strategic policies on Oxford

| Site Allocation Policy | SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | | | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | SA1: Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities and Oxford | SA17: Creating Economic Growth | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion |
| PR1 | ++ | ++ | ++ | 0 | ++ | ++/-- |
| PR2 | ++ | ++ | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| PR3 | ++? | ++? | +? | 0 | +? | +/--? |
| No PR3 Policy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR4a | 0 | + | + | + | + | + |
| PR4b | 0 | + | + | + | + | + |
| PR5 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + |
| PR11 | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| PR12a | ++ | + | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| PR12b | ++? | 0 | 0 | +? | +? | +? |
| PR13 | ++ | + | + | + | + | 0 |

SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

10.198 The majority of strategic policies are identified as having positive effects on this SA objective, with the exception of PR4a and PR4b which are identified as having negligible effects due to their explicit focus on the delivery of transport infrastructure. Significant positive effects are expected for six of the ten strategic policy options. Policies PR1, PR2 and PR3¹²¹ generate significant positive effects due to their focus on the supply of the 4,400 affordable homes of mixed tenure and mixed size. Policy PR12a, PR12b PR13 also generate significant positive effects because they set out the planning mechanisms that will contribute towards ensuring that the homes are delivered on time. Policies PR5 and PR11 both score minor positive effects because while they do not explicitly focus on homes, they do indirectly benefit the quality of the new communities that will be created.¹²²

¹²¹ In addition to appraising policy PR3, the alternative of not including the policy within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review has also been appraised. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the five pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.

¹²² The general uncertainty attached to policies PR3 and PR12b relate to the fact that both policies set out measures for the delivery of homes not allocated within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, meaning that there is no certainty that the positive effects they have the potential to generate will be felt within the plan period.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.199 The majority of the strategic policies are identified as having positive effects on this SA objective, with the exception of PR5 and PR12b which are identified as having negligible effects, due to their explicit focus on green infrastructure and non-allocated sites. Significant positive effects are expected for three of the ten strategic policy options. Policies PR1, PR2 and PR3 generate significant positive effects due to their focus on the supply of 4,400 affordable homes of mixed tenure and mixed size. This housing will help to support employment in and around Oxford by creating new jobs and ensuring that the local and growing workforce has local places to live. Minor positive effects are recorded for the remaining objectives due to their contribution to housing delivery and or infrastructure which will make it easier for people to live in close proximity to and access employment centres in and around Oxford.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.200 The majority of strategic policies are identified as having positive effects on this SA objective, with the exception of PR5 and PR12b which scored a negligible effect, due to their explicit focus on green infrastructure and non-allocated sites. A significant positive effect is expected for policy PR1 due to the fact that this policy commits to the supply of 4,400 affordable homes, thereby helping to ensure that the City's student population, as well as those that work at and with the City's universities have local places to live.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

10.201 No strategic policies scored significant positive effects against this objective. The majority of strategic policies are identified as having a positive effect, with the exception of policies PR1, PR3 and PR5. Policies PR1 and PR3, which together promote the supply of housing through the allocation and release of Green belt land, have negligible effects due to the fact that the areas allocated for housing are not deprived, limiting the scope for regeneration and thus poverty alleviation and social exclusion. PR5 was identified as having negligible effect due to the fact that it explicitly focusses on the provision of green infrastructure. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they either promote improvements to infrastructure, contributing to community integration, and focus on maintaining delivery to ensure that those that need homes get them as quickly as possible.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

10.202 The majority of the strategic policies are identified as having positive effects on this SA objective, with the exception of policies PR2, PR5 and PR12a which record negligible effects, due to their explicit focus on housing types, green infrastructure and non-allocated sites. A significant positive effect is identified for PR1 sets out the strategic aspiration to deliver 4,400 sustainable, affordable, well-connected homes, with access to a good range of local services and facilities, including new local services and facilities to meet the needs of the areas growing population. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they either promote improvements to infrastructure, making it easier to access services and facilities by a range of transport modes, or focus on maintaining delivery so that new facilities and services are incorporated into the new communities as soon as they are needed.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

10.203 Five of the ten strategic policies are identified as having a positive effect against this SA objective. Policies PR4a, PR4b, PR5, PR11, and PR12b are considered to generate minor positive effects against this objective due to the fact that they help to promote sustainable forms of transport or green infrastructure. Policies PR2, PR12a and PR13 were identified as having negligible effects as these policies do not promote or cover issues that would directly contribute to reductions in road congestion or air pollution or mitigate their effects.

10.204 Policy PR1 and PR3 are identified as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative effects as whilst transport improvements delivered alongside housing will help to encourage sustainable forms of transport, allocations are still likely to result in air pollution from traffic congestion within and in the vicinity of the Oxford City AQMA. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they promote improvements to the sustainable transport network.

Summary of strategic policy effects on Cherwell District

10.205 This section presents the effects of the ten strategic policies set out within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review on Cherwell District. The effects are summarised in **Table 10.2**, and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 7**.

Table 10.2: Summary of effects of strategic policies on Cherwell District

| Site Allocation Policy | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | | Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA2: Improving Health and Well Being | SA4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | SA5: To create and sustain vibrant communities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flood Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption |
| PR1 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0 | +/- | +/- | - | 0 | - | -- | 0 | 0 |
| PR2 | + | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | +? | 0 |
| PR3 | 0 | +? | ++/--? | +? | 0 | -? | 0? | -/+? | --? | -? | --? | 0 | 0 |
| No PR3 Policy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR4a | + | + | + | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR4b | + | + | + | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR5 | 0 | 0 | + | + | 0 | + | ++ | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR11 | + | + | + | + | 0 | + | + | + | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR12a | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR12b | +? | +? | +? | +? | 0 | +? | +? | +? | 0 | +? | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PR13 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Cherwell

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

10.206 No strategic policies scored significant positive effects against this objective. The majority of strategic policies are identified as having a positive effect, with the exception of policies PR1, PR3 and PR5. Policies PR1 and PR3, which together promote the supply of housing through the allocation and release of Green belt land, have negligible effects due to the fact that the areas allocated for housing are not deprived, limiting the scope for regeneration and thus poverty alleviation and social exclusion. PR5 was identified as having negligible effect due to the fact that it explicitly focusses on the provision of green infrastructure. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they either promote improvements to infrastructure, contributing to community integration, and focus on maintaining delivery to ensure that those that need homes get them as quickly as possible.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

10.207 The majority of the strategic policies are identified as having positive effects on this SA objective, with the exception of policies PR2, PR5 and PR12a which record negligible effects, due to their explicit focus on housing types, green infrastructure and non-allocated sites. A significant positive effect is identified for PR1 sets out the strategic aspiration to deliver 4,400 sustainable, affordable, well-connected homes, with access to a good range of local services and facilities, including new local services and facilities to meet the needs of the areas growing population. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they either promote improvements to infrastructure, making it easier to access services and facilities by a range of transport modes, or focus on maintaining delivery so that new facilities and services are incorporated into the new communities as soon as they are needed.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 10.208 Five of the ten strategic policies are identified as having a positive effect against this SA objective. Policies PR4a, PR4b, PR5, PR11, PR12b are considered to generate minor positive effects against this objective due to the fact that they help to promote sustainable forms of transport or green infrastructure. Policies PR2, PR12a and PR13 were identified as having negligible effects as these policies do not promote or cover issues that would directly contribute to reductions in road congestion or air pollution or mitigate their effects.
- 10.209 Policy PR1 and PR3 are identified as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative effects as whilst transport improvements delivered alongside housing will help to encourage sustainable forms of transport, allocations are still likely to result in air pollution from traffic congestion within and in the vicinity of the Oxford City AQMA. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they promote improvements to the sustainable transport network.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

10.210 The majority of strategic policies scored positive effects for this SA objective, with the exception of policy PR12a and PR13 which are considered to have negligible effects due to the fact that these policies focus explicitly on the delivery of new homes. A significant positive effect is expected from policy PR1 as this policy promotes the delivery of affordable homes alongside sustainable transport connections to existing and new local facilities including hospitals, GP surgeries, open spaces, sports facilities, public rights of way and cycle ways, thereby helping to encourage healthy active lifestyles. The remaining policies generate minor positive effects due the fact that they moderately or indirectly promote improvements to sustainable transport infrastructure, making it easier for new residents to access essential health facilities and services and adopt active healthy lifestyles.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

10.211 A negligible effect has been identified for all strategic policies against this objective. This is due to the fact that none of the policies address how sites could be sited and designed to tackle crime and fear of crime.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 10.212 None of the strategic policies scored significant positive effects against this SA objective. Eight of the ten strategic policies score minor positive effects due to the fact that they promote the delivery of housing at a mixture of tenures, affordability and size or green infrastructure or good accessibility to local services and facilities through sustainable transport links.
- 10.213 A mixed minor positive/minor negative effect is expected from policy PR1 due to the fact that while the policy promotes the delivery of 4,400 homes accompanied by high quality design and amenities, a significant proportion of the proposed developments are located within close proximity to existing residential communities. The long periods of construction in the area are likely to have adverse effects on the amenity of the existing communities through increased levels of noise, air and light pollution. In addition, significant areas of land allocated within the strategic site allocation policies are in close proximity to strategic transport corridors which could have an adverse impact on the amenity of the new communities.
- 10.214 A minor negative score is recorded for policy PR3, which identifies the areas of Green Belt that will be released to accommodate the new housing within and beyond the plan period.

SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 10.215 Four of the ten strategic policies were identified as having positive effects against this objective. A significant positive effect is expected from Policy PR5 as this policy promotes the delivery of improvements and connections in the District's green infrastructure network, including measures to enhance biodiversity. Minor positive effects are expected from PR11, PR12b and PR13. This is due to the fact that these policies provide the planning mechanisms through which green infrastructure will be delivered and thus biodiversity will be conserved in the District.
- 10.216 A mixed minor positive/minor negative effect is expected from policy PR1 on this SA objective. This is due to the fact that while new developments are expected to contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity through expansion of the District's green infrastructure network, site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan are largely located on greenfield land which will result in the loss of some local wildlife habitats.
- 10.217 Negligible effects are recorded for policies PR2, PR3, PR4a, PR4b and PR12a due to the fact these policies do not explicitly address biodiversity or compound adverse effects generated generally by development on greenfield sites.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

- 10.218 None of the ten strategic policies were identified as having a significant effect on this SA objective. Strategic policies PR5 and PR11 both score minor positive effects against this objective due to the fact that they both promote improvements to the District's green infrastructure network, which will help to maintain and enhance the rural character and openness of the countryside.
- 10.219 A mixed minor positive/minor negative effect has been recorded for PR1 against this objective. This is due to the fact that while new developments are expected to contribute to the enhancement of the District's natural and historic landscape character, these positive effects have the potential to be curbed by development on open greenfield land, including Green Belt land.
- 10.220 A negligible effects are recorded for policies PR2, PR4a, PR4b, PR12a and PR12b due to the fact these policies do not explicitly address landscape or compound adverse effects generated generally by development on greenfield sites.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

- 10.221 Six of the ten strategic policies (PR2, PR4a, PR4b, PR5, PR12a and PR13) are expected to have negligible effects on this objective. This is due to the fact that these policies do not explicitly address heritage issues or compound adverse effects generated generally by development within the setting of heritage assets, including Historic Oxford. However, effects have been recorded against four of the ten strategic policies.

10.222 Strategic policy PR1 scored a minor negative effect. This was due to the fact that while all new developments allocated within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are required to protect the integrity of District's historic environment including the setting of its historic assets, the significant increase in development proposed, some of which is located in close proximity to historic assets in Cherwell, Oxford and West Oxfordshire, has the potential to adversely affect the setting and character of these assets. Overall, this effect is recognised as a minor due to the fact that the site allocation policies contain measures that aim to protect and where possible enhance the historic assets within and in the immediate vicinity of each area of developments.

10.223 Strategic policies PR11 and PR12b scored minor positive effects against this SA objective. This is due to the fact that these policies sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, protecting and enhancing the historic character of the countryside within the District, including the setting and special character of historic Oxford. Furthermore, improvements to the District's sustainable transport network, including public rights of way, will make it easier for people to access and enjoy the District's historic assets.

10.224 A significant negative effect is recorded against strategic policy PR3. This is due to the fact that Policy PR3 sets out plans to release five pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt with one pocket of land containing two Grade II listed buildings. Until such time as measures are put in place to protect, conserve and potentially enhance these assets and their setting, new development in close proximity to them has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

10.225 A negligible effect is expected from seven of the ten strategic policies (PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4a, PR4b, PR12a and PR12b) due to the fact these policies do not explicitly address water quality and water resource management.

10.226 A minor positive effect is expected for the remaining three of the ten strategic policies (PR5, PR11 and PR13). This is due to the fact these policies promote the provision and delivery of green infrastructure, which are likely to include measures that directly indirectly improve water quality.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

10.227 Four of the ten strategic policies are recorded as having minor positive effects on this objective. Strategic policies PR5, PR11 and PR13 scored a minor positive effect due to the fact that they promote the implementation and delivery of green infrastructure which will help manage flood risk and mitigate the effects of increases in the area of impermeable surfaces as a result of development. Policy 12b also scored a minor positive effect. This is due to the fact that the policy requires planning applications for unallocated developments to meet Oxford's needs to include a flood risk assessment.

10.228 A minor negative effect is recorded for strategic policies PR1 and PR3. Both policies identify greenfield land for the development of homes, which will likely result in a cumulative loss of permeable ground surface, thereby increasing the risk of flooding.

10.229 Negligible effects are recorded for strategic policies PR2, PR4a, PR4b and PR12a due to the fact that these policies do not explicitly address flood risk.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

10.230 Eight of the ten strategic policies are expected to have a negligible effect on SA objective 13 as these policies are deemed not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. Strategic policies PR1 and PR3 are expected to have significant negative effects on this objective because they both promote the delivery of housing on greenfield land a significant proportion of which is Grade 3 agricultural land or higher. The remaining strategic policies score negligible effects against this objective. This is due to the fact that these policies do not explicitly address the loss of greenfield land or compound adverse effects generated generally by the development of agricultural land.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

10.231 Strategic policy PR2 is recorded as having a minor positive effect against this SA objective. This is due to the fact that the policy promotes self-build or self-finish housing, thereby helping to increase rates of local small to medium-scale residential schemes and the use of local products in house building. The remaining strategic policies do not directly promote this issue or indirectly benefit it and therefore record negligible effects against this objective.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

10.232 All ten strategic policies were deemed to have a negligible effect against this objective as none of directly address this issue.

Summary of site allocation policy effects on the City of Oxford

10.233 This section presents the effects of the eight site allocation policies set out within Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review on the City of Oxford. The effects are summarised in **Table 10.3** and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 7**.

Table 10.3: Summary of effects of site allocation policies on Oxford

| Area of Search | Site Allocation Policy | SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | | | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
|----------------|------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | SA1: Building Sustainable and Affordable Homes | SA16: Creating Employment Opportunities and Oxford | SA17: Creating Economic Growth | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services and Facilities | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion |
| A | PR6a | ++ | ++ | ++ | 0 | ++ | ++/-- |
| | PR6b | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/-- |
| | PR6c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 |
| | PR7a | ++ | ++ | + | 0 | + | +/-- |
| | PR7b | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | +/-- |
| | PR8 | ++ | ++ | ++ | 0 | ++ | ++/-- |
| | PR9 | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | +/- |
| B | PR10 | ++ | + | + | 0 | + | + |

SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

10.234 Seven of the eight site allocation policies are identified as having a significant positive effect on this SA objective due to the fact that they will each deliver a significant number of homes, 45% of which will be affordable homes.

10.235 A negligible effect is likely for Policy PR6c as it reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.236 With the exception of Policy PR6c, which is considered to have a negligible effect, all the site allocation policies are likely to have positive effects on this SA objective. These positive effects reflect the fact that each allocation will deliver a significant number of homes, including affordable homes that will accommodate the working population. In addition, the policies promote on site investment in sustainable transport infrastructure that will increase accessibility to centres of growth, services and facilities. An Employment, Skills and Training Plans are also to be included within the application for each application. Significant positive effects are expected for policies PR6a, PR6b and PR7a due to their good accessibility to existing centres of employment and policies PR6a and PR8 due to their provision of new employment opportunities. Remaining allocation policies PR7b, PR9 and PR10 score minor positive effects.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.237 With the exception of Policy PR6c, which is considered to have a negligible effect, all the site allocation policies are likely to have positive effects on this SA objective. These positive effects reflect the fact that each allocation will deliver a significant number of homes, including affordable homes that will accommodate the working and student population. In addition, the policies promote on site investment in sustainable transport infrastructure that will increase accessibility to centres of growth and Oxford's universities. An Employment, Skills and Training Plans are also to be included within the application for each application. Policies PR6a and PR8 are expected to have significant positive effects due to the fact that both allocate land for the provision of new primary schools and employment spaces. Policies PR6b, 7a, 7b, 9 and 10 all score minor positive effects against this objective.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

10.238 All of the eight site allocation policies are expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective. This is due to the fact that none of the allocations are located within or adjacent to deprived neighbourhoods in Oxford. Therefore, they are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within Oxford.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

10.239 All of the eight site allocation policies are expected to have positive effects on this objective due to their relatively good accessibility to the existing sustainable transport network and local services and facilities. Significant positive effects are expected for policies PR6a and PR8 due to the fact these policies require the provision of new services and facilities, such as retail areas, a community centre and healthcare facilities. The remaining policy options are considered to have minor positive effects.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

10.240 Mixed effects are expected for six of the seven site allocation policies. The positive effects are in relation to all the policies providing enhanced active and sustainable transport connections to Oxford and Cherwell. Significant positive effects are expected for two of the six mixed effects (PR6a and PR8) as these policies allocate ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses within the Local Centre, thereby providing employment opportunities on site. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion.

10.241 Aside from site allocation policies PR6c, PR9 and PR10, significant negative effects are identified for the site allocation policies as it is forecast that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. It is expected the provision of on-site green infrastructure is not sufficient alone to reduce air pollution.

10.242 A negligible effect is recorded for Policy PR6c. This is due to the fact that the planned golf course is to replace the existing golf course located at the Land to the West of Oxford Road. Therefore, there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in traffic.

Summary of site allocation policy effects on Cherwell District

10.243 This section presents the effects of the eight site allocation policies set out within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review on Cherwell District. The effects are summarised in **Table 10.4**, and outlined in more detail in the appraisal matrices in **Appendix 7**.

Table 10.4: Summary of effects of site allocation policies on Cherwell District

| Areas of Search | Site Allocation Policy | SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Cherwell effects recorded here) | | | Other Social and Economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | | SA3: Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion | SA6: Accessibility to Services | SA10: Reducing Road Pollution and Congestion | SA2: Improving Health and Well Being | SA4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | SA5: To create and sustain vibrant communities | SA7: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity | SA8: Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape | SA9: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment | SA11: Improving Water Quality | SA12: Reducing Flood Risk | SA13: Efficient Use of Land | SA14: Sustainable Resource Consumption | SA15: Sustainable Waste Management |
| A | PR6a | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | - | - | + |
| | PR6b | 0 | + | +/- | + | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | - | - | + |
| | PR6c | 0 | ++ | 0 | 0 | 0? | 0 | +++ | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | + | -- | - | + |
| | PR7a | 0 | + | +/- | + | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| | PR7b | 0 | + | +/- | + | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| | PR8 | 0 | ++ | ++/- | ++ | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | -? | 0 | 0 | -- | - | + |
| | PR9 | 0 | ++ | +/- | + | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | -? | 0 | 0 | -- | - | + |
| B | PR10 | 0 | ++ | + | + | 0? | + | +/-? | +/-? | +/-? | 0 | 0 | --? | - | + |

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Cherwell

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

10.244 All of the eight site allocation policies are expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective. This is due to the fact that none of the allocations are located within or adjacent to deprived neighbourhoods in Cherwell. Therefore, they are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within Cherwell.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

10.245 All of the eight site allocation policies are expected to have positive effects on this objective due to their relatively good accessibility to the existing sustainable transport network and local services and facilities. Significant positive effects are expected for policies PR6a, PR6c, PR8, PR9 and PR10 due to the fact these policies lie in close proximity to existing local centres or require the provision of new services and facilities, such as retail areas, a community centre and healthcare facilities. The remaining policy options are considered to have minor positive effects.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

10.246 Mixed effects are expected for six of the seven site allocation policies. The positive effects are in relation to all the policies providing enhanced active and sustainable transport connections to Oxford and Cherwell. Significant positive effects are expected for two of the six mixed effects (PR6a and PR8) as these policies allocate ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses within the Local Centre, thereby providing employment opportunities on site. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion.

10.247 Aside from site allocation policies PR6c, PR9 and PR10, significant negative effects are identified for the site allocation policies as it is forecast that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. It is expected the provision of on-site green infrastructure is not sufficient alone to reduce air pollution.

10.248 A negligible effect is recorded for Policy PR6c. This is due to the fact that the planned golf course is a replacement of the existing golf course located at the Land to the West of Oxford Road. Therefore, there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in traffic.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

10.249 Seven of the eight site allocation policies record positive effects against this objective due to their provision of new and improved open spaces, sustainable transport infrastructure, including cycle ways and public rights of way and green infrastructure. The majority of these positive effects are recorded as minor positive. However, two significant positive effects have been identified for site allocation policies PR6a and PR8 due to the fact that both policies include plans for new health facilities.

10.250 Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course which will provide opportunities for sport. However, as this site allocation policy replaces an existing golf course located approximately 300m to the south east of the reserved site (site allocation policy PR6a), there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in the health and well being of the community as a result of its construction. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

10.251 Uncertain negligible effects are expected for all of the site allocation policies as they all include the provision of green infrastructure, however no policies explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

10.252 Aside for Policy PR6c, all the site allocation policies are likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. This is due to the fact that despite the fact that the sites are located adjacent to existing communities who could experience negative effects in the short term during the construction phase of the developments and strategic transport routes that could generate noise, the seven remaining site allocation policies specify that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery which can help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development. Furthermore, each allocation policy seeks to deliver connected and integrated urban extensions with good landscaping and design.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

10.253 Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course which, in places will help to safeguard the site's ecological assets and promote habitat connectivity. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

10.254 Uncertain mixed effects are expected for the remaining seven site allocation policies. This is due to the fact that these allocations are for housing development on largely greenfield land –greenfield land which is considered to have ecological value, including habitats for protected species. The minor positive effects recorded for these site allocations are in recognition for the strong wording within each policy requiring measures to mitigate any adverse effects on ecological assets and where possible generate ecological enhancements.

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

10.255 All eight site allocation policies are likely to have uncertain mixed effects on this SA objective. All record an uncertain minor negative effect associated with the potential for adverse effects on the rural character and openness of each site until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the developments are known. However, minor positive effects are also identified due to the fact that each policy requires the design and layout of the developments to reflect the local landscape and setting.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

10.256 Uncertain minor negative effects are expected on all eight of the site allocation policies due to the fact that they identify land for development which is of some, albeit varying, historic value. Minor positive effects have been identified for Policies PR6a, PR6b, PR6c, PR7a, PR7b and PR10 as they incorporate measures to protect and enhance the setting of on-site historic assets.

10.257 The mixed effect identified for Policy PR6c is expected as the retention of open green space generally has a positive effect on the setting and character of historic assets, however the significant landscaping associated with the construction of a golf course has the potential to adversely affect the rural setting of this historic asset.

10.258 All effects on this SA objective are recorded as uncertain until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

10.259 Negligible effects are expected on all eight of the site allocation policies as they all require measures to ensure there are no hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts to the local water courses. In addition, the provision of green infrastructure is likely to help maintain and improve water quality.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

10.260 Seven of the eight site allocation policies score negligible effects against this SA objective due to the fact that each policy requires no detrimental impact to local water bodies or waterways and on site Flood Risk Assessments. Furthermore, each policy requires the incorporation of green infrastructure which will help mitigate the risk of flooding caused by increases in the area of hardstanding as a result of development.

10.261 A minor positive effect is recorded for Policy PR6c due to the fact that it reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course and will thereby ensuring that permeable surfaces on site are retained.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

10.262 Negative effects are identified for all of the eight site allocation policies due to the fact that all eight are located on rural greenfield land where there is limited opportunity to re-use previously developed land. Half of these negative effects are recorded as minor; however, four of the policies (PR6c, PR8, PR9 and PR10) are predicted to generate significant negative effects due to these sites containing Agricultural Land classified as Grade 2 and 3 and their development would result in a net loss of productive agricultural land.

10.263 An uncertain effect is identified for policy PR10 as development at this site would result in the loss of land classed as Grade 3. However it is unknown whether this is Grade 3a, which is classified as best and most versatile, or Grade 3b which has a lower agricultural value.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

10.264 All eight of the site allocation policies outline specific design proposals. However, none of the policies make any reference to using sustainably produced resources or local products in the construction of the site. Furthermore, no policies promote the use of or generation of low carbon and renewable energy. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded for all eight site allocation policies.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

10.265 Minor positive effects are recorded against Policies PR6a, PR6b, PR8, PR9 and PR10 due to the fact that these particularly large site allocations are required to be designed in a way that encourages sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure.

10.266 Minor negative effects are expected for Policies PR7a and PR7b due to the fact that these allocations are smaller and do not promote sustainable waste management practices or require the site to provide waste management facilities.

10.267 A minor positive effect is recorded for site allocation policy PR6c due to the fact that the construction and landscaping of a new golf course has the potential to accommodate a significant amount of inert waste which would otherwise have to be landfilled within area.

Cumulative Effects

10.268 **Table 10.1** to **Table 10.4** above present a summary of the scores for all the policies set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. This enabled an assessment to be made of the likely significant effects of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review as a whole on each of the SA objectives, i.e. an assessment of cumulative effects as required by the SEA Regulations. In addition, consideration has been given to the cumulative effects of adopting the Local Plan Part 1 Review alongside the cumulative effects of the adopted Local Plan Part 1 Plan (2011-2031) (as described in the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications published in October 2014) and the other significant projects, plans and programmes planned within the local planning authorities that border Cherwell District.¹²³ Section 7 of the SA Report and the Partial Review explain how the Local Plan Part 1 Strategy has been considered and how locational options will potentially cause harm to the Part 1 Local Plan Strategy.

¹²³ Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum for Main Modifications, LUC, October 2017

SA objective 1: To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home

10.269 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period. Policies PR1-PR3 set out the strategic aspiration for the delivery of high quality, affordable homes at a range of tenures. Site allocation policies PR6a-PR10 set out where these homes will be provided in the District and at what scale. Strategic policies PR12a-PR13 set-out the planning mechanisms for the timely delivery of these homes within the plan period and if necessary beyond the plan period. Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.

10.270 All of the strategic site allocation policies set out within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 are considered to have a positive effect on the provision of new affordable homes within the district. The adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District:

- 9,764 homes are planned within and around Bicester.
- 7,106 homes are planned within and around Banbury.
- 4,864 homes are planned within the rest of the District, most notably at the former RAF Upper Heyford at which 1,600 homes have been allocated.

10.271 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **significant positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 16: To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the district and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.272 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). Site allocation policies PR6a-PR10 set out the locations where the new homes will be provide. These locations are generally in close proximity to the City of Oxford, with good access to its economic centres. These homes will house Oxford's workforce as the city's diverse economy grows, helping to facilitate high and stable levels of employment.

10.273 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.

10.274 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states that positive cumulative effects are likely on the economic growth and employment levels of the District. The following strategic site allocation policies are referenced as contributing to this cumulative effect: Bicester 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Together, these generate new opportunities for employment in the District, improve the District's town centres and transport accessibility helping to reduce commuting times.

10.275 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **significant positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell in terms of the principle of providing more homes.

SA objective 17: To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the district and Oxford and Oxfordshire

10.276 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). Site allocation policies PR6a-PR10 set out the locations where the new homes will be provide. These locations are generally in close proximity to the City of Oxford, with good access to its universities. These homes will house Oxford's student population as well as those that work for the city's universities and other education establishments.

10.277 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective.

- 10.278 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states that positive cumulative effects are likely on the economic growth and employment levels of the District. The following strategic site allocation policies are referenced as contributing to this cumulative effect: Bicester 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Together, these generate new opportunities for employment in the District, improve the District's town centres and transport accessibility helping to reduce commuting times.
- 10.279 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **significant positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Cherwell

SA objective 3: To reduce poverty and social exclusion

- 10.280 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). Site allocation policies PR6a-PR10 set out the locations where the new homes will be provided. These locations are not in deprived areas of the District, limiting the scope for them to contribute to their regeneration and thus contribute to the reduction in poverty. However, several of the strategic policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review set out plans for the delivery of a range of housing types and tenures (PR2) as well as improvements to the District's sustainable transport network (PR4a, PR4b, PR11, PR12a, PR12b and PR13), resulting in minor positive effects in helping to tackle the social exclusion in the District.
- 10.281 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
- 10.282 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states that all strategic site allocations within Bicester and Banbury are considered to have a cumulative positive effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in the District through the provision of new and improved residential and mixed use developments within the strategic site allocations set out within the Plan.
- 10.283 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 6: To improve accessibility to all services and facilities

- 10.284 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally in close proximity to existing services and facilities in both Cherwell and Oxford. However only site allocation policies PR6a and PR8 set out plans for the delivery of new facilities and services to establish new local centres for the District's new residents.
- 10.285 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
- 10.286 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states that all strategic site allocations within Bicester and Banbury are considered to have a cumulative positive effect on creating vibrant communities. This will be delivered through the provision of new and improved residential and mixed use developments in close proximity to new and improved local centres within the strategic site allocations set out within the Plan.
- 10.287 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 10: To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion

- 10.288 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). Such growth will result in an increase in greenhouse gases from the construction and operation of the new communities as well as air pollution from increases in the number of vehicles on the road in and around the site allocations, particularly on roads into and out of north Oxford which is registered as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Site allocation policies PR6a-PR10 set out the locations where the new homes will be provided. These locations are generally

in close proximity to the city and therefore the AQMA; however, they also set out plans for the provision of new and improved sustainable transport links into Oxford, helping to limit the need for new residents to travel by private car and reducing road congestion and air pollution. Furthermore, strategic policies PR1, PR4a, PR4b, and PR11 set out the strategic aspiration to deliver this new and improved transport infrastructure. Finally, policy PR5 sets out plans for the delivery of a new and improved green infrastructure network in the District, which will help to mitigate the adverse effects of air pollution.

- 10.289 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect on this objective.
- 10.290 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states there is potential for temporary negative cumulative effects associated with the construction and operation of new development within the strategic site allocations set out in the Plan. A number of the strategic site allocation policies are named, including Bicester 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and Banbury 4, 12 and Bankside Phase 1. The adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District:
- 9,764 homes are planned within and around Bicester.
 - 7,106 homes are planned within and around Banbury.
 - 4,864 homes are planned within the rest of the District, most notably at the former RAF Upper Heyford at which 1,600 homes have been allocated.
- 10.291 These centres of growth will see significant increases in traffic which will have to be managed over the plan period. Similar to the cumulative effects highlighted for the Local Plan Part 1 Review, the adopted Local Plan Part contains policies to help mitigate these adverse effects of the strategic highway network through new and improve highway and sustainable transport networks, such as the railway, bus, cycling and walking networks. In certain areas of the District, these new and improved sustainable transport networks have the potential to generate positive effects by reducing current levels of road congestion and air pollution.
- 10.292 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 Review are likely to have **mixed significant positive/significant negative** effects against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

Other social and economic SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 2: To improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health

- 10.293 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally in close proximity to existing open green spaces, Public Rights of Way and local health services and facilities in both Cherwell and Oxford. Furthermore, strategic policies PR1, PR4a, PR4b, and PR11 set out the strategic aspiration to deliver new and improved sustainable transport infrastructure that will promote active lifestyles. However only site allocation policies PR6a and PR8 set out plans for the delivery of new health facilities and services.
- 10.294 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.
- 10.295 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective. However, the provision of new and improved residential and mixed use developments in close proximity to new and improved local centres within the strategic site allocations set out within the Plan, most notably at Bicester and Banbury, will help to encourage active healthy lifestyles by increasing the ability of new and existing residents to access places on foot and by bicycle.
- 10.296 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 4: To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime

- 10.297 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review does not contain any measures that are likely to directly or indirectly contribute or compound the District's aspiration to reduce crime and disorder and fear of crime.
- 10.298 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.
- 10.299 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective.
- 10.300 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **negligible** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 5: To create and sustain vibrant communities

- 10.301 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally in close proximity to existing residential communities, which have the potential to be adversely affected by the construction of the homes, and existing strategic transport infrastructure, which has the potential to generate noise, air and light pollution for the District's new communities over the longer term. However, the mitigation measures set out within the site allocation policies should help to mitigate any significant adverse effects on the amenity of new and existing communities. Conversely the site allocation policies set out plans for the delivery of new local services and facilities, as well as improvements to the District's sustainable transport infrastructure, including links to Oxford, which will improve connections across the Borough and contribute positively to the vibrancy of its new and existing communities.
- 10.302 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect on this objective.
- 10.303 The SA Report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 states that all strategic site allocations within Bicester and Banbury are considered to have a cumulative positive effect on creating vibrant communities.
- 10.304 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

Environmental SA objectives only considered to relate to Cherwell District

SA objective 7: To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity

- 10.305 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally on greenfield land which is of varied ecological value, including habitats for protected species. In combination, the loss of such a significant area of greenfield land has the potential to generate significant negative effects against this objective. However, there is also potential for significant in combination effects driven by the strong wording of the site allocation policies which require measures to mitigate any adverse effects on ecological assets and where possible generate ecological enhancements. In addition, strategic policies PR5 focusses on the strategic delivery of green infrastructure across the District and strategic policies PR11, PR12b and PR13 set out the planning mechanisms for the delivery of such infrastructure.
- 10.306 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have mixed significant positive/significant negative effects on this objective.

- 10.307 The judgements of the SA are supported by ecological advice provided by WYG on the potential cumulative impacts of the site allocations.¹²⁴ This Study indicates that potential impacts on Rushy Meadows SSSI are likely to arise from Policy PR8 which includes 1,950 dwellings (approximately 42% of the total for the seven development areas) along with schools, an employment area and retail outlets.
- 10.308 The nearest of the other development areas likely to impact on the SSSI are Policy PR9 and Policy PR6a.
- 10.309 The remaining development areas lie more than 2 km distant from the SSSI and appear to lack hydrological connectivity to it. Consequently, the contribution to cumulative impacts which these four sites represent is considered insignificant.
- 10.310 Only site allocation Policy PR8 is considered to have the potential to generate cumulative impacts during the construction phases of the development as a result of pollution run-off, dust, noise, light spillage and changes to water levels. All other site allocations are sufficiently distant from and appear to lack hydrological connectivity to the SSSI. The study also identifies the potential cumulative effects on biodiversity in general arising from the proposed strategic sites. Potential effects are indicated as habitat fragmentation and loss of connectivity, habitat and species loss, habitat disturbance and degradation, and species population. The Study recommends measures to avoid, mitigate, or compensate for the potential cumulative effects identified.
- 10.311 The Land West of Yarnton and Land at Stratfield Farm development areas are considered likely to contribute to the indirect cumulative impacts on the SSSI during the operational phase of the developments, principally from the potential for increased recreational usage of the footpath network in the vicinity of the SSSI with the associated risk of members of the public entering the SSSI. The study recommends mitigation measures to address potential cumulative impacts on the SSSI which have informed the strategic site policies in the Partial Review Plan.
- 10.312 The study also identifies the potential cumulative effects on biodiversity in general arising from the proposed strategic sites. Potential effects are indicated as habitat fragmentation and loss of connectivity, habitat and species loss, habitat disturbance and degradation, and species population. The Study recommends measures to avoid, mitigate, or compensate for the potential cumulative effects identified.
- 10.313 All the strategic site allocation policies within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 are required to create habitats and achieve biodiversity net gains. Furthermore, policy ESD 10: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity and the Natural Environment together with Policy ED17: Green Infrastructure sets out the general requirement for improvements to the District's green infrastructure network. However, it is acknowledged in the SA report accompanying the adopted Local Plan Part 1 that there is still potential for cumulative negative effects on the biodiversity of the District as a result of the scale of development proposed on greenfield land and the resultant loss of habitats within the District. The following strategic site allocation policies are listed as having potential to generate these cumulative adverse effects: Bicester 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. However, the following strategic policies help to mitigate adverse effects and enhance positive effects on the biodiversity of the District:
- ESD 9: Protection of the Oxford Meadows SAC.
 - ESD10: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity and the Natural Environment.
 - ESD 11: Conservation Target Areas.
 - ESD 17: Green Infrastructure.
- 10.314 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 Review are likely to have **mixed significant positive/significant negative** effects against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

^Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Review Ecological Advice Report, WYG, 2017

10.315 The HRA accompanying the Local Plan Part 1 Review highlights the potential for effects¹²⁵ on European biodiversity sites within and in the vicinity of Cherwell District. However, the in-combination assessment with other projects and plans identified no significant effects on Oxford Meadows SAC in combination with the proposals contained in the Partial Review Proposed Submission Plan, provided that any mitigation measures identified for other projects and plans are put in place. The HRA Stage 1 (Screening) assessment has determined that the Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan will not lead to likely significant effects, either alone or in combination, on the qualifying features of Oxford Meadows SAC.¹²⁶

SA objective 8: To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside

10.316 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally on greenfield land which is of varied landscape character and sensitivity. In combination, the loss of such a significant area of countryside has the potential to generate significant negative effects against this objective. However, there is also potential for some positive effects driven by the strong wording of the site allocation policies which require the design and layout of the developments to reflect the local landscape and setting. In certain locations this could result in enhancements to the existing rural-urban edges of settlements and improve accessibility to the surrounding countryside.

10.317 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have mixed minor positive/significant negative effects on this objective.

10.318 The adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District:

- 9,764 homes are planned within and around Bicester.
- 7,106 homes are planned within and around Banbury.
- 4,864 homes are planned within the rest of the District, most notably at the former RAF Upper Heyford at which 1,600 homes have been allocated.

10.319 The majority of these new homes are to be provided on greenfield land, significantly increasing the urban area of the District to the detriment of the local natural and historic landscape character. It is however, acknowledged that in certain locations, there is potential to improve the urban edges of the District's settlements, specifically the gateways into its main towns with positive effects on this objective. In the SA Report that accompanies the adopted Local Plan Part 1, the following strategic site allocation policies are listed as having potential to generate cumulative adverse effects against this objective: Bicester 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. However, the following strategic policies help to mitigate adverse effects and enhance positive effects on the landscapes and townscapes of the District:

- ESD 12: Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- ESD13: Local Landscape Protection and Enhancement.
- ESD14: Oxford Green Belt.

10.320 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 Review are likely to have **mixed minor positive/significant negative** effects against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 9: To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment

10.321 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally on greenfield land which is of

¹²⁵ Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review, Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Habitat Regulations Assessment Report on Options Consultation and Additional Sites, Atkins, June 2017.

¹²⁶ Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review, Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Proposed Submission Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report, Atkins, June 2017.

varied historic value and sensitivity. In combination, a significant area of development has the potential to generate significant negative effects against this objective, including on the setting of historic Oxford. However, there is also potential for some positive effects driven by site allocation policies PR6a, PR7a, PR7b and PR10 as they incorporate measures to protect and enhance the setting of on-site historic assets. In certain locations this could result in enhancements to the existing setting of historic assets improve accessibility to the surrounding historic landscape. Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have mixed minor positive/significant negative effects on this objective.

10.322 The adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District:

- 9,764 homes are planned within and around Bicester.
- 7,106 homes are planned within and around Banbury.
- 4,864 homes are planned within the rest of the District, most notably at the former RAF Upper Heyford at which 1,600 homes have been allocated.

10.323 Like the sites allocated within the Local Plan Part 1 Review, many of these new homes are in close proximity to sensitive heritage assets within the District which have the potential to be adversely or positively affected by new development within their setting. In the SA Report that accompanies the adopted Local Plan Part 1, the following strategic site allocation policies are listed as having potential to generate cumulative adverse effects against this objective: Bicester 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. However, the following strategic policies help to mitigate adverse effects and enhance positive effects on the historic environment of the District:

- ESD 14: Oxford Green Belt
- ESD15: The Character of the Built and Historic environment
- ESD 16: The Oxford Canal

10.324 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 Review are likely to have **mixed minor positive/significant negative** effects against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 11: To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management

10.325 Negligible effects are expected on all eight of the site allocation policies as they all require measures to ensure there are no hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts to the local water courses. In addition, the provision of green infrastructure set out within each of the site allocation policies and in strategic policies PR5 are likely to help maintain and improve water quality.

10.326 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.

10.327 However, the Council's Water Cycle Study¹²⁷ considers the cumulative impacts of future development with regards to water supply capacity, waste water capacity and environmental capacity in the District. The Study concludes that seven WwTWs (Banbury, Bicester, Bloxham, Hook Norton, RAF Upper Heyford, Oxford and Woodstock) do not currently have sufficient capacity to accept all future development proposed within the plan period. Furthermore, the Study concludes that the Oxford WwTW has no capacity to accommodate additional demand as a result of new development within its catchment. The Study stresses the need for solutions to accommodate the growth to ensure that the increased wastewater flow discharged does not impact on the current quality of the receiving watercourses, their associated ecological sites and also to ensure that the watercourses can still meet with legislative requirements.

10.328 These recommendations will need to be carried forward by Cherwell District Council, Thames Water and the developers for the Local Plan Part 1 Review to generate the predicted minor positive effects recorded in this SA Report.

¹²⁷ Cherwell Water Cycle Study, AECOM, April 2017

10.329 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective.

10.330 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 12: To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting in detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment

10.331 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally on greenfield land, significantly increasing area hardstanding. However, each of the site allocation policies requires no detrimental impact to local water bodies or waterways and on site Flood Risk Assessments. Furthermore, each site allocation policy and strategic policy PR5 promote improvements to and the expansion of the District's green infrastructure network which will help mitigate the risk of flooding caused by increases in the area of hardstanding as a result of development and could help to reduce existing levels of flood risk in certain locations.

10.332 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have mixed minor positive/minor negative effects on this objective.

10.333 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective. However, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District, many of which are to be located on greenfield sites where there is the potential for a net loss in permeable surface area. Furthermore, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 sets out the following strategic policies which help to mitigate flood risk in the District and make the District more resilient to the effects of climate change:

- ESD 1: Mitigating and Adapting To Climate Change.
- ESD 3: Sustainable Construction.
- ESD 6: Sustainable flood Risk Management.
- ESD 7: Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs).

10.334 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **mixed minor negative/minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 13: To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance

10.335 The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review sets out plans for the delivery of 4,400 homes within Cherwell to meet an agreed proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall over the plan period (as set out in the text for SA Objective 1 above). The locations of the site allocations are generally on greenfield land which is often registered as some of the District's best and most versatile agricultural land. There will therefore be a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District.

10.336 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a significant negative effect on this objective.

10.337 The adopted Local Plan Part 1 plans for the delivery of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031 within the District:

- 9,764 homes are planned within and around Bicester.
- 7,106 homes are planned within and around Banbury.
- 4,864 homes are planned within the rest of the District, most notably at the former RAF Upper Heyford at which 1,600 homes have been allocated.

10.338 The majority of these new homes are to be provided on greenfield land, resulting in the loss of some of the District's best and most versatile agricultural land. The following strategic site allocation policies are listed as having potential to generate these cumulative adverse effects against this objective: Bicester 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and Banbury 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

10.339 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 Review are likely to have a **significant negative** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 14: To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products

10.340 With the exception of strategic policy PR2 which promotes self-build or self-finish housing, thereby helping to increase rates of local small to medium-scale residential schemes and the use of local products in house building, none of the policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review directly promote this issue or indirectly benefit it.

10.341 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor negative effect on this objective.

10.342 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective.

10.343 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **minor negative** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

SA objective 15: To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste

10.344 Policy PR6c has the potential to accommodate inert waste. Furthermore, the particularly large site allocations (PR6a, PR6b, PR8, PR9 and PR10) promote sustainable and safe waste management on site.

10.345 Therefore, overall the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective.

10.346 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA Addendum Report for Main Modifications (2014) did not highlight any cumulative effects generated by the policies set within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 against this objective.

10.347 In combination, the adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the Local Plan Part 1 review are therefore likely to have a **minor positive** effect against this objective for both Oxford and Cherwell.

Potential cumulative effects with other projects, plans and programmes

10.348 Cherwell District Council is bordered by six other local planning authorities each with their own Local Plans setting out strategic development in the area over the next few decades. This section explores the likely cumulative effects of the strategic development planned by each local planning authority with the likely cumulative effects of the strategic development set out within the Local Plan Part 1 Review and the adopted Local Plan Part 1.

Aylesbury Vale District Council

10.349 Aylesbury Vale District Council adopted its Local Plan in 2007. The adopted Local Plan made provision for 4,820 new homes and enough employment land to generate 4,000 new jobs over the plan period (2004 to 2011), with a 65% to 25% split between the District's main urban area, Aylesbury, and the District's rural areas. Aylesbury is situated directly to the east of the District of Cherwell and is connected to Bicester by the A41.

10.350 In 2007 the law changed, meaning that the policies in the District's adopted Local Plan ceased to have effect unless saved by a Direction from the Secretary of State. The housing and employment allocated to the following areas was subsequently saved:

- Aylesbury.
- Buckingham.

- Wendover.
- Haddenham.
- Winslow.
- Rural Areas.

10.351 The District Council is now the process of preparing a new Local Plan (the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan). The new draft Local Plan originally made provision for 33,000 homes. However, following new household and population projections published in 2016, the total number of homes was reduced from 33,000 to roughly 27,000. The Draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan allocates development to:

- Aylesbury.
- Buckingham.
- Haddenham.
- Winslow.
- Wendover.
- Rural Areas.
- A new settlement of 4,500 homes.

10.352 However, following reductions in housing need the Council is now reconsidering provision of this new settlement.

Oxford City Council

10.353 Oxford City Council has begun developing a new Local Plan for Oxford. Once adopted, the Oxford Local Plan 2036 will replace the Local Plan 2001-2016, the Core Strategy 2026 and the Sites and Housing Plan.

10.354 The Oxford Core Strategy 2026 was adopted in 2011 and currently represents the overarching strategy for development in Oxford up to 2026. The Core Strategy allocates land for the delivery of 8,000 new homes in the City between 2006 and 2026 and job growth of between 11,280 and 13,900 new jobs. Five priority areas have been identified for housing-led regeneration, including:

- Barton (north east Oxford).
- Blackbird Leys (south east Oxford).
- Northway (north Oxford).
- Rose Hill (south Oxford).
- Wood Farm (east Oxford).

10.355 Three strategic locations for development have also been identified, including:

- West End (west Oxford).
- Northern Gateway (north Oxford).
- Land at Barton (north east Oxford).

10.356 A significant proportion of this development is connected to Cherwell District, most notably Kidlington in the south of the District via the A40 and the A34.

South Oxfordshire District Council

10.357 South Oxfordshire District Council is currently in the process of producing a Local Plan. The most recent version of the Local Plan 2033 is the Second Preferred Options document; therefore the latest development strategy for the Borough is the one set out in the adopted Core Strategy (2012). The Core Strategy sets out the overarching development strategy for the District up to 2027. The Core Strategy allocates land for the development of 5,214 new homes for the period 2012-2027 and around 20ha of employment land, with around 13.5ha in:

- Didcot - 2,330 new homes.
- Henley - 400 new homes.
- Thame - 775 new homes.
- Wallingford - 555 new homes.
- Rural areas - 1,154 new homes.

10.358 A further 6.5ha at Didcot in the Vale of White Horse District. The vast majority of this development is located some distance from Cherwell; however, Thame is located in the north of South Oxfordshire to the south of Cherwell and is connected to Bicester via the M40 and Kidlington/north Oxford via the A40.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

10.359 Stratford-on-Avon District Council adopted its Core Strategy in 2016. The Core Strategy makes provision for at least 14,600 additional homes up to 2031 in the following locations:

- Stratford-upon-Avon – approximately 3,500 homes.
- Main Rural Centres – approximately 3,800 homes.
- New Settlement at Lighthorne Heath – approximately 2,300 homes.
- New Settlement at Long Marston Airfield – approximately 2,100 homes.
- Local Service Villages – approximately 2,000 homes.
- Large Rural Brownfield Sites – approximately 1,245 homes.
- Other Rural Locations – approximately 750 homes.

10.360 A significant proportion of this strategic development is located to the south and east of Stratford-upon-Avon, directly to the north west of Cherwell District and is connected to Cherwell District's main centres, for example the A422 and M40 to Banbury.

Vale of White Horse District Council

10.361 The Vale of White Horse District Council adopted its Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies in 2016.

10.362 The Local Plan aims to deliver at least 20,560 new homes during the plan period (2011 to 2031) at:

- Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area (1,790 homes).
- Western Vale Sub-Area (1,650 homes).
- South East Vale Sub-Area (9,055 homes).

10.363 Additionally, up to 1,000 new homes will be identified for allocation through the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 and a further 900 house delivered through windfall sites. The adopted Local Plan also identifies 218ha of land for future employment development divided between the Western Vale and South Eastern Vale, and a further 24ha of employment land is identified from the saved Vale Local Plan 2011 employment allocations.

10.364 The centres of growth within the Vale of White Horse are connected to Oxford and Cherwell via the A34 and the A420.

10.365 Like Cherwell, the Vale of White Horse District has committed through its Examination process to working jointly on the county-wide Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme, in order to address meeting some of Oxford's unmet needs.

South Northamptonshire

10.366 South Northamptonshire District Council's Local Plan is made-up of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) (2014), the South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2A) and South Northampton Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan (Part 2B).

10.367 The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) makes provision for a total of 11,020 homes in South Northamptonshire between 2008 and 2029 in:

- Brackley (2,160 homes).
- Towcester (2,650 homes).
- Rural Areas (2,360 homes).
- Northampton (3,850 homes).

10.368 Provision will also be made for a minimum net increase of 28,500 jobs in the period 2008-2029. These will be concentrated within and around Northampton and the motorsport technology hub at Silverstone.

10.369 Northampton, Brackley and Towcester are all situated to the north east of Cherwell District and are connected to the District's centres via the A43 and M40 motorways.

West Oxfordshire District Council

10.370 West Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan 2031 was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination in 2015 and 'Main Modifications' to the Local Plan, addressing the unmet housing need arising from Oxford City, were recently submitted in March 2017. The plan aims to meet the District's own objectively assessed housing need by delivering at least 15,950 new homes between 2011 and 2031, 13,200 homes, as well as an additional 2,750 homes between 2021 and 2031 to assist in meeting Oxford's unmet housing needs. The majority of the housing is to be delivered in:

- Witney.
- Carterton.
- Chipping Norton.

10.371 To meet employment needs in the District, 20ha of employment land is identified to the west of Witney, 5ha by Carterton, at least 9ha to the east of Chipping Norton, around 40ha at the West Oxfordshire Garden Village in the form of a 'science park', and at least 5ha within existing commitments in rural areas and other villages; and 2ha at Lakeside Standlake.

10.372 Both Whitney and Carterton, located to the south west of Cherwell are connected to north Oxford and southern Cherwell via the A40 and A4095 and Chipping Norton, located to the west of Cherwell is connected to Kidlington and north Oxford via the A44.

Overall Cumulative Effects

10.373 Housing and employment growth is planned in the districts immediately surrounding Cherwell. With the exception of Oxford directly to the south, the main focus of growth in Cherwell, at Bicester, Banbury and Upper Heyford and proposed around Kidlington is remote from the majority of the centres of growth in neighbouring districts limiting the potential for significant cumulative effects.

10.374 Brackley is closest to Banbury and Bicester, but is of relatively small size and is only due to receive relatively modest growth. This is also the case for Witney, Carterton and Chipping Norton in West Oxfordshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon to the north. The main towns in Aylesbury Vale, South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, including Aylesbury and Thame, are some distance away from the main growth in Cherwell and therefore are unlikely to have negative cumulative effects.

10.375 The main relationship between Cherwell is with Oxford, particularly with Kidlington and Bicester. The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 aims to reduce out commuting from the District for work and create more self-sufficient towns in Bicester and Banbury, whereas the Local Plan Part 1 Review allocates land to meet a proportion of Oxford's housing shortfall making links with the City important.

10.376 As a regional centre, Oxford attracts visitors and workers from Cherwell and all of the local planning authorities neighbouring Cherwell. Sustained growth within all of these areas is like to result in a significant increase in traffic along the strategic road network in and around Cherwell and Oxford, notably along the M40, A34, A40, A41, A43 and A44. This has the potential to exacerbate existing congestion and air quality issues in and around Cherwell and Oxford with **significant negative** effects against **SA objective 10 (air pollution and road congestion)**.

- 10.377 Furthermore, Cherwell District shares a housing market area with Oxford City and the adjoining Oxfordshire authorities, notably, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire. Together, the significant growth planned within these local authorities is likely to make a significant contribution to meeting their respective and collectively Oxford's housing needs with **significant positive** effects against **SA objective 1 (housing)**.
- 10.378 The preferred route of the High Speed Rail 2 passes through Cherwell District, through Fringford ward to the north of Bicester and is likely to have negative impacts on the environment and local communities in that area. Policy SLE5: High Speed Rail 2 – London to Birmingham has been included in the adopted Local Plan Part 1 in order to minimise the adverse impacts on the environment in Cherwell and maximise the benefits that could arise from the proposal, particularly in terms of improving rail services on the West Coast mainline and economic impacts. There is a potential for residents of the communities within the Fringford ward to be adversely affected by construction traffic and activities, however, policy SLE5 seeks to address such potential effects. Bicester is also close by.
- 10.379 The first stage of East-West Rail (Oxford to Bicester and Marylebone) has been completed and includes the construction of the Oxford Parkway Railway Station to the south of Kidlington next to the long-established Water Eaton Park and Ride and more frequent services in and out of Oxford. The final route is expected to open new links from Oxford and Oxford Parkway to Milton Keynes and Bedford by 2019 and onto Cambridge in due course.
- 10.380 In 2016, in the Autumn Budget Statement, the Government announced a commitment and support to deliver a new Oxford to Cambridge 'Expressway' including development funding for the evaluation of route options.
- 10.381 The Department for Transport (DfT) published a study on the proposed scheme, which set out three shortlisted route options for an Expressway, as well as sub-options to route around Oxford. Regardless of the option chosen, it is expected that an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway would help address constraints along the A34, a key strategic route connecting Oxfordshire with the south of the country and the wider Strategic Road Network.
- 10.382 It is unlikely that the development proposed in Cherwell could combine with the potential adverse effects of the High Speed Rail 2 and the development in neighbouring districts to create cumulative impacts, such as in relation to landscape and visual effects, urbanisation, and noise impacts due to the distances involved.

Recommendations

- 10.383 During the development of the Local Plan Part 1 policies, LUC appraised draft versions of the policies, highlighted their potential for significant effects and made recommendations on how the policies could be improved. The appraisal of the draft policies revealed that all eight site allocation policies and two of the strategic policies had the potential to generate significant negative effects and the following recommendations were made to improve the performance of the policies in the SA:
1. All policies could score more positively against **SA objective 4 (Crime)** through the incorporation of high-level design measures to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
 2. With the exception of site allocation policy PR8, all eight site allocation policies could score more positively against **SA objective 5 (Vibrant Communities)** with the inclusion of design and landscape measures that directly aim to mitigate any adverse impacts generated by strategic transport infrastructure and other noisy land uses within close proximity to each site.
 3. With the exception of site allocation policies PR6a, PR7b and PR10, the remaining site allocation policies could score more positively against **SA objective 9 (Historic Environment)** with the inclusion of design and landscape measures that aim to conserve and where possible enhance the historic environment within and in the immediate vicinity of each allocation, including the wider historic landscape character, such as the setting of historic Oxford.

4. Policy PR6c could score more positively against **SA objective 8 (Landscape)** through the include design and landscape measures that directly aim to mitigate any adverse impacts generated by the golf course.
5. Policy PR7a could score more positively against **SA objective 12 (Flood Risk)** by avoiding the development of the areas of the site designated as flood zones 2 and 3 and including additional mitigation measures to maintain good permeability.
6. All policies could score more positively against **SA objective 14 (Sustainable Resource Consumption)** by requiring sustainably produced resources and local products to be used where possible in the design and construction of new developments. Furthermore, additional requirements could be included for the incorporation of energy efficient, low carbon and renewable energy technologies within new developments.
7. All policies could score more positively against **SA objective 15 (Sustainable Waste Management)** by promoting sustainable waste management practices and where appropriate the incorporation of waste management facilities and services on strategic site allocations.

10.384 Following the communication of these recommendations by LUC to the Council, the following amendments were made to the Local Plan Part 1 Review policies:

1. Following recommendation 1 with regards to **SA objective 4 (Crime)** above, section 5 of the proposed submission of the Local Plan Part 1 review was updated to include a reference to Policy ESD15 in the adopted Local Plan Part 1, which all development proposals must comply with.
2. Following recommendation 2 with regards to **SA objective 5 (Vibrant Communities)** above, all site allocation policies were amended to require all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities.
3. Following recommendation 3 with regards to **SA objective 9 (Historic Environment)** above, site allocation policies PR6a and PR6b were amended to include a requirement that these strategic developments be designed to deliver a connected and integrated urban extension that responds to the historic setting of Oxford.
4. Following recommendation 4 with regards to **SA objective 8 (Landscape)** above, site allocation policy PR6c was amended to state that the planning application for the development of the site will be expected to be supported by, and prepared in accordance with, a Development Brief that incorporates design principles that respond to the landscape and Green Belt setting and historic context of Oxford. The Design Brief is to be jointly prepared and agreed in advance between the appointed representative(s) of the landowner(s) and Cherwell District Council and in consultation with Oxfordshire County Council.
5. Following recommendation 5 with regards to **SA objective 12 (Flood Risk)** above, site allocation policy PR7a has been amended to rule out development in the portions of the site boundary designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3.
6. Following recommendation 6 with regards to **SA objective 14 (Sustainable Resource Consumption)** above, the Council confirmed that policies ESD1-ESD5 and policy ESD15 in the adopted Local Plan Part 1, which all development proposals must comply with, sufficiently covers this issue. This reference has been acknowledged in the cumulative effect score recorded against SA objective 14 above.
7. Following recommendation 7 with regards to **SA objective 15 (Sustainable Waste Management)** above, all site allocation policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Review for developments equal to and over 400 dwellings (Policies PR6a, PR6b, PR8, PR9 and PR10) have been amended to include the requirement that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure.

10.385 **Tables 10.1 to 10.4** above present a summary of the effects of the final versions of the policies set out in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review which includes the amendments made to the draft policies

as a result of the SA recommendations set out above. These effects have been used to assess the cumulative effects of the Local Plan Part 1 Review as a whole.

Mitigation

10.386 It is a requirement of the SEA Regulations that consideration is given to “the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme”. For many of the potential negative effects identified in relation to the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, mitigation will be provided through the implementation of other policies in the Local Plan, specifically those in the adopted [Local Plan Part 1](#).

10.387 **Table 10.5** below identifies the policies within the adopted Local Plan Part 1 that are expected to provide mitigation for the potential negative effects of the policies within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial review. No residual negative effects are recorded for the following SA Objectives, therefore additional mitigation is not outlined for these objectives in the table below:

- SA Objective 1 – To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.
- SA Objective 2 – To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.
- SA Objective 3 – To reduce poverty and social exclusion.
- SA Objective 4 – To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.
- SA Objective 6 – To improve accessibility to all services and facilities.
- SA Objective 11 – To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management.
- SA Objective 16 – To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the district and Oxford and Oxfordshire.
- SA Objective 17 – To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.

Table 10.5: Mitigation for potential residual negative effects identified

| SA objectives for which potential significant negative effects have been identified | Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation |
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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | BSC 5: Area Renewal supports area renewal proposals that direct investment to improve the physical and community fabric of the District to improve social outcomes, improve health and well-being. |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | <p>ESD 9: Protection of the Oxford Meadows SAC requires that the construction and operational phases of the development are not to have any adverse effects on the water quality or quantity of any adjacent or nearby watercourses or alter the hydrological regime of the Oxford Meadows SAC. This policy also states that construction and operation of developments must conform to Environmental Quality Standards and all run off rates are to be maintained at greenfield run of rates.</p> <p>ESD 10: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity and the Natural Environment promotes biodiversity net gain and the maintenance of existing ecological networks. The policy seeks to avoid development that will result in adverse effects on international, national, regional and local important sites.</p> <p>ESD 11: Conservation Target Areas outlines that where a development lies within close proximity to a Conservation Target Area, surveys and a report are to be undertaken if and development will not be permitted if it compromises the aims of the Conservation</p> |

| SA objectives for which potential significant negative effects have been identified | Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation |
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| | <p>Target Area.</p> <p>ESD 16: The Oxford Canal aims to protect and enhance the biodiversity value of the Oxford Canal corridor.</p> <p>ESD 17: Green Infrastructure seeks to maintain and improve the green infrastructure network while also protecting sites of nature importance. The policy requires all developments to provide green infrastructure within their proposals.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>ESD 12: Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) seeks to protect and enhance the Cotswolds AONB and its setting.</p> <p>ESD 13: Local Landscape Protection and Enhancement aims to protect and enhance the landscape especially in urban fringe locations.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>Policy ESD 15: The Character of the Built and Historic Environment aims to ensure that new development to complement and enhance the character of its context through sensitive siting, layout and high quality design.</p> <p>ESD 16: The Oxford Canal will not permit proposals that will have a detrimental impact to the Conservation Area.</p> |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion.</p> | <p>SLE 4: Improved Transport and Connections seeks to deliver key connections to support modal shift and to support more sustainable locations for employment and housing growth. This policy also requires new development to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>ESD 1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change aims to distribute developments in the most sustainable locations and deliver development that seeks to reduce the need to travel and promote the use of sustainable modes of transport.</p> <p>ESD 2: Energy Hierarchy and Allowable Solutions promotes the use of the energy hierarchy: Reducing energy use; supplying energy efficiently and giving priority to decentralised energy supply; Making use of renewable energy; Making use of allowable solutions.</p> <p>ESD 5: Renewable Energy supports the renewable and low carbon energy provision wherever any adverse impacts can be addressed satisfactorily and the provision can be proven viable.</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.</p> | <p>ESD 1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change seeks to minimise the risk of flooding and making use of sustainable drainage methods.</p> <p>ESD 3: Sustainable Construction notes that the District is in an area of water stress and so a higher level of water efficiency than required in the Building Regulations is required with developments achieving a limit of 110 litres/person/day.</p> <p>ESD 9: Protection of the Oxford Meadows SAC requires that the construction and operational phases of the development are not to have any adverse effects on the water quality or quantity of any adjacent or nearby watercourses or alter the hydrological regime of the Oxford Meadows SAC. This policy also states that and all run off rates are to be maintained at greenfield run of rates.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and</p> | <p>BSC 2: The Effective and Efficient Use of Land -Brownfield land and Housing Density supports housing development that will effectively and efficiently use land and will encourage the re-use of previously developed land in sustainable locations.</p> |

| SA objectives for which potential significant negative effects have been identified | Other Local Plan policies providing possible mitigation |
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| existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | ESD 3: Sustainable Construction expects development to incorporate sustainable design and construction technology to achieve zero carbon development and maximise resource efficiency. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste. | ESD 3: Sustainable Construction supports development proposals that reduce waste and pollution and make adequate provision for the recycling of waste. |

11 Conclusions, Monitoring and Next Steps

Conclusions

- 11.1 The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Vision, Strategic Objectives (**Chapter 6**), nine areas of search (**Chapter 7**), three quantum options (**Chapter 8**), 41 site options (**Chapter 9**) and ten strategic policies and eight site allocation policies (**Chapter 10**) have been appraised against the SA objectives outlined in Cherwell District Council's SA Framework outlined in **Chapter 5**.
- 11.2 In general, the options and policy approaches that have been taken forward in the Local Plan are those that perform more positively or at least as well against the SA objectives than the rejected options, although in number of cases other planning considerations have determined that other options should be taken forward.
- 11.3 The principle of meeting a portion of Oxford's unmet housing needs within the District is likely to generate significant positive effects for both Oxford and Cherwell. The development of new residential communities within close proximity to Oxford within Cherwell will increase the quantity and the range of types of homes (including affordable homes), as well as maintain – even improve – communities access to the County's primary services and facilities, employment opportunities and its special qualities, including its wildlife, cultural heritage and countryside. The Council has recognised the effects on existing communities and proposed detailed policies which will provide mitigation and enhancements.
- 11.4 However, providing new strategic residential development within Cherwell District also has the potential to generate significant negative effects on these same special qualities.
- 11.5 The significant positive and negative effects of the development of more homes are likely to be enhanced and mitigated by the strategic policies within the adopted Local Plan Part 1, the policies of the Part 1 Partial Review and the development management policies of the Local Plan Part 2. The SA has assisted the Council in forming policies which avoid areas of historic significance on sites for example. These should go a long way towards mitigating the potential negative effects of the overall scale of development proposed, although some significant effects are likely to remain.
- 11.6 In addition to the SA/SEA, work undertaken for the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is important for determining potential significant effects. The HRA accompanying the Local Plan Part 1 Review highlights the potential for effects¹²⁸ on European biodiversity sites within and in the vicinity of Cherwell District. However, the in-combination assessment with other projects and plans identified no significant effects on Oxford Meadows SAC in combination with the proposals contained in the Partial Review Proposed Submission Plan, provided that any mitigation measures identified for other projects and plans are put in place. The HRA Stage 1 (Screening) assessment has determined that the Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan will not lead to likely significant effects, either alone or in combination, on the qualifying features of Oxford Meadows SAC.¹²⁹
- 11.7 The overall impact on the Green Belt and its purposes, including the amount of land needed to be removed to effectively implement the Plan, has been considered by the Council in the context of the outcomes of the SA for example in relation to the significant positive effects for affordable housing provision in locations which best help to meet Oxford's unmet housing needs.

¹²⁸ Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review, Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Habitat Regulations Assessment Report on Options Consultation and Additional Sites, Atkins, June 2017.

¹²⁹ Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review, Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Proposed Submission Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report, Atkins, June 2017.

Monitoring

- 11.8 The SEA Regulations require that *“The responsible authority shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action” (Regulation 17), and that the environmental report should provide information on “a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring” (Schedule 2).*
- 11.9 The Government’s latest SA Guidance in the National Planning Practice Guidance¹³⁰ states that details of the proposals for monitoring the significant effects of implementing the adopted local plan should be included in the Sustainability Appraisal report, or the post-adoption statement.
- 11.10 **Table 11.1** sets out a number of suggested indicators for monitoring the effects of implementing the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review.
- 11.11 The Planning Advisory Service guidance on SA states that it is not necessary to monitor everything and monitoring should be focused on the significant sustainability effects, including significant effects where there is uncertainty and where monitoring would enable preventative or mitigation measures to be taken. It could therefore be argued that monitoring measures are not required for following SA objectives:
- SA Objective 3 – To reduce poverty and social exclusion.
 - SA Objective 4 – To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.
 - SA Objective 5 – To create and sustain vibrant communities.
 - SA Objective 11 – To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management.
 - SA Objective 12 – To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well- being, the economy and the environment
 - SA Objective 14 – To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.
 - SA Objective 15 – To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste.
- 11.12 However, in order to address the requirement in SEA Regulation 17 noted above to *‘identify unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and be able to undertake appropriate remedial action’*, it is considered more precautionary for the Council to monitor all the potential sustainability effects. Therefore, monitoring indicators are suggested for all of the objectives in the SA framework.
- 11.13 The monitoring indicators set out in Chapter 6 of the SA/SEA Adoption Statement for the adopted Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 (2011-2031) have been considered alongside the monitoring indicators suggested in representations received (see **Appendix 3**) to the draft monitoring framework for the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Proposed Submission Document.
- 11.14 Given the principle driver of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review is to meet a proportion of Oxford’s outstanding housing need, it will be important that Cherwell District and Oxford City councils work closely together to monitor the delivery of these homes and the direct and indirect effects they have on them both in isolation and in combination.

¹³⁰ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-local-plans/>

Table 11.1: Proposed monitoring indicators for monitoring the effects of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review
Suggested indicators (and Policy Reference from Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review)

| SA Objective | |
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| SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual housing commitments and completions that specifically meet the needs of Oxford City. (Policies PR1, PR12a, PR12b and PR13). • Net affordable housing completions/acquisitions per tenure that specifically meet the needs of Oxford City. (Policies PR1, PR2, PR12a, PR12b and PR13). • Number of 'extra care' completions that specifically meet the needs of Oxford City. (Policies PR1, PR2, PR12a, PR12b and PR13). • Employment commitments and completions on allocated employment land in Cherwell and Oxford (Policy PR1). • Employment commitments and completions on non-allocated employment land in Cherwell and Oxford (Policy PR1). • Completions resulting in a loss of employment use to non-employment use in Cherwell and Oxford (Policy PR1). |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidlington centre and Oxford City centre use (use classes A1-A5, B1a, D2) (Policy PR1). • No. of retail impact assessments submitted with planning applications in Cherwell and Oxford (Policy PR1). |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidlington centre and Oxford City centre use (use classes A1-A5, B1a, D2) (Policy PR1). • No. of retail impact assessments submitted with planning applications in Cherwell and Oxford (Policy PR1). |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed development per type (Policies PR1, PR2, PR4a, PR4b and PR6a-PR10). |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed education infrastructure (Policies PR1 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed health care infrastructure (Policies PR1 and PR6a-PR10). • Amount, type and location of open space/sport/recreation facilities (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Areas deficient in recreation provision by type and amount (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed built development on (former) sites of open space, outdoor sport and recreation (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed community facilities infrastructure (Policy Policies PR1 and PR6a-PR10). • Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling (Policies PR1, PR4a, PR4b, PR6a-PR10 and PR11). • Completed green infrastructure schemes (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |

| SA Objective | Suggested indicators (and Policy Reference from Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review) |
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| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon emissions in Cherwell and the City of Oxford per capita (Policy PR1). • Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling (Policies PR1, PR4a, PR4b, PR6a-PR10 and PR11). • Completed transport improvement schemes (Policies PR1, PR4a, PR4b, PR6a-PR10 and PR11). • Number of Energy Statements submitted (Policy PR1). • Number of District Heating Feasibility Assessments submitted (Policy PR1). • Number of permitted district heating schemes in the district (Policy PR1). • Permitted renewable energy capacity per type (Policy PR1). |
| Other Social and Economic SA objectives | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed health care infrastructure (Policies PR1 and PR6a-PR10). • Amount, type and location of open space/sport/recreation facilities (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Areas deficient in recreation provision by type and amount (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Open spaces in the district meeting quality standards (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed green infrastructure schemes (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Crime levels in Cherwell District (Policy PR1). |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permissions granted contrary to design consultee advice on design grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| Environmental SA objectives | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of permissions granted contrary to consultee (Environment Agency, BBOWT, CDC/OCC etc.) advice on water quality grounds within the SAC catchment (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Total Local Wildlife Site/Local Geological Site area (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Changes in priority habitats by number & type (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Changes in priority species by number & type (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Ecological condition of SSSIs (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Distribution and status of farmland birds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Distribution and status of water voles (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Permissions granted contrary to tree officer advice (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Permissions granted contrary to biodiversity consultee advice (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Number of Ecological Surveys submitted with applications (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Local Sites in Positive Conservation Management (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Total amount of Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act s41 Habitats of Principal Importance within active Conservation Target Areas (CTAs) (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |

| SA Objective | Suggested indicators (and Policy Reference from Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review) |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permissions granted in Conservation Target Areas contrary to biodiversity consultee advice (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed green infrastructure schemes (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and location of urban fringe restoration/improvement schemes completed (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Permissions granted contrary to Landscape Officer advice (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Permissions granted contrary to design consultee advice on design grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permissions granted contrary to the advice of Historic England/consultee advice on heritage grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Number of new (and reviews of) conservation area appraisals (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed green infrastructure schemes (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of new dwellings completed achieving water use below 110 litres/person/day (Policy PR1). • Completed SuDS schemes in the district (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Number of permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on water quality grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Number of permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency, BBOWT, CDC/OCC etc.) advice on water quality grounds within the SAC catchment (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on Flood Risk grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Flood Risk Assessments received for development proposals within Flood Zones 2 & 3, within 1 ha of Flood Zone 1, or 9m of any watercourse (Policies PR1, PR5, PR6a-PR10, PR11, PR12b and PR13). • Completed SuDS schemes in the district (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of residential completions on previously developed land (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Net housing density of completions (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Completed development (per type) in the Green Belt (Policies PR1, PR3, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). • Permissions granted contrary to design consultee advice on design grounds (Policies PR1, PR5 and PR6a-PR10). |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed non-residential development achieving BREEAM Very Good, BREEAM Excellent (Policies PR1 and PR2). |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of household waste sent for re-use, recycling and compost. (Policy PR1) • % of Construction and demolition waste re-used. (Policy PR1) |

- 11.15 It should be noted that all of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review site allocation policies (PR6a, PR6b, PR6c, PR7a, PR7b, PR8, PR9 and PR10) are located on greenfield land a significant proportion of which is registered as some of the District's best and most versatile agricultural land. Development in these locations will result in the loss of this land, significant adverse effects in relation to SA objective 8 (efficient use of land), effects which cannot be mitigated. Therefore, in terms of meeting the SEA Regulations, the Council may only be required to monitor specifically how much greenfield land and of what grade of agricultural land is lost due to implementation of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review policies.
- 11.16 To achieve efficiencies, and ensure environmental effects of implementing any of the Local Plan Part 1 policies are monitored, SA monitoring of the Local Plan should be conducted as part of the overall approach to monitoring achievement of the Local Plan objectives.
- 11.17 The data used for monitoring in many cases will be provided by outside bodies. Information collected by other organisations (e.g. the Environment Agency) can also be used as a source of indicators. It is therefore recommended that the Council continues the dialogue with statutory environmental consultees and other stakeholders that has already been commenced, and works with them to agree the relevant sustainability effects to be monitored and to obtain information that is appropriate, up to date and reliable.

Next Steps

- 11.18 This SA Report will be available for consultation alongside the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Proposed Submission Document.
- 11.19 After the public consultation, another Final SA Report will be produced for submission alongside the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Final Submission Document.

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Appendix 1

Review of plans, policies and programmes

Table A1.1: Review of plans, policies and programmes relevant to the preparation of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review and the SA

| Strategy, Plan or Programme | Key objectives relevant to Local Plan and SA | Key targets and indicators relevant to Local Plan and SA | Implications for the Local Plan Part 1 Review | Implications for SA |
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| INTERNATIONAL | | | | |
| Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (2002) | <p>Commitment to building a humane, equitable and caring global society aware of the need for human dignity for all.</p> <p>Renewable energy and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production.</p> | <p>Greater resource efficiency.</p> <p>New technology for renewable energy.</p> <p>Increase energy efficiency.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Declaration.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to enhance the natural environment and promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.</p> |
| Aarhus Convention (1998) | <p>Established a number of rights of the public with regard to the environment. Local authorities should provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right of everyone to receive environmental information • The right to participate from an early stage in environmental decision making • The right to challenge in a court of law public decisions that have been made without respecting the two rights above or environmental law in general. | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.</p> | <p>Ensure that public are involved and consulted at all relevant stages of SA production.</p> |
| Bern Convention (1979) | <p>The Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (the Bern Convention) was adopted in Bern, Switzerland in 1979, and came into force in 1982. The principal aims of the Convention are to ensure conservation and protection of wild plant and animal species and their natural habitats (listed in Appendices I and II of the Convention), to increase cooperation between contracting parties, and to regulate the exploitation of those species (including</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance biodiversity.</p> |

| Strategy, Plan or Programme | Key objectives relevant to Local Plan and SA | Key targets and indicators relevant to Local Plan and SA | Implications for the Local Plan Part 1 Review | Implications for SA |
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| Ramsar Convention (1971) | <p>migratory species) listed in Appendix III. To this end the Convention imposes legal obligations on contracting parties, protecting over 500 wild plant species and more than 1,000 wild animal species.</p> <p>Obligations bet via the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) and the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).</p> <p>The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, called the Ramsar Convention, is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.</p> <p>The Convention was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975. Since then, almost 90% of UN member states, from all the world's geographic regions, have acceded to become "Contracting Parties".</p> <p>The Convention's mission is "the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world".</p> <p>Implemented in the UK via the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC), the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EEC).</p> | No targets or indicators. | Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention. | Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance biodiversity. |

| Strategy, Plan or Programme | Key objectives relevant to Local Plan and SA | Key targets and indicators relevant to Local Plan and SA | Implications for the Local Plan Part 1 Review | Implications for SA |
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| EU Directives | | | | |
| SEA Directive 2001 Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment | Provide for a high level of protection of the environment and contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development. | The Directive must be applied to plans or programmes whose formal preparation begins after 21 July 2004 and to those already in preparation by that date. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive at the national level. | Requirements of the Directive must be met in Sustainability Appraisals. |
| The Industrial Emissions Directive 2010 Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) | This Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities. It also lays down rules designed to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions into air, water and land and to prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole. | The Directive sets emission limit values for substances that are harmful to air or water. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objective for reducing pollution. |
| Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010 on the energy performance of buildings 2010/31/EU | The Directive aims to promote the energy performance of buildings and building units. It requests that member states adopt either national or regional methodology for calculating energy performance and minimum requirements for energy performance. | No targets or indicators. | Policies and site allocations should take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include SA objective relating to the energy performance/efficiency of existing and proposed buildings. |
| The Birds Directive 2009 Directive 2009/147/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended | The preservation, maintenance, and re-establishment of biotopes and habitats shall include the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of protected areas. • Upkeep and management in accordance with the ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected zones. | No targets or indicators. | Allocated sites and develop policies should make sure that the upkeep of recognised habitats is maintained and not damaged from development. | Include sustainability objectives for the protection of birds. |

| Strategy, Plan or Programme | Key objectives relevant to Local Plan and SA | Key targets and indicators relevant to Local Plan and SA | Implications for the Local Plan Part 1 Review | Implications for SA |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-establishment of destroyed biotopes. • Creation of biotopes. | | Avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats or any other disturbances effecting birds. | |
| The Waste Framework Directive 2008 Directive 2008/98/EC on waste | Prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness. The recovery of waste by means of recycling, re-use or reclamation. Recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without using processes that could harm the environment. | Development of clean technology to process waste and promote recycling. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives that minimise waste production as well as promote recycling. |
| The Air Quality Directive 2008 Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe | Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient noise pollution on human health and the environment. | Sets legally binding limits for pollutants including: lead; nitrogen dioxide; sulphur dioxide; benzene; carbon monoxide; arsenic; cadmium; nickel; benzo(a)pyrene; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and ozone | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to maintain and enhance air quality. |
| The Environmental Noise Directive 2002 Directive 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise | <p>Defines a common approach to avoid, prevent and reduce the adverse effects due to the exposure to environmental noise.</p> <p>It also provides a basis for developing European wide measures to deal with noise emitted by road and rail vehicles, infrastructure, aircraft and outdoor, industrial and mobile machinery.</p> <p>Principles of the directive include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the environmental problems. | No targets or indicators. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include SA objectives to manage and reduce the impacts of noise. |

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| The Floods Directive 2007 Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informing and consulting the public. Addressing local noise issues <p>Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods.</p> | Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments to be completed by December 2011. Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps to be completed by December 2013. Flood Risk Management Plans to be completed by December 2015. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives that relate to flood management and reduction of risk. |
| The Water Framework Directive 2000 Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of water policy | Protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwaters. | No targets or indicators. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to protect and minimise the impact on water quality. |
| The Landfill Directive 1999 Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste | Prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment from the landfilling of waste by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills. | Reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill to 75% of the 1995 level by 2010. Reduce this to 50% in 2013 and 35% by 2020. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste. |
| The Drinking Water Directive 1998 Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption | Protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean. | Member States must set values for water intended for human consumption. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance water quality. |

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| <p>The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 1994</p> <p>Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste</p> | <p>Harmonise the packaging waste system of Member States. Reduce the environmental impact of packaging waste.</p> | <p>By June 2001 at least 50% by weight of packaging waste should have been recovered, at least 25% by weight of the totality of packaging materials contained in packaging waste to be recycled with a minimum of 15% by weight for each packaging material.</p> | <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to minimise the environmental impact of waste and promote recycling.</p> |
| <p>The Habitats Directive 1992</p> <p>Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora</p> | <p>Promote the maintenance of biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. Conservation of natural habitats and maintain landscape features of importance to wildlife and fauna.</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p> <p>The Plan must be subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment in line with the Directive.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and maintain the natural environment and important landscape features.</p> |
| <p>The Nitrates Directive 1991</p> <p>Directive 91/676/EEC on nitrates from agricultural sources.</p> | <p>Reduce water pollution caused or induced by nitrates from agricultural sources and prevent further such pollution.</p> | <p>Identification of vulnerable areas.</p> | <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.</p> |
| <p>The Urban Waste Water Directive 1991</p> <p>Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste</p> | <p>Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water collection, treatment and discharge, and discharge from certain industrial sectors.</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.</p> |

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| water treatment | | | from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | |
| Other European Strategies, Plans and Programmes | | | | |
| European Spatial Development Perspective (1999) | Economic and social cohesion across the community. Conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage. Balanced competitiveness between different tiers of government. | No targets or indicators. | Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to conserve natural resources and cultural heritage. |
| EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan (2002-2012) | <p>The EU's objectives in implementing the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital; (b) to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy; (c) to safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing; (d) to maximise the benefits of the Union's environment legislation; (e) to improve the evidence base for environment policy; (f) to secure investment for environment and climate policy and get the prices right; (g) to improve environmental integration and policy coherence; (h) to enhance the sustainability of the Union's cities; (i) to increase the Union's effectiveness in | No targets or indicators. | Develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. | Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote energy efficiency. |

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| | confronting regional and global environmental challenges. | | | |
| European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2002) | The convention promotes landscape protection, management and planning. | No indicators or targets. | Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention. | Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage. |
| European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta, 1992) Revision of the 1985 Granada Convention | Protection of the archaeological heritage, including any physical evidence of the human past that can be investigated archaeologically both on land and underwater. Creation of archaeological reserves and conservation of excavated sites. | No indicators or targets. | Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of the Convention. | Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage. |
| NATIONAL | | | | |
| National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (DCLG, 2012) | Local planning authorities are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly co-ordinated and clearly reflected in individual Local Plans To work together to meet development requirements which cannot wholly be met within their own areas, for instance because of a lack of physical capacity or because to do so would cause significant harm to national principles and policies To meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable | No targets or indicators. | Development plan has a statutory status as the starting point for decision making. | Sustainability appraisal should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant effects on the environment, economic and social factors. |

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| | <p>development.</p> <p>The NPPF sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development, and that this should be delivered by:</p> | | | |
| | Building a strong, competitive economy. | No targets or indicators. | Set out clear economic visions for that particular area. | Include a sustainability objective relating to strengthening the economy. |
| | Ensuring vitality of town centres. | No targets or indicators. | Recognise town centres as the heart of their communities. | Include a sustainability objective relating to the vitality of town centres. |
| | Supporting a prosperous rural economy. | No targets or indicators. | To support and promote rural businesses and their growth including sustainable rural tourism. | Include a sustainability objective relating to supporting a prosperous rural economy. |
| | Promoting sustainable transport | No targets or indicators. | To implement sustainable transport modes depending on nature/location of the site, to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure. | Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport. |
| | Supporting high quality communications infrastructure. | No targets or indicators. | Enhance the provision of local community facilities and services by supporting the expansion of electronic communications | Include a sustainability objective relating to improving communication. |

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| | <p>Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes.</p> <p>Requiring good design.</p> <p>Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>Protecting Green Belt Land. Green Belt serves five purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; • to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another; • to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; • to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and • to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. <p>Meeting the challenge of climate change,</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> <p>No targets or indicators.</p> <p>No targets or indicators.</p> <p>No targets or indicators.</p> <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>networks.</p> <p>Identify size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations.</p> <p>Establish a strong sense of place to live, work and visit.</p> <p>Promote safe and accessible environments with a high quality of life and community cohesion.</p> <p>To ensure the five purposes of green belt land are addressed.</p> | <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to housing availability and quality.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to good design.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being.</p> <p>Highlight where there could be impacts on the Green Belt through assessment.</p> <p>Include a sustainability objective</p> |

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| | flooding, and coastal change. | | reduce causes/impacts of flooding. | relating to climate change mitigation and adaptation. |
| | Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. | No targets or indicators. | Recognise the wider benefits of biodiversity. | Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment. |
| | Conserving and enhancing the historic environment | No targets or indicators. | Sustain and enhance heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistent with their conservation. | Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation of historic features. |
| | Facilitating the use of sustainable materials. | No targets or indicators. | Encourage prior extraction of minerals where practicable and environmentally feasible. | Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable mineral extraction. |
| National Planning Practice Guidance (2014) | The National Planning Practice Guidance provides technical guidance on topic areas in order to support policies set out within the NPPF. It aims to allow for sustainable development as guided by the NPPF. | No targets or indicators. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to reflect the guidance set out within the NPPG. | The principles and requirements of national policy will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |
| Localism Act (2011) | The Localism Act introduces a number of measures to decentralise decision making process to the local level, creating space for Local Authorities to lead and innovate, and giving people the opportunity to take control of decisions that matter to them. The | No indicators or targets. | The Local Plan (Part 1) will need to reflect the principles of Localism as identified in the document. The Local Plan (Part 1) will need to | To ensure the concepts of the Localism Act are embedded within the SA framework. Relates to the overall |

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| | <p>Localism Act includes a number of important packages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new act makes it easier for local people to take over the amenities they love and keep them part of local life; • The act makes sure that local social enterprises, volunteers and community groups with a bright idea for improving local services get a chance to change how things are done. • The act places significantly more influence in the hands of local people over issues that make a big difference to their lives. • The act provides appropriate support and recognition to communities who welcome new development. • The act reduces red tape, making it easier for authorities to get on with the job of working with local people to draw up a vision for their area's future. • The act reinforces the democratic nature of the planning system passing power from bodies not directly to the public, to democratically accountable ministers. • The act enables Local Authorities to make their own decisions to adapt housing provision to local needs, and make the system fairer and more effective. • The act gives Local Authorities more control over the funding of social housing, helping them plan for the long- term. <p>In relation to planning, the Localism Act enables the Government to abolish regional spatial strategies, introduce Neighbourhood Plans and Local Referendums.</p> | | <p>incorporate the concept of Neighbourhood Planning, with the intention of giving neighbourhoods more ability to determine the shape of the places in which people live.</p> | <p>SA process.</p> |

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| Housing and Planning Act 2016 | Strategically, the Housing and Planning Act aims to increase the number of new build alongside improving affordability for homes particularly for first time buyers. The Act sets to deliver 200,000 Starter Homes at 80% of the market value for the life of the parliament | To provide starter homes in new builds at a 20% discount of market value. | The Local Plan should provide affordable and starter homes in accord with the Housing and Planning Act. | Include affordable homes to the housing objective. |
| National Planning Policy for Waste (DCLG, 2014) | Sets out the Government's ambition to work towards a more sustainable and efficient approach to resource use and management. Replaces Planning Policy Statement 10. | <p>Delivery of sustainable development and resource efficiency, including provision of modern infrastructure, local employment opportunities and wider climate change benefits, by driving waste management up the waste hierarchy.</p> <p>Ensuring that waste management is considered alongside other spatial planning concerns, such as housing and transport, recognising the positive contribution that waste management can make to the development of sustainable communities.</p> <p>with and take more responsibility for their own waste, including by enabling waste to be disposed of or, in the case of mixed municipal waste from households, recovered, in line with the proximity principle.</p> | The Local Plan should be in conformity with national waste planning policy. | Include a sustainability objective relating to waste generation and management. |

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| | | <p>Helping to secure the re-use, recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without harming the environment.</p> <p>Ensuring the design and layout of new residential and commercial development and other infrastructure (such as safe and reliable transport links) complements sustainable waste management, including the provision of appropriate storage and segregation facilities to facilitate high quality collections of waste.</p> | | |
| White Papers | | | | |
| <p>Energy White Paper: Our Energy Future (2003)</p> | <p>There are four key aims in this document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To put ourselves on a path to cut the United Kingdom carbon dioxide emissions- the main contributor to global warming- by some 60% by about 2050, with real progress by 2020; To maintain the reliability of energy supplies; To promote competitive markets in the United Kingdom and beyond, helping to raise the rate of sustainable economic growth and to improve our productivity; and | <p>To reduce the UK's carbon dioxide emissions by around 60% by about 2050, with real progress by 2020.</p> | <p>The Local Plan (Part 1) and its policies need to promote development that is energy efficient and increases the use and/ or availability of renewable energy.</p> | <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to energy efficiency.</p> |

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| Heritage Protection for the 21 st Century: White Paper (2007) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make sure that every home is adequately and affordably heated. <p>The proposals in this White Paper reflect the importance of the heritage protection system in preserving our heritage for people to enjoy now and in the future. They are based around three core principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a unified approach to the historic environment; Maximising opportunities for inclusion and involvement; and Supporting sustainable communities by putting the historic environment at the heart of an effective planning system | No targets or indicators. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will need to ensure that they protect the Borough's heritage assets. | Include a sustainability objective relating to cultural heritage. |
| Heritage 2020 Initiative | <p>Heritage 2020 is a major cross-sector collaboration initiative being delivered under the auspices of the Historic Environment Forum.</p> <p>The Heritage 2020 Framework sets out how heritage organisations across England can work together in the coming years to add value to the work of individual bodies. The new initiative, which follows on from the National Heritage Protection Plan from 1 April 2015, has five key themes: discovery, identification and understanding; constructive conservation and sustainable management; public engagement; capacity building; and advocacy. Key strategic priorities are identified which will be taken forward through working groups linked with each theme.</p> | No targets or indicators. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will need to ensure that they protect the Borough's heritage assets. | Include a sustainability objective relating to cultural heritage. |
| Housing White Paper: Fixing Our Broken Housing Market (2017) | <p>Solving the problem of the housing shortage by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for the right homes in the right places - assessing need and getting housing targets right | No targets or indicators. | Ensure that site allocations and policies will help to provide for the required amount of housing in the locations of need. | Include a sustainability objective relating to housing provision and location. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faster house buildings - making the planning system more open and accessible Diversify the housing market - opening up to smaller builders and those who embrace innovative and efficient methods Helping people now - including the Help to Buy and Starter Homes schemes and making renter fairer on tenants | | | |
| <p>Natural Environment White Paper, 2011</p> <p>The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature (HM Government, 2011)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting and improving our natural environment. Growing a green economy. Reconnecting people and nature. | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will need to ensure that they protect the intrinsic value of nature and recognise the multiple benefits it could have for communities.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance biodiversity.</p> |
| <p>Electricity Market Reform White Paper 2011, Planning our Electric Future: A White Paper for Secure, Affordable and Low-Carbon Electricity (DECC, 2011)</p> | <p>This White Paper sets out the Government's commitment to transform the UK's electricity system to ensure that our future electricity supply is secure, low-carbon and affordable.</p> | <p>15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020 and 80 per cent carbon reduction target by 2050.</p> | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will need to support renewable energy generation and encourage greater energy efficiency.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce carbon emissions and increase proportion of energy generated from renewable sources.</p> |
| <p>The Future of Transport White Paper 2004: A network for 2030 (DfT, 2004)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure we can benefit from mobility and access while minimising the impact on other people and the environment, now and in the future. Get the best out of our transport system without damaging our overall quality of life. Develop strategies that recognise that demand for travel will increase in the future. | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) should provide for an increase in demand for travel whilst minimising impact on the environment. Policies also needed to promote public transport use</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce the need to travel and improve choice and use of sustainable transport modes.</p> |

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| <p>Water White Paper, 2011 Water for Life</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards a transport network that can meet the challenges of a growing economy and the increasing demand for travel but can also achieve the government's environmental objectives. Objectives of the White Paper are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint a clear vision of the future and create the conditions which enable the water sector and water users to prepare for it; • Deliver benefits across society through an ambitious agenda for improving water quality, working with local communities to make early improvements in the health of our rivers by reducing pollution and tackling unsustainable abstraction; • Keep short and longer term affordability for customers at the centre of decision making in the water sector; • Protect the interests of taxpayers in the policy decisions that we take; • Ensure a stable framework for the water sector which remains attractive to investors; • Stimulate cultural change in the water sector by removing barriers to competition, fostering innovation and efficiency, and encouraging new entrants to the market to help improve the range and quality of services offered to customers and cut business costs; • Work with water companies, regulators and other stakeholders to build understanding of the impact personal choices have on the water environment, water resources and costs; and • Set out roles and responsibilities – | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>rather than increasing reliance on the car.</p> <p>Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies should promote efficient use of water in new developments and good management of water resources.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives that relate to water quality and quantity.</p> |

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| <p>Urban White Paper 2000, Our Towns and Cities: The Future – delivering an urban renaissance (ODPM, 2000)</p> | <p>Including where Government will take a stronger role in strategic direction setting and assessing resilience to future challenges, as well as clear expectations on the regulators.</p> <p>Provide for new sustainable homes that are attractive, safe and practical. Retain people in urban areas by, for example, making them more desirable places to live. Improve quality of life, opportunity and economic success through tailored solutions in towns and cities.</p> | <p>3.8 million more homes needed by 2021. Local strategies needed to meet the needs of local people developed through partnerships. Sets targets for development on brownfield sites and through conversion of existing buildings now superseded by the NPPF.</p> | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies should seek to deliver better towns and cities taking into account the key aims of the White Paper.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to ensure that the majority of new development is built on brownfield sites and aim to improve the quality of life of residents in towns and cities.</p> |
| <p>Rural White Paper 2000, Our Countryside: The Future – a fair deal for rural England (ODPM, 2000)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the development of dynamic, competitive and sustainable economies in the countryside. Maintain and stimulate communities and secure access to services for those who live and work in the countryside. Conserve and enhance rural landscapes. | <p>Building 9,000 affordable new homes each year across rural districts.</p> | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies should help increase employment and services in the rural parts of the District whilst conserving the landscape.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to help increase employment and services in the rural parts of the District and objective to conserve the landscape.</p> |
| Policies and Strategies | | | | |
| <p>DCLG (2015) Planning Policy for Traveller Sites</p> | <p>Government's aims in respect of traveller sites are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning. To ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through | <p>No targets or indicators. The updated policy now includes:</p> <p>If a local planning authority cannot demonstrate an up-to-date 5 year supply of deliverable sites, this should be a significant material consideration in any</p> | <p>Ensure that the relevant considerations are taken into account when allocating sites.</p> | <p>Include relevant sustainability objectives relating to social inclusion and environmental protection.</p> |

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| | <p>the identification of land for sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale. That plan-making and decision-taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development. To promote more private traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites. That plan-making and decision-taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective for local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies. To increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply. To reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and planning decisions. To enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure. For local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment. | <p>subsequent planning decision when considering applications for the grant of temporary planning permission.</p> <p>The exception is where the proposal is on land designated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Belt Sites protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives Sites designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest Local Green Space Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Within a National Park (or the Broads) <p>Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances.</p> <p>Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development. Subject to the best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the</p> | | |

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| | | <p>Green Belt and any other harm so as to establish very special circumstances.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, where a local planning authority is burdened by a large-scale unauthorised site that has significantly increased their need, and their area is subject to strict and special planning constraints, then there is no assumption that the local planning authority is required to plan to meet their traveller site needs in full.</p> | | |
| DCLG (2011) Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England | Aims to provide support to deliver new homes and improve social mobility. | No targets or indicators | Make appropriate site allocations for the provision of an appropriate supply of new homes. | Include sustainability objective that assesses whether housing need is being met. |
| Department of Health (2010) Healthy Lives, Healthy People: our Strategy for public health in England | Protect the population from serious health threats; helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives; and improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Prioritise public health funding from within the overall NHS budget. | No targets or indicators. | Ensure that site allocations and policies reflect the objectives of the strategy. | Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being. |
| DECC (2009) The UK Renewable Energy Strategy | Increase our use of renewable electricity, heat and transport, and help tackle climate change. Build the UK low-carbon economy, promote energy security and take action against climate change. | <p>15% of energy from renewable sources by 2020.</p> <p>Reducing UK CO₂ emissions by 750 million tonnes by 2030.</p> | Ensure that site allocations and policies will support renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport. | Include a sustainability objective relating to increasing energy provided from decentralised community renewable sources. |

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| <p>DECC (2014) Community Energy Strategy</p> | <p>Sets out plans to promote and facilitate the planning and development of decentralised community energy initiatives in four main types of energy activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating energy (electricity or heat) • Reducing energy use (saving energy through energy efficiency and behaviour change) • Managing energy (balancing supply and demand) • Purchasing energy (collective purchasing or switching to save money on energy) | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will support community low carbon and renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport.</p> | <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to increased energy provided from decentralised low carbon and renewable sources.</p> |
| <p>The Energy Efficiency Opportunity in the UK (DECC, 2012)</p> | <p>This is an Energy Efficiency Strategy aiming to realise the wider energy efficiency potential that is available in the UK economy. The Strategy identifies four barriers to energy efficiency which need to be overcome which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryonic markets. • Information. • Misaligned financial incentives. • Undervaluing energy efficiency. <p>The Strategy draws attention to maximising the potential of existing dwellings by implementing 21st century energy management initiatives on 19th century homes.</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should seek to address the barriers identified within the Strategy and improve the existing building stock through appropriate adaptation measures.</p> | <p>Include SA objectives relating to energy efficiency and adaptation of the existing building stock.</p> |
| <p>The National Adaptation Programme – Making the Country Resilient to a Changing Climate (Defra, 2013)</p> | <p>The report sets out visions for the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built Environment – “buildings and places and the people who live and work in them are resilient to a changing climate and extreme weather and organisations in the | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should take account of the aims of the Programme.</p> | <p>Include SA objectives which seek to promote the implementation of adaptation measures to make the area more resilient to a</p> |

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| | <p>built environment sector have an increased capacity to address the risks and take the opportunities from climate change”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure – “an infrastructure network that is resilient to today’s natural hazards and prepared for the future changing climate”. • Healthy and resilient communities – “a health service, a public health and social care system which are resilient and adapted to a changing climate. Communities and individuals, including the most vulnerable, are better prepared to cope with severe weather events and other impacts of climate change. Emergency services and local resilience capability take account of and are resilient to, a changing climate”. • Agriculture and Forestry – “profitable and productive agriculture and forestry sectors that take the opportunities from climate change, are resilient to its threats and contribute to the resilience of the natural environment by helping maintain ecosystem services and protect and enhance biodiversity”. • Natural Environment – “the natural environment, with diverse and healthy ecosystems, is resilient to climate change, able to accommodate change and valued for the adaptation services it provides”. • Business – “UK businesses are resilient to extreme weather and prepared for future risks and opportunities from climate change”. • Local Government – “Local government plays a central in leading and supporting | | | changing climate. |

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| UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy: Securing the Future (2005) | <p>local places to become more resilient to a range of future risk and to be prepared for the opportunities from a changing climate".</p> <p>The Strategy sets out 5 principles for sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living within environmental limits; • Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society; • Achieving a sustainable economy; • Promoting good governance ; and • Using sound science responsibly. <p>The strategy sets four priorities for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable consumption and production; • Climate change and energy; • Natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; • Sustainable communities <p>The strategy commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A programme of community engagement; • Forums to help people live sustainable lifestyles; • Open and innovative ways for stakeholders to influence decision; educating and training | No targets or indicators. | <p>The Local Plan (Part 1) should seek to deliver sustainable communities. These are places which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents • People want to live and work in • Are sensitive to their environment • Contribute to a high quality of life • Are safe and inclusive • Are well planned, built and run; and • Offer equality of opportunity and good services for all | To ensure that the requirements of the Strategy are embedded within the SA framework. |
| English Heritage Historic England Corporate Plan 2016 to 2019 (2016) | <p>The plan sets out its three purposes as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings; • Promote the preservation and enhancement of the character and appearance of conservation areas; and • Promote the public's enjoyment of, and advance their knowledge of, ancient monuments and historic buildings. | No targets or indicators. | <p>The Local Plan (Part 1) should contain a planning framework which safeguards the historic environment.</p> | Include a sustainability objective relating to the historic environment. |
| National Policy Statement EN1: Overarching Energy Policy Statement (2011) | <p>This policy document sets out government policy for the delivery of major planning applications for energy development. These will be dealt with by the Planning</p> | No targets or indicators. | <p>The Local Plan (Part 1) will need to be consistent with the National Policy</p> | Include a sustainability objective relating to energy efficiency. |

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| <p>The National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (Environment Agency, 2011)</p> | <p>Inspectorate, rather than local authorities in which the development occurs. The document also specifies the criteria for waste management, traffic and transport, water quality and quantity, noise and vibration, open spaces and green infrastructure, the landscape, visual impact, dust flood risk, historic environment, odour, light, smoke/steam, insects, coastal change, aviation, biodiversity and geodiversity.</p> <p>This Strategy sets out the national framework for managing the risk of flooding and coastal erosion. It sets out the roles for risk management authorities and communities to help them understand their responsibilities.</p> <p>The strategic aims and objectives of the Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “manage the risk to people and their property; • Facilitate decision-making and action at the appropriate level – individual, community or local authority, river catchment, coastal cell or national; • Achieve environmental, social and economic benefits, consistent with the principles of sustainable development”. | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should seek to reduce and manage the risk of all types of flooding.</p> | <p>The SA framework should include objectives which seek to reduce the risk and manage flooding sustainably.</p> |
| <p>DEFRA (2007) The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland</p> | <p>Make sure that everyone can enjoy a level of ambient air quality in public spaces, which poses no significant risk to health or quality of life.</p> <p>Render polluting emissions harmless.</p> | <p>Sets air quality standards for 13 air pollutants.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality.</p> | <p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and improve air quality.</p> |
| <p>Waste prevention programme for England: Prevention is better than</p> | <p>The aim of the Programme is to improve the environment and protect human health by supporting a resource efficient economy,</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should take account of the strategic measures in the</p> | <p>Include SA objectives which seek to promote waste prevention.</p> |

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| <p>cure – The role of waste prevention in moving to a more resource efficient economy (HM Government, 2013)</p> | <p>reducing the quantity and impact of waste produced whilst promoting sustainable economic growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage businesses to contribute to a more sustainable economy by building waste reduction into design, offering alternative business models and delivering new and improved products and services; encourage a culture of valuing resources by making it easier for people and businesses to find out how to reduce their waste, to use products for longer, repair broken items, and enable reuse of items by others; help businesses recognise and act upon potential savings through better resource efficiency and preventing waste, to realise opportunities for growth; and support action by central and local government, businesses and civil society to capitalise on these opportunities. | | <p>Programme.</p> | |
| <p>Future Water: The Government's Water Strategy for England (DEFRA, 2008)</p> | <p>Sets out how the Government want the water sector to look by 2030 and an outline of the steps which need to be taken to get there.</p> <p>The vision for 2030 is one where we, as a country have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "improved the quality of our water environment and the ecology it supports, and continue to maintain high standards of drinking water quality from taps; Sustainably managed risks from flooding and coastal erosion, with greater understanding and more effective management of surface water; | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should aim to contribute to the vision set out in this Strategy.</p> | <p>Include SA objectives which seek to protect, manage and enhance the water environment.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a sustainable use of water resources, and implement fair, affordable and cost-reflective water charges; Cut greenhouse gas emissions; and Embed continuous adaptation to climate change and other pressures across the water industry and water users". | | | |
| <p>Water for People and the Environment: Water Resources Strategy for England and Wales (Environment Agency, 2009)</p> | <p>The Strategy vision for water resource "is for there to be enough water for people and the environment, meeting legitimate needs".</p> <p>Its aims include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To manage water resource and protect the water environment from climate change. Restore, protect, improve and value species and habitats that depend on water. To contribute to sustainable development through good water management. <p>People to understand how water and the water environment contribute to their quality of life.</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Policies should reflect the aims of the strategy where relevant.</p> | <p>Include SA objective which seeks to promote water management and efficiency.</p> |
| <p>Safeguarding our Soils: A Strategy for England (DEFRA, 2009)</p> | <p>The vision is "by 2030, all England's soils will be managed sustainably and degradation threats tackled successfully. This will improve the quality of England's soils and safeguard their ability to provide essential services for future generations".</p> <p>The Strategy highlights the areas for priority including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better protection for agricultural soils. Protecting and enhancing stores of soil carbon. Building the resilience of soils to a changing climate. Preventing soil pollution. | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will help protect and enhance the quality of soils and seek to sustainably manage their quality for future generations.</p> | <p>Include SA objective which seeks to safeguard and enhance the quality of soil.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective soil protection during construction and development. • Dealing with our legacy of contaminated land. | | | |
| DEFRA (2011) Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services | <p>The strategy aims to guide conservation efforts in England up to 2020, and move from a net biodiversity loss to gain. The strategy includes 22 priorities which include actions for the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture; • Forestry; • Planning and Development; • Water Management; • Marine Management; • Fisheries; • Air Pollution; and • Invasive Non-Native Species. | The strategy develops ambitious yet achievable goals for 2020 and 2050, based on Aichi Targets set at the Nagoya UN Biodiversity Summit in October 2010. | Develop policies that promote conservation and enhancements of biodiversity and ensure that site allocations take account of the aims of the strategy. | Include sustainability objective that relates to biodiversity. |
| DfT (2013) Door to Door: A strategy for improving sustainable transport integration | <p>The strategy's vision is for an inclusive, integrated and innovative transport system that works for everyone, and where making door-to-door journeys by sustainable means is an attractive and convenient option. Four key areas to address are highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate, accessible and reliable information about different transport options • Convenient and affordable tickets • Regular and straightforward connections at all stages of the journey and between different modes of transport • Safe and comfortable transport facilities | No targets or indicators. | Ensure that site allocations and policies will enhance public transport provision and encourage active modes of travel such as walking and cycling. | Include a relevant sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport. |
| The Plan for Growth implementation update (2013) | The plan for growth, published alongside Budget 2011, and as part of the Autumn Statement 2011, announced a programme of structured reforms to remove barriers to | | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will need to reflect the ambitions set | Include a sustainability objective relating to economic growth. |

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| | <p>growth for businesses and equip the UK to compete in the global race. These reforms span a range of policies including improving UK infrastructure, cutting red tape, root and branch reform of the planning system and boosting trade and inward investment, to achieve the governments four ambitions for growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating the most competitive tax system in the G20 • Encouraging investment and exports as a route to a more balanced economy • Making the UK the best place in Europe to start, finance and grow a business • Creating a more educated workforce that is the most flexible in Europe. | | <p>out within the Plan for Growth 2013.</p> | |
| Lifetime Neighbourhoods (2011) | <p>This document is a national strategy for housing in an ageing society. It seeks to support residents to develop lifetime neighbourhoods in terms of resident empowerment, access, services and amenities, built and natural environment, social networks/well-being and housing.</p> | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>The policies and site allocations will need to reflect the requirements set out within the national strategy.</p> | <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to the creation of sustainable communities.</p> |
| UK Bioenergy Strategy (2012) | <p>The UK Government has a responsibility to ensure that its policies only support bioenergy use in the right circumstances. This strategy is based on four principles which will act as a framework for future government policy on bioenergy.</p> <p>In summary the four principles state that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies that support bioenergy should deliver genuine carbon reductions that help meet UK carbon emissions objectives to 2050 and beyond. • Support for bioenergy should make a cost effective contribution to UK carbon emission objectives in the context of the overall energy goals. • Support for bioenergy should aim to | <p>No targets or indicators.</p> | <p>The principles of the Bioenergy Strategy 2012 will need to be reflected within the Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies.</p> | <p>Include a sustainability objective relating to energy efficiency and climate change.</p> |

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| | <p>maximise the overall benefits and minimise costs (quantifiable and non-quantifiable) across the economy.</p> <p>At regular time intervals and when policies promote significant additional demand for bioenergy in the UK, beyond that envisaged by current use, policy makers should assess and respond to the impacts of this increased deployment on other areas, such as food security and biodiversity.</p> | | | |
| Working with the grain of nature – A Biodiversity Strategy for England (2011) | This Strategy seeks to protect and improve the rural, urban, marine and global environment and lead on the integration of these with other policies across Government and internationally. | | The Local Plan (Part 1) should minimise loss of biodiversity when allocating sites for development. | Include a sustainability objective relating to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity. |
| Green Infrastructure and the Urban Fringe (Natural England, 2009) | Promotes the concept of multifunctionality – the integration and interaction of different activities on the same parcel of land. The Countryside In and Around Towns programme acknowledges Green Infrastructure as a key mechanism for delivering regional and local change. The strategy promotes regional coalitions to pool resources, regional stocktakes to examine the extent, state and potential of the GI, influencing RSS and LDFs, putting forward exemplar projects as examples of good practice to learn from. | Green Infrastructure and the Urban Fringe | Policies and site allocations to deliver new green infrastructure and enhancement of existing assets in and around new developments to contribute to better quality, multifunctional environments. | Ensure the concept of green infrastructure is promoted through the SA framework. |
| Water for Life and Livelihoods: A Strategy for River Basin Planning (Environment Agency, 2006) | This document set out the Environment Agency's strategy to implement the European Water Framework Directive (WFD) by managing water based on river basin planning. The document aims to reduce pollution, prevent deterioration and improve the condition of aquatic ecosystems including wetlands. | Maintain good status water bodies All water bodies to aim to achieve good or better status by 2021 Meet water cycle objectives set for 2015 | Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies should promote efficient use of water in new developments and good management of water resources | Consideration of water related issues within the SA framework. |

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| National Infrastructure Plan (2014) | The Infrastructure Plan allows for long term public funding certainty for key infrastructure areas such as: roads, rail, flood defences and science. All elements highlighted in the Plan represent firm commitment by government to supply the funding levels stipulated. The Plan also highlights what steps the government will take to ensure effective delivery of its key projects | No targets or indicators. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) objectives and policies should support the delivery of infrastructure to support new development. | To ensure that infrastructure delivery is embedded within the SA framework. |
| Waste Management Plan for England (2013) | The Waste Management Plan follows the EU principal of waste hierarchy. This requires that prevention of waste, preparing for reuse and recycling should be given priority order in any waste legislation and policy. From this principal a key objective of The Plan is to reduce the level of waste going to landfill and to encourage recycling. The Plan also requires that larger amounts of hazardous waste should be disposed of at specially managed waste facilities. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies will be required to incorporate the objectives of the national waste policy. In order to encourage the reduction of waste and the reuse of materials. | The objectives of the national waste policy will be required to be embedded within the SA framework. |
| National Policy Statement EN3: Renewable Energy Infrastructure (2011) | The statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for nationally significant renewable energy infrastructure; this includes biomass ad waste combustion and onshore and offshore wind. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to be consistent with the National Policy Statement. | The principles and requirements of the Overarching Energy NPS (EN-1) will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |
| National Policy Statement EN4: National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas Oil pipelines (2011) | Taken with the overarching national policy statement for energy, the statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for gas supply infrastructure and gas and oil pipelines. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable. | The principles and requirements of the Overarching Energy NPS (EN-1) will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |

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| EN5: National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks (2011) Infrastructure | This statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major applications for electricity networks infrastructure. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable. | The principles and requirements of the Overarching Energy NPS (EN-1) will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |
| National Policy Statement EN6: Nuclear Power Generation (2011) | This statement provides the primary basis for decisions on major planning applications for Nuclear Power infrastructure. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable. | The principles of the Overarching Energy NPS (EN-1) will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |
| National Policy Statement: Waste Water (2012) | The National Policy Statement sets out Government Policy for the provision of major waste water infrastructure. It will be used by the decision makers as the primary basis for deciding development consent that fall within the definition of Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects as defined in the Planning Act 2008. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to consider and be consistent with the policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement where applicable. | The principles of the National Policy Statement: Waste Water will need to be embedded within the SA framework and appraisal. |
| Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services (DEFRA, 2011) | The aim of the Strategy is to guide conservation efforts in England up to 2020. Moving further on from 2020, the ambition is to move from a net biodiversity loss to gain. The strategy includes 22 priorities which include actions for the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Forestry • Planning and Development • Water Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in priority habitats by at least 200,000ha • The restoration of 15% of degraded ecosystems | Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) documents should take into account their role in seeking to prevent the degradation of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Local Plan documents should also recognise their contribution to | Include SA objective relating to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. |

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| <p>Securing the Future: Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy (DEFRA, 2005)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Management • Fisheries • Air Pollution <p>Enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life for future generations. There are 4 shared priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable consumption and production; • climate change and energy; • natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; and • sustainable communities. | <p>Sets out indicators to give an overview of sustainable development and priority areas in the UK. They include 20 of the UK Framework indicators and a further 48 indicators related to the priority areas.</p> | <p>securing a net gain in biodiversity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) documents should meet the aims of the Sustainable Development Strategy.</p> | <p>Include SA objectives to cover the shared priorities.</p> |
| <p>Building a Greener Future: Policy Statement (DCLG, 2007)</p> | <p>This Statement confirms the government's intention to achieve 25% more energy efficient homes by 2010, 44% more efficient homes by 2013 and zero carbon (net carbon emissions should be zero per annum) homes by 2016.</p> | <p>Achieve 25% more energy efficient homes by 2010, 44% more efficient homes by 2013 and zero carbon homes by 2016.</p> | <p>Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) documents should ensure residential development is zero carbon by 2016.</p> | <p>Include SA objective relating to energy efficiency.</p> |
| <p>The Climate Change Act (2008)</p> | <p>The Climate Change Act was passed in 2008 and established a framework to develop an economically credible emissions reduction path. It also strengthened the UK's leadership internationally by highlighting the role it would take in contributing to urgent collective action to tackle climate change under the Kyoto Protocol.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2050 target. The act commits the UK to reducing emissions by at least 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels. This target was based on advice from the CCC report: Building a Low- carbon Economy. The 80% target includes GHG emissions from the devolved administrations, which currently accounts for around 20% of the UK's total emissions. • Carbon Budgets. The Act requires the Government to set | <p>The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) must reflect the objectives of The Climate Change Act, in order to contribute to reducing UK carbon emissions.</p> | <p>Include SA objective relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p> |

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| Waste Strategy for England 2007 (DEFRA, 2007) | <p>Future of waste management – the government commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle the amount of waste produced, by breaking the link between economic growth and waste production. • Put waste which is produced to good use through substantial increases in re-use, recycling, composting, and recovery of energy. | <p>legally binding 'carbon budgets'. A carbon budget is a cap on the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in the UK over a five-year period. The first four carbon budgets have been put into legislation and run up to 2027.</p> <p>Annual net reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions from waste management of at least 9.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year compared to 2006</p> <p>Reduce the amount of household waste not re-used, recycled or composted from over 22.2 million tonnes in 2000 by 29% to 15.8 million tonnes in 2010 with an aspiration to reduce it to 12.2 million tonnes in 2020 – a reduction of 45%</p> <p>Recycling and composting of household waste – at least 40% by 2010, 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020</p> <p>Recovery of municipal waste – 53% by 2010, 67% by 2015 and 75% by 2020.</p> | Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) documents should encourage the minimisation of waste production and the maximisation of recycling and re-use of materials. | Include SA objective relating to reducing waste and recycling. |

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| National Policy Statement: Hazardous Waste (2013) | Without sustainable management, hazardous waste may pose a risk to human health and the environment. We also need to manage our hazardous waste in a more sustainable way and ensure that where possible, we recycle and recover hazardous waste rather than sending it for disposal. The NPS was published by the Secretary of State and sets out the strategic need justification of government policy for the provision of such infrastructure. It will be used to guide decisions made by the planning inspectorate. | No indicators or targets. | Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) Plan will need to consider and be consistent with policies and objectives of the National Policy Statement. | Include SA objective relating to waste management. |
| The Carbon Plan: Delivery our Local Carbon Future (2011) | The Carbon Plan sets out the government's plans for achieving the emissions reductions it committed to in the first four carbon budgets. | Emissions in the UK must, by law, be cut by at least 80% of 1990 by 2050. The UK was first to set its ambition in law and the Plan sets out progress to date. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to include policies that reflect the targets within the Carbon Plan. | Include SA objective relating to carbon emission reductions. |
| Safeguarding our Soils- A Strategy for England (2011) | Current practices focus on protecting English soils and the important ecosystem services they provide. Research is focused on addressing evidence gaps to adapt and refine these policies in order to strengthen protection and their resilience as the climate changes. A Soil Strategy for England sets out the current policy context on soils and a number of core objectives for policy and research. | No indicators or targets. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) will need to include policies on the safeguarding of soils. | Include SA objective relating safeguarding soils. |
| Other Relevant Legislation | | | | |
| The Climate Change Act (2008) | The Climate Change Act was passed in 2008 and established a framework to develop an economically credible emissions reduction path. It also strengthened the UK's leadership internationally by highlighting the role it would take in contributing to urgent collective action to tackle climate change | The UK is to reduce emissions (including GHG emissions) by at least 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels. | The Cherwell District Local Plan (Part 1) policies must reflect the objectives of The Climate Change Act, in order to contribute to reducing UK carbon emissions. | Include a sustainability objective relating to climate change. |

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| Energy Act (20016 | <p>under the Kyoto Protocol.</p> <p>The Climate Change Act includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The act commits the UK to reducing emissions by at least 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels. This target was based on advice from the CCC report: Building a Low- carbon Economy. The 80% target includes GHG emissions from the devolved administrations, which currently accounts for around 20% of the UK's total emissions. Carbon Budgets. The Act requires the Government to set legally binding 'carbon budgets'. A carbon budget is a cap on the amount of greenhouse gases emitted in the UK over a five-year period. The first four carbon budgets have been put into legislation and run up to 2027. <p>The Act works towards a number of policy objectives including carbon emissions reduction, security of supply, and competitive energy markets. Objectives: Electricity from Renewable Sources: changes to Renewables Obligation (RO), designed to increase renewables generation, as well as the effectiveness of the RO.</p> <p>Feed in tariffs for small scale, low carbon generators of electricity. Smart meters: the Act mandates a roll-out of smart meters to medium sized businesses over the next five years.</p> <p>Renewable heat incentives: the establishment of a financial support mechanism for those generating heat from renewable sources.</p> | No indicators or targets. | Policies and site allocations will have to ensure a positive contribution in meeting the climate change challenge by capitalising on renewable and low carbon energy opportunities and adaptation measures which reduce the threat of climate change. | Include a sustainability objective relating to energy efficiency and climate change. |

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| Flood and Water Management Act (2010) | The Act aims to reduce the flood risk associated with extreme weather. It provides for better, more comprehensive management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses, helps safeguard community groups from unaffordable rises in surface water drainage charges, and protects water supplies to the consumer. | No indicators or targets. | The Local Plan (Part 1) should protect existing and future developments as well as residents in Cherwell District from flood risk. | The overview of flood risk management in England which is provided in the Act will need to be reflected in the Framework of the SA. |

Appendix 2

Assumptions to be applied in the SA of options

Table A2.1: Assumptions applied during the SA of areas of search and residential site options for the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Review

| SA Objective | Sub-objectives | Assumptions |
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| SA Objectives related to meeting Oxford's Needs (Oxford Effects Recorded) | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing requirements? 2. Will it increase the supply of affordable homes, including for the homeless? 3. Will it encourage a mixed use and range of housing tenure, including meeting affordable housing needs? | <p>The driver for the Partial Review of Part 1 of the Plan is to fulfil the District's Duty to Cooperate by working to accommodate some of Oxford's housing shortfall. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing needs over the Plan period. Therefore, effects against SA objective 1 have only been assessed and recorded in relation to meeting Oxford's housing needs.</p> <p>All potential areas of search/sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective for Oxford, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all areas of search/sites will make provision for affordable housing (either on site or by way of financial contribution).</p> <p>All areas of search/sites are considered to make a significant contribution (+ +) to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, as they would be likely to accommodate a substantial amount of the residential development required.</p> |
| <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote accessible employment opportunities? 2. Will it contribute to reducing short and long-term unemployment? | <p>The driver for the Partial Review of Part 1 of the Plan is to fulfil the District's Duty to Cooperate by working to accommodate some of Oxford's housing shortfall, including associated facilities and infrastructure to service this growth. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing needs and its associated employment needs over the Plan period.</p> <p>Population growth associated with new development could have an effect on this objective by increasing the number of economically active people in close proximity to Oxford.</p> <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford. Although it is not possible to predict whether new residents would choose to work in Oxford, the relative accessibility of each area of search/site to jobs in Oxford, either by walking and cycling, public transport or private car has been used to determine their contribution to this SA objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search/sites which scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' are likely to have a significant positive (+ +) effect. • Areas of search/sites which scored 'Green' in one of ITP's two assessments of 'access to jobs' are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Areas of search/sites which scored 'Amber' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely where areas of search/sites fall under both 2 and 3 above or contain both 'Green' and 'Amber' or 'Red' scores. • Areas of search/sites which scored 'Red' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', or one 'Amber' and one 'Red' are likely to have a significant negative (--) effect. |

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| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage new business start-ups and opportunities for local people? 2. Will it improve business development and enhance productivity? 3. Will it enhance the image of Oxford as a business location? 4. Will it encourage inward investment? 5. Will it make land and property available for business development? 6. Will it assist in increasing the viability of the rural and farming economy? 7. Will it promote development in key sectors? 8. Will it promote regeneration; reducing disparities with surrounding areas? 9. Will it promote development in key clusters? 10. Will it increase business opportunities in the tourism sector? | <p>The driver for the Partial Review of Part 1 of the Plan is to fulfil the District's Duty to Cooperate by working to accommodate some of Oxford's housing shortfall, including associated facilities and infrastructure to service this growth. Part 1 of Cherwell's Local Plan already makes provision for Cherwell's housing needs and its associated education and employment needs over the Plan period.</p> <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive (+) effect. Indirect minor positive (+) effects on economic growth are also likely in the short term as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> |
| <p>SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford (Oxford and Cherwell Effects Record)</p> | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it assist in reducing poverty and social exclusion in | <p>The creation of attractive, mixed and well-balanced communities is influenced by a range of factors – the provision of a mix of housing types, schools, shops, healthcare, open space/sports facilities – which relate to the detail (in particular the design) of developments, and will be</p> |

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| | <p>Cherwell and Oxford?</p> <p>2. Does the spatial option provide opportunities to contribute towards the regeneration of more deprived neighbourhoods?</p> | <p>influenced through Local Plan policies. Therefore, the likely effect on creating attractive, mixed and well-balanced communities will more easily be assessed alongside policies and criteria in Development Plans and specific site proposals which address the particular circumstances of the site and its location. Therefore, consideration is given to the potential for new development to contribute to the regeneration of currently deprived areas instead, and the location of the areas of search/sites in relation to such areas will be taken into account as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="371 82 790 1303"> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1160 547 1303">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="371 82 547 1160"> <p>Where an area of search/site is within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Where an area of search/site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford, a negligible (0) effect is likely.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="552 1160 790 1303">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="552 82 790 1160"> <p>Where an area of search/site is within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Cherwell (i.e. within the bottom 30%), a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Where an area of search/site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived (i.e. above 30%) in Cherwell, a negligible (0) effect is likely.</p> </td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | <p>Where an area of search/site is within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Where an area of search/site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford, a negligible (0) effect is likely.</p> | Cherwell | <p>Where an area of search/site is within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Cherwell (i.e. within the bottom 30%), a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Where an area of search/site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived (i.e. above 30%) in Cherwell, a negligible (0) effect is likely.</p> |
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| <p>6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities.</p> | <p>1. Will it promote compact, mixed-use development, with good accessibility to local facilities (e.g. employment, education, health services, shopping, leisure, green spaces and culture) that improves accessibility and decreases the need to travel?</p> <p>2. Will it provide convenient access to the cultural offer of Oxford via existing transport links?</p> | <p>The location of areas of search/sites will not directly affect the nature of developments, as these would be more influenced by development management policies. However, the location of housing could affect this objective by influencing people's ability to access good quality local services including education, retail, leisure and cultural opportunities. (In addition, a large scale development could also potentially stimulate the provision of new services and facilities). It is important that there is sustainable and affordable access to these services and facilities including in order to maintain social linkages. For example, students living outside of university-provided accommodation need access to Oxford's higher education institutions. Oxford contains an extensive range of services and facilities including shops, leisure opportunities, restaurants, theatres, schools, colleges, public services and hospitals, including the John Radcliffe hospital.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1145 82 1380 1303"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1145 1160 1380 1303">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1145 82 1380 1160"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an area of search/site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant positive (++) effect is likely. • Where an area of search/site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a minor positive (+) effect is likely. </td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an area of search/site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant positive (++) effect is likely. • Where an area of search/site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a minor positive (+) effect is likely. | | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where an area of search/site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant negative (--) effect is likely. <p>Access to employment opportunities is assessed under SA objective 16.</p> <p>Access to existing open space and sports facilities is considered in the appraisal of Areas of Search/sites against SA Objective 2, which is concerned with health and well-being.</p> <p>The location of areas of search will not directly affect the nature of developments, as these would be more influenced by development management policies. However, the location of housing could affect this objective by influencing people's ability to access good quality local services including education, retail, leisure and cultural opportunities in a particular location (in addition, a large scale development could also potentially stimulate the provision of new services and facilities).</p> <p>Cherwell's two main towns of Bicester and Banbury, and to a lesser extent Kidlington, have a good range of retail and cultural services and facilities, and public transport links. The villages and rural areas have a smaller range and fewer services, facilities and public transport links.</p> <p>Therefore, proximity to those centres, with their varying levels and ranges of services and facilities, can be used as an indicator of proximity to services and facilities.</p> <p>Cherwell (Areas of Search)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of search within or adjacent to Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington will have a significant positive (++) effect. Areas of search within or adjacent to Category A Villages (Service Centres), excluding Kidlington, will have a minor positive (+) effect. Areas of search within or adjacent to Category A Villages, excluding Kidlington, and within 800m of a primary school and a secondary school will be upgraded from a minor positive (+) to a significant positive (++) effect. Areas of search not within or adjacent to the main towns or Category A Villages (Service Centres), excluding Kidlington, but are within walking distance (800m) of public transport links (bus stops, cycle paths and railway stations) will have a minor positive but uncertain (+?) effect. Areas of search not within or adjacent to the main towns or Category A Villages (Service Centres), excluding Kidlington, and are not within walking distance of public transport links (bus stops, cycle paths and railway stations) will have a significant negative (--) effect. |

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| | | <p>Access to existing open space and sports facilities is considered in the appraisal of Areas of Search/sites against SA Objective 2, which is concerned with health and well-being.</p> |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | <p>1. Will it address any particular air quality impacts arising from specific operational and/or construction related development activities? 2. Will it improve air quality particularly within identified AQMAS?</p> | <p>Cherwell (Sites)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Cherwell (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant positive (++) effect is likely. Where a site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes that serve Cherwell (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a minor positive (+) effect is likely. Where a site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes that serve Cherwell (i.e. scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant negative (--) effect is likely. <p>The main source of services and facilities is expected to be Oxford. However at the site level there are varying opportunities for walking and cycling to access services and facilities at Kidlington, the villages and north Oxford and there may be barriers. Considering this, where there are more or fewer opportunities to access services and facilities the score provided for Cherwell will be changed.</p> <p>Access to existing open space and sports facilities is considered in the appraisal of Areas of Search/sites against SA Objective 2, which is concerned with health and well-being.</p> <p>The location of development will influence levels of air pollution by affecting the level of likely car use amongst residents. Access to sustainable and affordable transport is key to determining accessibility to jobs in Oxford. There are currently three Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAS) with another recommended AQMA within Cherwell, where existing air quality issues would be exacerbated as a result of new development. Oxford City in its entirety is an AQMA.</p> <p>Oxford (Areas of Search)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where an area of search is located along existing strategic walk/cycle routes, rail lines or high frequency bus routes to Oxford (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant positive (++) effect is likely. |

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| | <p>3. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns and reduce the need to travel, particularly in areas of high congestion, including public transport, walking and cycling?</p> <p>4. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns in rural areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce journey times between key employment areas and key transport interchanges?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where an area of search is served by lower frequency bus routes, or an interchange away from higher frequency services, and not directly on, but linked to strategic walk/cycle routes to Oxford (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a minor positive (+) effect is likely. Where an area of search is divorced from existing strategic walk/cycle routes, rail, or frequent bus corridors that serve central Oxford (i.e. scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant negative (--) effect is likely. <p>Areas of search within (or adjacent to) an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. Therefore, in addition, which could lead to mixed effects with the above:</p> <p>Areas of search that are within or directly linked to an AQMA would have a minor negative (-) effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Oxford (Sites)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant positive (++) effect is likely. Where a site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a minor positive (+) effect is likely. Where a site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford (i.e. scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'), a significant negative (--) effect is likely. <p>In addition to sites' proximity to sustainable transport options, sites from which road traffic is likely to compound local air quality issues are likely to result in adverse effects against this objective, which may result in mixed effects overall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites from which a high proportion of road-based trips generated by proposed development(s) are considered likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and Oxford (i.e. scores 'Red' in ITP's assessment of proximity to Cherwell and Oxford AQMAS) are likely to have a significant adverse effect (--) against this objective. Sites from which some road-based trips generated by proposed development(s) |

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| | | <p>are considered likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and Oxford (i.e. scores 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of proximity to Cherwell and Oxford AQMAs) are likely to have a minor adverse effect (-) against this objective.</p> <p>Areas of search that are within 800m of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths) are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search that are either within 800m of one or two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths) are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Areas of search that are more than 800m from any sustainable transport links are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. <p>Areas of search within (or adjacent to) an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. Therefore, in addition, which could lead to mixed effects with the above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search that are within or directly linked to an AQMA would have a minor negative (-) effect on this SA objective. <p>Cherwell (Areas of Search)</p> |
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| | | <p>against this objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites from which some road-based trips generated by proposed development(s) are considered likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and Oxford (i.e. scores 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of proximity to Cherwell and Oxford AQMAs) are likely to have a minor adverse effect (-) against this objective. |
| Other Social and Economic SA objectives (Cherwell Effects Recorded) | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve access to doctors' surgeries and health care facilities? Will it encourage healthy lifestyles and provide opportunities for sport and recreation? | <p>Areas of search/sites that are within walking distance (800m) of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), open spaces and footpaths and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage them to make more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active outdoors in open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas/sites that are within 800m of a healthcare facility, an area of open space or sports facility and at least one PRoW/cycle path will have a significant positive (++) effect. Areas/sites that are within 800m of either a healthcare facility, an area of open space, sports facility or PRoW/cycle path will have a minor positive (+) effect. Areas/sites that are more than 800m from either a healthcare facility, an area of open space, sports facility or PRoW/cycle paths will have a minor negative (-) effect. <p>Areas/Sites relative accessibility/proximity to Oxford, including Oxford's medical facilities, and the associated health and well-being benefits of being able to be more active and less isolated is appraised under SA Objective 6.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are the principles of good urban design in reducing crime promoted as part of the proposal? Will it assist in reducing actual levels of crime? Will it assist in reducing the fear of crime? | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0).</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it improve residential amenity (including potential to reduce light, smell and noise | <p>The location of areas of search/sites will not directly affect residents' satisfaction with neighbourhoods or provision, protection and enhancement of cultural activities, as these would be more influenced by development management policies. Therefore, the effects of potential sites on</p> |

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| | <p>pollution) and sense of place?</p> <p>2. Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live and encourage ownership?</p> | <p>most of this SA objective will be negligible (0).</p> <p>However, where new development is proposed within close proximity of sensitive receptors (e.g. existing houses, schools, hospitals etc.) there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas (as indicated on the GIS base map) may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>Therefore areas of search/sites that are in close proximity to existing residential development or other sensitive receptors may have a minor negative (-) effect during the construction phase, and sites that are directly adjacent to an 'A' road, motorway or railway line, or industrial area would have a minor negative (-) effect in the longer-term.</p> <p>Note that the potential for effects on air quality are assessed under SA objective 10.</p> |
| <p>Environmental SA objectives (Cherwell Effects Recorded)</p> | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it, protect, enhance or restore a locally or nationally designated site of nature conservation importance (including those in Oxford that may be affected by new development in Cherwell)? 2. Will it assist Cherwell District Council's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and/or the Oxfordshire BAP achieve its targets? 3. Will it conserve or enhance biodiversity assets or create new habitats? 4. Will it minimise the fragmentation of existing | <p>Areas of search/sites that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>Therefore, while proximity to designated sites provides an indication of the potential for adverse effects, uncertainty exists, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in positive effects.</p> <p>The HRA accompanying the Local Plan Part 1 Review highlights the potential for effects¹³¹ on European biodiversity sites within and in the vicinity of Cherwell District. However, the in-combination assessment with other projects and plans identified no significant effects on Oxford Meadows SAC in combination with the proposals contained in the Partial Review Proposed Submission Plan, provided that any mitigation measures identified for other projects and plans are put in place. The HRA Stage 1 (Screening) assessment has determined that the Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan will not lead to likely significant effects, either alone or in combination, on the qualifying features of Oxford Meadows SAC.¹³²</p> |

¹³¹ The HRA considers all policies in the Local Plan Part 1 Review, the adopted Local plan part 1, as well as the growth within neighbouring authorities.

¹³² Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) Partial Review, Oxford's Unmet Housing Need – Proposed Submission Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report, Atkins, June 2017.

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| | <p>habitats and enhance, restore or create networks of habitats?</p> <p>5. Will it conserve and enhance species diversity; and in particular avoid harm to protected species?</p> <p>6. Will it encourage protection of and increase the number of trees?</p> | <p>The impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present in each area of search, including undesignated habitats and species, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search that are within 250m of one or more designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a significant negative (---?) effect. • Areas of search that are between 250m and 1km of one or more designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a minor negative (-?) effect. • Areas of search that are more than 1km from any designated biodiversity or geodiversity sites may have a negligible (0?) effect. |
| | | <p>Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) includes a site-based ecological assessment of each site option. This assessment has been used to determine the potential impacts of site options on this SA objective.</p> <p>Each site's 'Nature Conservation Assessment' score indicates the potential sensitivity of each site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites assessed as having a 'High' and 'Medium/High' sensitivity are considered to have a significant negative (---?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium' and 'Medium/Low' sensitivity are considered to have a minor negative (-?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Low' sensitivity are considered to have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective. |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>1. Will it protect, enhance and restore the District's natural environment assets (e.g. the countryside, parks and green spaces, common land, woodland and forest reserves, AONBs etc.)?</p> <p>2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's countryside in a sustainable and well-managed manner?</p> | <p>Areas of Search</p> <p>A small area of land to the north-west of the District lies within the nationally designated Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Development within the AONB could have a negative effect on the quality of the landscape although that is uncertain until the design of the development is known.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search that are within, or within 250m of the AONB could have a significant negative effect (---?) on the landscape. <p>Outside of this designated landscape area the character of the local environment is still likely to be affected.</p> <p>Specific impacts on the landscape and countryside will be dependent on individual planning applications.</p> |

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| | <p>3. Will it improve the landscape, ecological quality and character of open spaces?</p> <p>4. Will it enhance the townscape and public realm?</p> <p>5. Will it prevent coalescence between settlements?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of Search around the District's main settlements, i.e. Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington, may be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to their existing urban edges without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside. Land immediately adjacent to motorway junctions may be able to accommodate housing development without significant adverse effects on the wider countryside. However, a minor negative (-?) but uncertain effect will be recorded. • Areas of Search within more open, rural locations, including around villages, are more likely to have significant adverse (--) effects on the character of the wider countryside. |
| | <p>Sites</p> | <p>Green Belt is a policy designation so the Council considers the potential impact on the Green Belt separately. Green Belt purposes 1, 2 and 3 are most related to this SA objective. There is potential for developments to contribute to the sprawl of Oxford (purpose 1), the merger of settlements (purpose 2) and the encroachment of the countryside (purpose 3). However, this is uncertain until the exact location, layout and landscaping of each development location is unknown.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) includes a detailed site-based landscape assessment of each site option.</p> <p>Each site's score related to its capacity for residential development has been used to determine the potential impacts of site options on this SA objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites assessed as having a 'High' capacity to accommodate residential development are considered to have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium/High' to 'Medium' capacity to accommodate residential development are considered to have a minor negative (-?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium/Low' to 'Low' capacity to accommodate residential development are considered to have a significant negative (--) effect on this objective. |

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| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it protect, enhance and restore Cherwell's cultural and heritage assets (e.g. World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens and Conservation Areas) and the setting of historic Oxford? 2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's historic environment in a sustainable and well-managed manner? 3. Will it help preserve and record archaeological features? | <p>Historic England bases its definition of the setting of a heritage asset on the previous national Planning Policy Statement 5, as 'the surroundings in which [the asset] is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance, or may be neutral'¹³³. Detailed impacts on the setting of individual historic assets are difficult to determine during a strategic level of assessment such as this SA for potential sites to be allocated in the Local Plan Part 1 Review. Effects would be more able to be determined once specific proposals are developed for a site and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> <p>Consequently, in all cases, potential effects are recorded as uncertain (?) until the exact scale, design and layout of the new development, including opportunities to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect) are known.</p> <p>The issue of promoting the accessibility of the District's historic environment in a sustainable and well-managed manner is appraised under SA objective 6 which determines whether each area of search/Part 1 Site would provide convenient access to the cultural offer of Oxford via existing transport links. The cultural offer of Oxford is considered an appropriate proxy for historic Oxford.</p> |

¹³³ English Heritage (now Historic England). The Setting of Heritage Assets REVISION NOTE June 2012.

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| | | <p>In the absence of detailed assessment work on the historic environment of each of the areas of search, the following assumptions have been made as an indication of potential effects on heritage assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A potential significant negative effect (---?) will be identified where an area of search is adjacent to or includes a statutory heritage asset (e.g. World Heritage Sites, Listed Buildings (all grades), Scheduled Monuments plus other nationally important archaeological sites, Registered Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields and Conservation Areas). • A potential minor negative effect (-?) will be identified where an area of search is within 5km of statutory heritage assets, including Historic Oxford. <p>Green Belt is a policy designation so the Council considers the potential impact on the Green Belt separately. Green Belt purpose 4 is most related to this SA objective. There is potential for impacts on the setting and special character of historic Oxford. However, this is uncertain until the exact location, layout and landscaping of each development location is unknown.</p> |
| | <p>Areas of Search</p> | <p>Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) includes a site-based historic environment assessment of each site option. This assessment has been used to determine the potential impacts of site options on this SA objective.</p> <p>Each site's 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessment' score indicates the potential sensitivity of each site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites assessed as having a 'High' and 'Medium/High' sensitivity are considered to have a significant negative (---?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium' and 'Medium/Low' sensitivity are considered to have a minor negative (-?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Low' sensitivity are considered to have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective. <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) includes a site-based assessment against the five purposes of Green Belt. In this study, the land within each site has been assessed to determine its role in preserving the setting and special character of historic Oxford (purpose 4).</p> |
| | <p>Sites</p> | |

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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve the water quality of the District's rivers and inland water? 2. Will it enable recycled water to be used? 3. Will it promote sustainable water resource management, provision of new facilities/ infrastructure or water efficient measures? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites considered to make a strong contribution to purpose 4 are considered to have a significant negative effect on the setting and special character of historic Oxford. • Sites considered to make a contribution to purpose 4 are considered to have a minor negative effect (-) on the setting and special character of historic Oxford. • Sites considered to make no contribution to purpose 4 are considered to have a negligible effect (0) on the setting and special character of historic Oxford. |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and sewer flooding to people and property? 2. Will it result in inappropriate development in the flood plain? 3. Will it increase the provision of sustainable drainage in new developments? | <p>The location of areas of search/sites could affect water quality, depending on whether they are in an area where there is capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. However, the Local Plan Part 2 will determine the specific location of development within the Plan area. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all areas of search/sites will have a negligible (0) effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. While offices and general industry are defined as a 'less vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1, 2 and 3a but is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. However, flood zone data for Cherwell does not distinguish between zones 3a and 3b, therefore significant effects are identified for all sites within flood zone 3.</p> <p>While new development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate SuDS, and therefore have a positive effect on reducing flood risk, this would depend on the design of the proposed development and not on the location of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search/sites that are entirely or mainly on land within flood zone 3 could have a significant negative (-?) effect although this is uncertain. • Areas of search/sites that are either entirely or mainly on greenfield land outside of flood zone |

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| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it maximise the provision of housing developed land as opposed to greenfield sites? 2. Will it maximise the provision of employment developed land as opposed to greenfield sites? 3. Will it maximise housing densities to make efficient use of land? 4. Will it ensure land is remediated where appropriate? 5. Will it reduce the loss of soil and high grade agricultural land to development? | <p>3 or are entirely or mainly on brownfield land which contains portions of flood zone 3 are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search/sites that are on brownfield land outside of flood zone 3 are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of search/sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land which is classed as being of Grade 1 or Grade 2 agricultural quality would have a significant negative (--) effect. • Areas of search/sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land which is classed as being of Grade 3 agricultural quality could have a significant negative effect although this is uncertain (---?) depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. • Areas of search/sites that are mainly or entirely on greenfield land that is classed as Grade 4 or below, or urban land, would have a minor negative (-) effect. • Areas of search/sites that are mainly (but not entirely) on brownfield land could have a minor positive (+?) effect although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site and how the development within the site would eventually be laid out. • Areas of search/sites that are entirely on brownfield land would have a significant positive (++) effect. <p>Green Belt is a policy designation so the Council considers the potential impact on the Green Belt separately. However Green Belt purpose 5 is most related to this SA objective due to the fact that the location of development can assist in urban regeneration.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the adoption of sustainable design in construction practices and the use of recycled materials? 2. Will it promote the use of locally and sustainably sourced, and recycling of materials in construction and renovation? | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of areas of search/sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0), unless specific proposals indicate a contribution to any of the sub-objectives would occur.</p> <p>However, all new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas (identified through the Oxfordshire Minerals Local Plan) as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict</p> |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it lead to an increase in the proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources? Will it promote the incorporation of small-scale renewable in developments? | <p>the availability of resources in the Districts. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of search/sites that are within Minerals Consultation Areas¹³⁴ are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. Areas of search/sites that are not Minerals Consultation Areas would have a negligible (0) effect. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it promote sustainable waste management practices through a range of waste management facilities? Will it reduce hazardous waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? | <p>All new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, but it may also offer good opportunities for incorporating sustainable waste management practices, regardless of the location.</p> <p>Levels of recycling will not be influenced by the location of site options, as the whole of the Cherwell District is covered by kerbside recycling collections for residential properties and levels of recycling within employment developments will depend on the practices of the businesses that locate their.</p> <p>Where areas of search/sites are on brownfield land there may be opportunities for re-using existing buildings and materials although this is uncertain depending on the previous use of the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas of search/sites on brownfield land may have a minor positive (+?) effect. Areas of search/sites on greenfield land would have a minor negative (-) effect. |

Table A2.2: Assumptions applied during the SA of open space site options for the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1

| SA Objective | Sub-objectives | Assumptions |
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| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will it contribute to meeting Cherwell's housing requirements? Will it increase the supply of affordable homes in urban and rural areas? Will it contribute to | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> |

¹³⁴ Mineral Consultation Areas – areas of potential mineral resource wherein district planning authorities should consult the County Council on applications for development; to prevent mineral resources being lost ('sterilised').

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| | <p>providing additional homes for the homeless?</p> <p>5. Will it encourage a mixed use and range of housing tenure, including meeting affordable housing needs?</p> | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <p>1. Will it improve access to doctors' surgeries and health care facilities?</p> <p>2. Will it encourage healthy lifestyles and provide opportunities for sport and recreation?</p> | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> <p>The proximity of open space to residential areas, and therefore how easily people will be able to make use of sites for active outdoor recreation, is assessed under SA objective 6 below.</p> |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | <p>1. Will it assist in reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell?</p> <p>2. Does the spatial option provide opportunities to contribute towards the regeneration of more deprived neighbourhoods?</p> | <p>Where a site is within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Cherwell (i.e. within the bottom 30%), a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Where a site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Cherwell (i.e. above 30%), a negligible (0) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <p>1. Are the principles of good urban design in reducing crime promoted as part of the proposal?</p> <p>2. Will it assist in reducing actual levels of crime?</p> <p>3. Will it assist in reducing the fear of crime?</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0).</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it improve residential amenity (including potential to reduce light, smell and noise pollution) and sense of place? 2. Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live and encourage ownership? | <p>All areas of open space are likely to have a positive effect on this objective; therefore, the score for all sites will be minor positive (+).</p> |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote compact, mixed-use development, with good accessibility to local facilities (e.g. employment, education, health services, shopping, leisure, green spaces and culture) that improves accessibility and decreases the need to travel? 2. Will it provide convenient access to the cultural offer of Oxford via existing transport links? | <p>Open space sites that are within walking distance (800m) of the urban edges of Cherwell's settlements (all towns and villages) will ensure that people have good access to areas that can be used for recreation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are within 800m of Cherwell's settlements (all towns and villages) will have a minor positive (+) effect. • Sites that are more than 800m from Cherwell's settlements (all towns and villages) will have a minor negative (-) effect. <p>The urban edges of Cherwell's settlements include all Strategic Sites Adopted in the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1.</p> |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it, protect, enhance or restore a locally or nationally designated site of nature conservation importance (including those in Oxford that may be affected by new development in Cherwell)? 2. Will it assist Cherwell District Council's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and/or the Oxfordshire BAP achieve its | <p>New areas of open space are likely to have a positive effect on biodiversity by securing areas of habitat and promoting habitat connectivity. Larger sites may have more significant positive effects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are large (over 3ha) will have a significant positive (++) effect. • Sites that are small (less than 3ha) will have a minor positive (+) effect. |

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| | <p>targets?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Will it conserve or enhance biodiversity assets or create new habitats? 4. Will it minimise the fragmentation of existing habitats and enhance, restore or create networks of habitats? 5. Will it conserve and enhance species diversity; and in particular avoid harm to protected species? 6. Will it encourage protection of and increase the number of trees? | |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it protect, enhance and restore the District's natural environment assets (e.g. the countryside, parks and green spaces, common land, woodland and forest reserves, AONBs etc.)? 2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's countryside in a sustainable and well-managed manner? 3. Will it improve the landscape, ecological quality and character of open spaces? 4. Will it enhance the townscape and public realm? 5. Will it prevent coalescence | <p>Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) includes a detailed site-based landscape assessment of each site option.</p> <p>Each site's score related to its capacity for formal and informal recreational development has been used to determine the potential impacts of site options on this SA objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites assessed as having a 'High' capacity to accommodate formal and/or informal recreational development are considered to have a negligible (0) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium/High' to 'Medium' capacity to accommodate formal and/or informal recreational development are considered to have a minor negative (-?) effect on this objective. • Sites assessed as having a 'Medium/Low' to 'Low' capacity to accommodate formal and/or informal recreational development are considered to have a significant negative (-?-) effect on this objective. |

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| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>between settlements?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it protect, enhance and restore Cherwell's cultural and heritage assets (e.g. Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens and Conservation Areas)? 2. Will it promote the accessibility of the District's historic environment in a sustainable and well-managed manner? 3. Will it help preserve and record archaeological features? | <p>Open space sites that are within close proximity of designated heritage assets could have positive effects on those assets and their settings, including by preventing other development (which could otherwise have had negative effects) from taking place. However, detailed impacts on the setting of individual historic assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that include one or more designated heritage assets within the boundary may have a significant positive (+ +?) effect. • Sites that are within 250m of one or more designated heritage assets may have a minor positive (+?) effect on those assets and their setting. • Sites that are more than 250m from one or more designated heritage assets would have a negligible (0) effect on those assets and their setting. |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it address any particular air quality impacts arising from specific operational and/or construction related development activities? 2. Will it improve air quality particularly within identified AQMAS? 3. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns and reduce the need to travel, particularly in areas of high congestion, including public transport, walking and cycling? 4. Will it promote more sustainable transport patterns | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> |

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| | <p>in rural areas?</p> <p>5. Will it reduce journey times between key employment areas and key transport interchanges?</p> | |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>1. Will it improve the water quality of the District's rivers and inland water?</p> <p>2. Will it enable recycled water to be used?</p> <p>3. Will it promote sustainable water resource management, provision of new facilities/ infrastructure or water efficient measures?</p> | <p>The location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each site. Therefore, potential site options will have a negligible (0) effect on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>1. Will it reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and sewer flooding to people and property?</p> <p>2. Will it result in inappropriate development in the flood plain?</p> <p>3. Will it increase the provision of sustainable drainage in new developments?</p> | <p>Where open space is allocated it could have a positive effect on flood risk by ensuring that there are areas of permeable surfaces which should increase infiltration and reduce the risk of surface water flooding. This will be particularly beneficial where sites are large and are within areas of higher flood risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large sites (over 3ha) within high flood risk areas (flood zones 2 and 3) are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect. • Small sites (less than 3ha) within high flood risk areas (flood zones 2 and 3) or large sites outside of those areas are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Small sites (less than 3ha) outside of high flood risk areas are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban</p> | <p>1. Will it maximise the provision of housing development on previously developed land as opposed to greenfield sites?</p> | <p>Where sites are located on high quality (grade 1, 2 or 3) agricultural land there will be a positive effect on preserving soil quality as development (e.g. housing or employment land) will be prevented from taking place on the site, which could otherwise have led to the loss of that high value land. However, this will depend on the nature of the open space use, and whether agricultural uses are to be retained.</p> |

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| <p>renaissance.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Will it maximise the provision of employment development on previously developed land as opposed to greenfield sites? 3. Will it maximise housing densities to make efficient use of land? 4. Will it ensure land is remediated where appropriate? 5. Will it reduce the loss of soil and high grade agricultural land to development? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are mainly or entirely on grade 1 or 2 agricultural land are likely to have a significant positive (++) effect. • Sites that are mainly or entirely on grade 3 agricultural land are likely to have a minor positive (+) effect. • Sites that are not on grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land are likely to have a negligible (0) effect. |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote the adoption of sustainable design in construction practices and the use of recycled materials? 2. Will it promote the use of locally and sustainably sourced, and recycling of materials in construction and renovation? 3. Will it lead to an increase in the proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources? 4. Will it promote the incorporation of small-scale renewable in developments? | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effects of potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0), unless specific proposals indicate a contribution to any of the sub-objectives would occur.</p> <p>However, all new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas (identified through the Oxfordshire Minerals Local Plan) as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the Districts. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are within a Minerals Consultation Area 135 are likely to have a minor negative (-) effect. • Sites that are not within a Minerals Consultation Area would have a negligible (0) effect. |

¹³⁵ Mineral Consultation Areas – areas of potential mineral resource wherein district planning authorities should consult the County Council on applications for development; to prevent mineral resources being lost ('sterilised').

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| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote sustainable waste management practices through a range of waste management facilities? 2. Will it reduce hazardous waste? 3. Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> |
| <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it promote accessible employment opportunities? 2. Will it promote employment opportunities accessible in rural areas? 3. Will it contribute to reducing short and long-term unemployment? | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> |
| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will it encourage new business start-ups and opportunities for local people? 2. Will it improve business development and enhance productivity? 3. Will it enhance the image of Cherwell as a business location? 4. Will it encourage inward investment? 5. Will it make land and property available for business development? 6. Will it assist in increasing | <p>The location of areas of open space would not affect this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0).</p> |

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| | <p>the viability of the rural and farming economy?</p> <p>7. Will it promote development in key sectors?</p> <p>8. Will it promote regeneration; reducing disparities with surrounding areas?</p> <p>9. Will it promote development in key clusters?</p> <p>10. Will it increase business opportunities in the tourism sector?</p> | |

Appendix 3

Consultation representations on Part 1 Partial Review SA Scoping Report and Initial SA Report and LUC's responses

Table A3.1: Representations on Part 1 Partial review SA Scoping Report (2015)

| Consultee Comment Received | SA Scoping Report Reference | LUC Response |
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| Environment Agency | | |
| <p>The Environment Agency (EA) are pleased with the submitted Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and support objectives:</p> <p>7) To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity.</p> <p>11) To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resource management.</p> <p>12) To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.</p> | <p>Table 5.1: SA Framework for the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Review</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>EA notes the Council is in the early stages of producing a Water Cycle Study. Advise that the Water Cycle Study should support the Sustainability Appraisal as a key evidence document, noting such studies help identify areas where infrastructure capacity is an issue and also the potential impact this could have on the water environment.</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Noted. The outcomes of the Water Cycle Study will be used as evidence in later stages of the plan-making and Sustainability Appraisal process.</p> |
| <p>The EA highlight the importance of the District's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), which they emphasise should be a living document kept up to date with the latest guidance and advice. New flood risk climate change allowances have recently been published which will potentially alter quite significantly flood map extents and make some areas unsuitable for development.</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Noted. All areas of flood risk are being considered in the Sustainability Appraisal of site options. New areas identified as a result of any updates to the District's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be incorporated into Sustainability Appraisal once available.</p> <p>Cherwell District's new flood risk climate change allowance has been cited in Chapter 3 within this SA Report.</p> |
| Historic England | | |
| <p>Historic England (HE) reference their general advice on Sustainability Appraisal and the historic environment as set out in Historic England's publication "Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and The Historic</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Noted. Historic England's guidance on SEA and SA has been reviewed and used to inform the SA Framework and Site Assumptions outlined in Chapter 5 and Appendix 2 of this SA Report, respectively.</p> |

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| <p>Environment".</p> | | |
| <p>HE note the NPPF requirement for local planning authorities to set out in their Local Plans a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment (Para 2.45 in Part 1 Review Report).</p> | <p>Para 2.45</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| <p>HE note the NPPF gives a broad definition of the "historic environment" and does not just include designated heritage assets (areas, buildings, features and landscapes with statutory protection), but those parts of the historic environment which are locally valued and important and also the historic character of the landscape and townscape (Para 3.20 in Part 1 Review Report).</p> | <p>Para 3.20</p> | <p>Noted. Locally valued and important heritage assets, as well as the historic character of the landscape and townscape will be considered at a later stage of the plan-making and Sustainability Appraisal process following relevant updates to the District's Local Plan evidence base.</p> |
| <p>HE note the need for an up-to-date and comprehensive "local list", drawing on the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record and the Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Characterisation (currently being completed).</p> | | <p>Noted. Locally valued and important heritage assets will be considered at a later stage of the plan-making and Sustainability Appraisal process following relevant updates to the District's Local Plan evidence base.</p> |
| <p>HE note four listed buildings on the Heritage at Risk Register.</p> | | <p>Noted. Heritage assets recorded on the Risk Register are named in Chapter 3 in the SA Report.</p> |
| <p>HE note that not all the historic environment is "built" or "areas" and suggest that the Key Sustainability Issue for the historic environment outlined in Table 4.1 be revised to read "Conserving and enhancing designated and non-designated heritage assets and the contribution made by their settings and addressing heritage assets at risk from neglect, decay, or development pressures".</p> | <p>Table 4.1</p> | <p>Noted. The Key Sustainability Issue has been updated accordingly.</p> |
| <p>HE note the need for the Scoping Report to set out indicators or measures. HE reference Appendix 4 of their above guidance, which sets out a range of possible indicators.</p> | <p>Monitoring Indicators.</p> | <p>Indicators for monitoring the significant environmental effects of the Part 1 Partial Review (as required under Art. 10 of the SEA Directive), will be outlined in a later version of the SA Report once preferred policy and site options have been identified. The HE indicators along with indicators contained within the Part 1 Partial Review itself will be included where relevant.</p> |

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| <p>HE note the need for the table in Appendix 1 to reference "Heritage 2020", which sets out strategic priorities for England's historic environment 2015-2020, and any Conservation Area Management Plans for the District.</p> | <p>Appendix 1</p> | <p>Noted. Appendix 1 of this SA Report has been updated to include reference to the 'Heritage 2020' strategic priorities. Site options direct, indirect and cumulative effects on Conservation Areas have been assessed as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of potential sites. Conservation Area Management Plans will be referred to where available and relevant.</p> |
| <p>Natural England</p> | | |
| <p>Natural England (NE) welcomes the recognition of a number of sustainability issues in the scoping report for the Local Plan review parts 1 and 2. NE note the areas of considerable flood risk in the southern part of Cherwell, between Kidlington and Bicester (as identified in Figure 3.6 of the SA for the Issues Consultation) and expect this to be considered early on for any sites suggested in that area.</p> | <p>Figure 3.6: Hydrology</p> | <p>Noted. All areas of flood risk have been considered in the Sustainability Appraisal of site options, through the appraisal of SA objective 12, (see Chapter 5 and Appendix 2 of this SA Report).</p> |
| <p>Other Consultee Representations</p> | | |
| <p>The SA should be nuanced so as to appreciate the importance of qualitative criteria such as 'strategic gaps' including with regard to their importance to the local community and to the resilience of the Green Belt as a whole.</p> | <p>General</p> | <p>Noted. Cherwell District Council is in the process of developing a local landscape evidence base, the conclusions of which will be used to inform the appraisal of future site options as the Local Plan Part 1 develops. However, Green Belt is a policy designation rather than a designation relating to areas with special landscape character or quality, and the purposes of the Green Belt set out in the NPPF are not all relevant to sustainability appraisal.</p> |
| <p>The Kidlington Masterplan needs to be brought out in the general themes of the SA including its recognition of how growth at Kidlington should be harnessed.</p> | <p>General</p> | <p>Noted. The Plans, Policies and Programmes review in Chapter 2 and Appendix 1 of this SA Report focus on international and national Plans, Policies and Programmes as required by the SEA Regulations. However, the Council will consider all relevant information in producing its Planning documents.</p> <p>The effects of growth in specific locations, as well as cumulative effects across the District, are considered in this SA Report.</p> |

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| <p>This section does not refer to Neighbourhood Plans, which are part of the development plan and warrant attention on that basis when assessing spatial strategy options.</p> | <p>Chapter 2</p> | <p>Noted. Reference to the District's Neighbourhood Plans has now been made in Chapter 2 of this SA Report.</p> |
| <p>There is no reference to the 'refresh' of the Strategic Economic Plan which is currently underway and is likely to be concluded before the Partial Review has been completed.</p> | <p>Appendix 1</p> | <p>Noted. Reference to the SEP update has been made in Chapter 2 of this SA Report.</p> |
| <p>Assumptions are too simplistic and a more detailed and balanced methodology should be employed</p> <p><u>Affordable housing:</u></p> <p>If developers are able to make 'financial contributions' instead of on site affordable housing, a nonsense will be made of CDC's targets.</p> <p><u>Health & Well-being:</u></p> <p>Healthcare facilities in Kidlington are stretched to breaking point and so sites within/adjacent to Kidlington should not be rated positively based on the adequacy of existing health care facilities.</p> <p><u>Sustaining Vibrant Communities:</u></p> <p>Airports should be included in the list of adverse factors against creating/sustaining vibrant communities. Noise pollution from London-Oxford Airport is affecting widespread areas to the detriment of the mental and physical health of residents.</p> <p><u>Accessibility:</u></p> <p>Accessibility rating is too crude (based on proximity to services), taking no account of the range, quality and adequacy of the services, such as capacity of health and education, standard of retail provision, the number and quality of green spaces</p> <p><u>Biodiversity rating:</u></p> <p>The conditionality attached to this objective (dependent upon a planning application) is not satisfactory. The momentum of a planning application favours development over biodiversity</p> | <p>Appendix 2</p> | <p>Noted. The SA site assumptions are considered appropriate for this strategic level appraisal of numerous site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. As the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review develops and more detailed preferred options are defined, the assumptions will be refined accordingly.</p> <p>Subsequent iterations of the SA Report for subsequent versions of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review will take advantage of new local evidence where appropriate.</p> |

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| <p>interests, and green infrastructure and mitigation are dependent on developers' remediation plans which may not be of environmental value/may not be implemented and maintained.</p> <p><u>Open Space:</u></p> <p>Assumptions and too vague and do not consider that the nature of large developments means that they are in themselves substantially reducing existing areas of open space.</p> <p><u>Protect/Enhance Landscape Character:</u></p> <p>The conditionality of this rating is unsatisfactory, leaving the burden of assessment to the planning application stage.</p> <p><u>Reducing air pollution and congestion:</u></p> <p>Ratings based on distance from sustainable transport links should be based on the actuality of public transport provision and cycling and walking opportunities at the time of the review and not on any planned future (but uncertain) improvements.</p> <p>Planned developments such as Northern Gateway will increase the type and volume of traffic through Kidlington, and these should be factored into any consideration of additional traffic pressures created by housing development at Kidlington.</p> <p>A weakness in setting ratings according to the proximity of public transport provision inherently excludes commercial traffic and it relies on the voluntary use of public transport.</p> <p>A serious omission in this section is consideration of the air pollution from air traffic over Kidlington. Kidlington already has an AQMA.</p> <p><u>Reduce flooding risk:</u></p> <p>confusion why the rating takes into account the amount of open space in a development when it is an inherent characteristic of large scale development that it consumes a large area of open space.</p> <p><u>Employment and economic objectives:</u></p> | | |

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| <p>These are generalised aspirations that fail to take into account the disbenefits of economic growth (loss of open space, increased traffic) and that the types of employment and income levels generated could lead to greater inequalities in areas such as access to affordable housing and educational and health provision – not everyone would benefit.</p> <p>The positive ratings do not reflect the complexity of possible outcomes. It is difficult to predict where people will choose or can afford to live in relation to their workplace. The notion that large scale employment sites always merit a positive rating as a contribution to economic growth is simplistic since it does not take into account factors such as the type of employment and revenue generation, the economic benefits to the immediate locality, or the disbenefits to communities of the loss of open space and increase in traffic and pollution. Cherwell already enjoys low unemployment, and the expansion of the labour force will exert unsustainable pressures on housing and public services.</p> | | |

Table A3.2: Representations on Part 1 Partial review SA Report (2016)

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| PR-B-0055 | Cyntha Hall | The documents are difficult to understand. | | A Non-Technical summary has been produced, as required by the SEA Directive. |
| PR-B-0057 | Matthew Taylor - Aitchison Raffety | The initial SA findings could have given further consideration to increasing the unit allocations in existing SHLAA sites, rather than a presumption of only new sites being required to meet the unmet housing need. A combined approach of reviewing and adjusting unit numbers for existing SHLAA sites, along with identifying new sites, may prove a more efficient and effective approach. | | The SHLAA and HELAA have informed the Plan making process. |
| PR-B-0058 | Anthony Hall | The “sustainability” assessment is ludicrously mistitled, since many of the criteria are about its opposite, economic growth. So the apparently green scores for many areas on many criteria | | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. Economic |

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| PR-B-0153 | Paul Goulding OC | <p>are utterly misleading, simply allowing justification for choosing unsustainable areas by appearing to balance the red scores with spurious green ones.</p> <p>Agrees with the initial sustainability appraisal that sites within Area 1 are unsuitable for housing development given their remote, rural character, poor transport links and generally inadequate infrastructure. This particularly applies to Noke.</p> | <p>growth is part of achieving sustainability.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-1294 | Giles Hughes, West Oxfordshire District Council | <p>Supports the inclusion of the criteria that test the relative sustainability of the areas of search in terms of meeting Oxford's needs and in terms of the impact on Cherwell. Raises concern that the SA has not considered the impacts that the Areas of Search and Sites located within close proximity will have on West Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Disagrees with the SA appraisal findings for Site 22: Land North-West of Oxford (--/+) in terms of SA objective 9 (historic environment) given the proximity to Blenheim World Heritage Site and the buried Roman Villa. Concerned there is no evidence to support the potential for development to enhance historic assets at Site 22, thereby questions the positive effect given for this site and suggests the score should be significant negative. Also suggests the site appraisal for Site 22 is inconsistent with Site 92.</p> | <p>Noted. The proximity of sensitive receptors in Oxford, Cherwell and other neighbouring authorities is an important consideration in the appraisal of options. For example the proximity of options to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site and the town of Woodstock.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. The assumptions draw on the most up-to-date evidence, including a number of studies that have been prepared to help inform the appraisal and selection of promoted sites, such as ITP's Transport Assessment Work.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'cultural sensitivity assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review Development Plan Document will contain relatively large, strategic-scale site allocations.</p> |
| PR-B-0156 | Val Coleby (Berrys Chartered Surveyors) on | <p>Consider that area of search 1 has a role to play in delivering housing. Category A villages can provide a proportion of housing in scale with the settlement to ensure housing is delivered</p> | |

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| | behalf of Cancer Research UK | across the plan period and distributed more equitably across the District. This is currently not accounted for in the partial review. The partial review looks at accommodating the additional 4,400 dwellings as close to the Oxford City border as possible. In our view a wider perspective should be taken and to recognise that parts of Cherwell District and it Local Plan allocations already serve Oxford City to a degree. | <p>The appraisal of Area of Search I is proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Area of Search I is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H. The area has been appraised as a whole, and is shown to be remote from existing local and regional centres, with Area of Search I scoring 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> |
| PR-B-0157 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Newcore Capital Management LLP | <p>Disagree with the SA findings for residential Site 30: Oil Storage Depot, Bletchingdon Road, Islip in relation to SA objectives 6, 7, 8, 10 and 13.</p> <p>Argues against the significant negative score on SA objective 6 (services and facilities) and requests for the score to be changed to a significant positive effect as recent improvements to the local rail network, Islip station, which lies directly adjacent to Site 30, provides links to Oxford (11 minutes), Bicester (7 minutes) and London.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. The assumptions draw on the most up-to-date evidence, including a number of studies that have been prepared to help inform the appraisal and selection of promoted sites, such as ITP's</p> |

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| | | <p>Claims that a significant positive effect should be scored on SA objective 10 (air pollution) instead of the significant negative as for the transport reasons set out for the response to SA objective 6 above, and given the site is currently used to store 21 million litres of oil with 24 hour industrial vehicle movement. The conversion of this site to residential use would remove the fossil fuel use and notes that this change in use would provide landscaping and environmental quality benefits as well as a footbridge over the River Ray.</p> <p>Contests the significant negative effect given for Site 30 on SA objective 7 (biodiversity) as the site lies on contaminated brownfield land and therefore development of this site would include remediation. Claims this would reduce negative impacts on the surrounding biodiversity designated sites and notes the Land Quality Assessment undertaken by SLR.</p> <p>Disagrees with the significant negative effect given for Site 30 on SA objective 8 (landscape) as Site 30 currently contains large concrete oil storage tanks, that if development for residential purposes would be removed and replaces with 'high standard of urban design and architecture' complete with green spaces. Notes the Landscape and Visual Appraisal undertaken by SLR owing to the site's close proximity to the AONB and Green Belt status.</p> <p>Disputes the significant negative effect given for Site 30 on SA objective 13 (efficient use of land) as the site is brownfield , highly contaminate and derelict.</p> | <p>Transport Assessment Work.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has also produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> |
| PR-B-0158 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Mewslade (Eastern) Limited | <p>Comments are in relation to Site 105: Land adjoining Rau Court, Caversfield and Land South of Springfield Road, Caversfield.</p> <p>Disagrees with the SA findings for Area of Search E in relation to SA objective 7 (biodiversity) and claims development of any of the two sites the client is promoting would not impact on any local biodiversity designations. Argues that therefore the whole of Area of Search E should not be assigned a significant negative effect.</p> <p>Contests the SA findings for Area of Search E in relation to SA objective 9 (historic environment) and claims development of</p> | <p>Noted. The SA will be updated accordingly against this objective.</p> <p>The SA has taken a strategic approach to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively</p> |

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| | | <p>any of the two sites the client is promoting would not impact on any historic assets. Argues that therefore the whole of Area of Search E should not be assigned a significant negative effect.</p> | <p>assessed evidence base.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| | | <p>Observes that through searching for land to meet Oxford's needs will result in the development of greenfield land and this is why the majority of sites score the same on SA objective 13 (efficient use of land).</p> | <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> |
| PR-B-0159 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Sheehan Group of Companies | <p>Comments are in relation to Site 92: Knightsbridge Farm, Yarnton.</p> <p>Disagrees with the significant negative effect for residential Site 92: Knightsbridge Farm in relation to SA objective 7 (biodiversity) as the site partly lies within a 3.6 ha area currently used as a haulage and plant hire business which generates a number of HGV movements. If the site were to be redeveloped for residential use, the number of vehicle trips would decrease and present opportunities for biodiversity improvements.</p> <p>Response notes the SA Report's reference to a BAP site and states mitigation measures would be implemented to avoid any adverse impacts.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed</p> |

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| | | <p>Disputes the significant negative effect for residential Site 92: Knightsbridge Farm in relation to SA objective 8 (landscape) as it does not lie within close proximity to the AONB, argues SA Report should differentiate between those sites within or outside of the AONB.</p> | <p>evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has also produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> |
| | | <p>Argues against the significant negative effect for residential Site 92: Knightsbridge Farm in relation to SA objective 9 (historic environment) as the SA outlines the rationale for the uncertain score attached the significant negative effect, and the respondent asserts that if an element is 'unknown' it should not be scored negatively.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>Areas of outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are considered in the Area of Search assessments.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The Council has also produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'cultural sensitivity assessments' undertaken for each site</p> |

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| PR-B-0171 | Peter Worth | <p>Highlighted that the evidence base going forward should include that referred to in Table 19 of the Partial Review – Oxford’s Unmet Housing Need Options Consultation.</p> <p>The key points should be identified. In essence it’s about providing homes for working people in a community with good infrastructure of schools, doctors, recreational space. Sites that are close to Oxford have been killed off for the wrong reasons.</p> | <p>as part of Cherwell District Council’s Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-0209 | Patrick and Julia Jennings | <p>Disagrees with the criteria used in the assessment - ‘access to services’ and ‘creating employment opportunities’. It is not clear why houses built in one area will create job opportunities. Further the strategy is meant to be addressing the problem of insufficient housing for existing people in Oxford, not creating jobs to encourage migration to the Oxford area. Regarding services, expects that any development would include new services to support the extra housing, not add further strain on the existing services.</p> <p>Does not agree that certain sites will create any more job opportunities than other sites (ref. table 9.2 of Cherwell Local plan part 1 Partial Review SA report). This appears to be used to sway the argument in favour of certain sites. The science and justification behind these gradings does not stand up to scrutiny. ‘Access to services and facilities’ is only really applicable if the council is aiming to place more strain on existing facilities rather than provide new ones.</p> <p>Table 9.3 outlining SA Objectives SA7 and SA8 (‘Conserving and enhancing Biodiversity’ and ‘Protecting and Enhancing the Landscape’) for site 38 are graded ‘++’. It is absolutely nonsensical that there is a positive impact. It would destroy the landscape of Site38 and impinge on areas where many unusual fauna breed and live. This should be graded ‘-’ at least. This plainly wrong data completely invalidates any conclusions from</p> | <p>A Non-Technical summary has been produced, as required by the SEA Directive. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence.</p> <p>Table 9.3 provides the potential impacts of open space provision which could lead to positive effects.</p> |

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| PR-B-0637 | Prof Martin Oldfield | <p>this report.</p> <p>The sustainability assessment for PR51 puts too much emphasis on the number of houses and not enough on the damage to the environment.</p> <p>Areas A and B should not have been included as they destroy the GB.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| PR-B-0643 | L Allen | <p>Very vague in its comments and not based on accurate knowledge of the area. Traffic chaos and overwhelmed health and school services are of concern.</p> <p>The existing transport systems do not support current loadings let alone potential increases and little attention has been given to the daily traffic chaos around Oxford. Lack of local knowledge has resulted in wrong assumptions with regards to bus routes. At Begbroke and Yarnton there is no longer a bus service to Kidlington or Oxford Parkway, and no consideration of the A44 splitting Begbroke in two with no pedestrian crossing. Constant expansion in any form is not sustainable and development in other centres within Oxfordshire and surrounding counties must be considered.</p> | <p>This was an Initial SA. The SA has been revised based on new evidence, including on transport. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report.</p> |
| PR-B-0653 | Peter Webber | <p>In order to fulfil the aspirations of the SA Addendum significant transport infrastructure will be necessary.</p> <p>There is a real risk of creating a "metroland" which would not assist with the SA's laudable objective.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. The SA has assessed the Council's site policies.</p> |
| PR-B-0705 | Nick Small and Maggie Rogers on behalf of Stagecoach | <p>Raised concern that the transport and accessibility related criteria (SA objectives 6 and 10) may have been applied more generously for some Areas of Search options and that the scores for these areas may not reflect reality.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> |

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| | | | <p>The appraisals of Areas of Search are proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Each area has been appraised as a whole and where possible has been informed by up-to-date evidence, such as ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| | | <p>Agreed on the approach of taking sites forward in Areas A and B for detailed assessment.</p> <p>Recommend that more detailed transport modelling work be undertaken to justify the selection of site allocations.</p> | <p>Noted. The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-0730 | Katherine Jones (Savills) on behalf of Thames Water | <p>High-level response from Thames Water on the potential effects of growth options on the waste water treatment and water supply network. Thames Water note that once further information is received on the specific locations of the development and proposed size of the sites, the Asset Planners will be able to provide more detailed responses.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-0765 | Nathanael Lichfield and Partners on behalf of Taylor Wimpey. | <p>Consider the conclusions reached in the Sustainability Appraisal (Options Consultation para 7.37) that Option 1, amongst other Options, "include some significant negative effects for some objectives" is unfounded when the relevant criteria will vary widely over such a large area.</p> <p>Provide an assessment and analysis that argues the geographical focus be broadened with the SA assessing the individual context of the 24 Category A Villages.</p> | <p>The appraisal of Area of Search 1 is proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Area of Search 1 is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H. The area has been appraised as a whole, and is shown to be remote from existing local and regional centres, with Area of Search 1 scoring 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Compared to Kidlington and Oxford, Cherwell's Category A villages have limited services and facilities, public transport links and/or are in isolated locations.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing.</p> |

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| PR-B-0770 | Steve Pickles (West Waddy ADP) on behalf of Mr. Graham Flint JA Pye (Oxford) Ltd. | <p>The SA represents a broad brush assessment and it is important for it to be supplemented by detailed site assessments.</p> <p>Questioned why Site 20 has been given a significant positive effect for SA objective 6 (services and facilities) despite a large part of it not being within easy access to a frequent bus service. Reference is made to other sites (namely Sites 32: Land adjacent Webb's Way, Kidlington and 91: Land at Langford Locks, Kidlington) which adjoin the settlement of Kidlington and are close to frequent bus services but which have been given a lower score against this objective. Reference is also made to independent transport assessments undertaken for these sites.</p> | <p>employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. The assumptions draw on the most up-to-date evidence available, including a number of studies that have been prepared to help inform the appraisal and selection of promoted sites, such as ITP's Transport Assessment Work.</p> |
| | | <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> | <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> |
| | | Asked for clarification that Site 32 is indeed adjacent to a BAP | Site 32 is adjacent to a BAP priority site and the |

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| | | <p>priority site.</p> <p>Disagree with the SA findings for Site 32 in relation to SA objective 8 given that an independent landscape and visual assessment shows that effects could be effectively screened.</p> <p>Disagree with the SA findings for Site 91 in relation to SA objective 8 given that an independent landscape and visual assessment shows that effects could be effectively screened.</p> | <p>site appraisal is correct.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. Areas of outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) are considered in the Area of Search assessments.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The Council has produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> |
| PR-B-0784 | Rosie Cotterhill (Turley) on behalf of Bovis Homes Ltd | <p>Disagree with the SA findings for Site 91 in relation to SA objective 7 on the basis that Rushy Meadows SSSI and BAP is separated from the site by Oxford Canal.</p> <p>Raised concern that the SA of Search Areas A and B has not considered the loss of Green Belt land.</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The appraisal of Areas of Search has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of</p> |

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| PR-B-0799 | Ian Sheppard | No consideration taken on the sustainability and effect for the areas of search. | <p>effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> <p>The Council has produced A Green Belt Study which has informed the SA and the Plan making process.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| PR-B-0704 | Ben Arrowsmith (Wright Hassall Solicitors) on behalf of Mr. J. Kershaw | <p>Raised concern that should Areas A and B be developed, then they would contravene SA objectives 7, 8 and 9.</p> <p>Suggested that the evidence base used to inform the next SA and Proposed Submission Plan should take into account studies that have been undertaken to assess the potential effects of Brexit on employment.</p> | <p>Noted. Adverse effects have been identified against SA objectives 7, 8 and 9 for Areas of Search A and B.</p> <p>Noted. The SA and evidence has considered the economic implications of the location of new homes.</p> |
| PR-B-0825 | Simon Joyce (Strutt and Parker) on behalf of Mrs. A Derbyshire | Sites in Area of Search E should have been considered in the SA. | <p>The SA has taken a strategic approach to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of</p> |

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| PR-B-0837 | David Jackson – Savills on behalf of Christchurch, Exeter and Merton College and OUP | <p>The findings of the ISA for Area A are considered acceptable and appropriate to inform the Council's decision that strategic development sites within Area of Search A should proceed to site assessment.</p> <p>The findings of the ISA form an acceptable starting point for the assessment of these sites. The findings demonstrate that the North Oxford Triangle site scores positively against a range of SA objectives and demonstrates the sustainable nature of the site.</p> | <p>Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence including relating to transport.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Noted. The SA has been revised based on new evidence.</p> |
| PR-B-0838 | Mr. D. Jackson (Savills) on behalf of University of Oxford – Christ Church, Exeter, Magdalen, Merton and St John's Colleges | <p>Representation broadly agrees with the findings of the SA of the Areas of Search, stating that Areas of Search that are best suited to A, immediately to the north of the city, followed by B. This approach reflects the 'proximity principle' i.e. those locations close to the City are preferred, and is also supported in general by the findings of the ITA and ISA. It also accords with the draft vision set out in the Options document and the intention 'to provide new balanced communities that are well connected to Oxford'.</p> | Noted. |
| PR-B-0839 | Mark Rose (Define) on behalf of William Davis Ltd | <p>Disagree with the SA findings for Area of Search I given that there are Category A Service Villages in this area that could potentially accommodate growth.</p> <p>Stated that the final SA conclusions for Areas of Search A and B</p> | The appraisals of the Areas of Search are proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Area of Search I is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the |

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| | | <p>are not convincing, and that there is little difference between these and the other Areas of Search.</p> | <p>District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H. The area has been appraised as a whole, and is shown to be remote from existing local and regional centres, with Area of Search I scoring 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Compared to Kidlington and Oxford, Cherwell's Category A villages have limited services and facilities, public transport links and/or are in isolated locations.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| PR-B-0840 | Mike Gilbert (VSL and Partners) on behalf of Proper Tea LLP | <p>Disagree with the SA score given to Site 48 in relation to SA objective 9 (historic environment) and the justification that the site is within Begbroke Conservation Area. Stated that the Conservation Area is 75m to the south.</p> <p>Disagree with the SA score given to site 48 in relation to SA</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'cultural sensitivity assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly</p> |

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| | | <p>objective 13 (efficient use of land) on the basis that the site is (probably) on Grade 3b agricultural land and should be scored as negligible.</p> | <p>defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> |
| | | <p>Emphasised that the effects on the Green Belt should be specifically addressed in the SA framework.</p> | <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> <p>The Council has produced A Green Belt Study which has informed the SA and the Plan making process.</p> |
| PR-B-0841 | Darren Bell (David Lock Associates) on behalf of Hallam Land Management Ltd | <p>Raised concerns of why individual Category A villages within Area of Search I have not been taken into consideration in the SA.</p> <p>Consider that delivery of houses within Category A villages should form as a monitoring indicator for meeting Oxforde housing needs.</p> | <p>The appraisals of the Areas of Search are proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Area of Search I is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H. The area has been appraised as a whole, and is shown to be remote from existing local and regional centres, with Area of Search I scoring 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Compared to Kidlington and Oxford, Cherwell's Category A villages have limited services and facilities, public transport links and/or are in isolated locations.</p> |

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| PR-B-0842 | Alex Wilson (Barton Willmore) on behalf of A2Dominion | <p>Stated that the latest evidence base needs to be used in the Local Plan and SA, including information relating to Category A villages.</p> <p>Disagree with the SA score given to Area of Search E against SA objective 16 in Table 7.1 of the Initial SA Report.</p> <p>Dispute why Area of Search E falls below Area of Search A in Table 7.2 in terms of significant positive effects given that both areas score the same.</p> <p>Area of Search E should be considered at the site assessment stage also.</p> | <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Noted. Compared to Kidlington and Oxford, Cherwell's Category A villages have limited services and facilities, public transport links and/or are in isolated locations.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> |

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| | | <p>The next SA iteration should take into account the latest evidence base (including the Housing and Employment Land Availability Study)</p> <p>Suggested that the proposed monitoring framework should include the delivery of housing in the short and long term and monitoring of member authorities' delivery rates.</p> | <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Noted. The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Noted. Proposed monitoring indicators will be produced in subsequent iterations of the SA for wider consultation alongside the emerging Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review.</p> |
| PR-B-0844 | Peter .J Frampton (Framptons) on behalf of E.P. Barrus | <p>Suggests that insufficient consideration has been given to the cumulative impact of potential allocations on the ability to deliver housing at a rate required to meet the housing needs of Oxford.</p> <p>The social consequences of failing to deliver sufficient housing requirements are a 'sustainability issue'. Sustainability is not a concept that should be determined by geographical proximity to Oxford.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the plan-led planning system genuinely can deliver the homes that are needed by the residents of Oxford, it is submitted that a broader geographical spread of sites should be allocated. Such an approach will create a more robust delivery strategy for new homes.</p> | <p>The SA has assessed the Council's strategy, vision, objectives and policies drawing on evidence to assess the cumulative impacts of proposals.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> |
| PR-B-0847 | Richard Cutler (Bloombridge) | Disagree with the SA scores given for Site 14 in relation to SA objectives 5, 6,7, 8 and 16, | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. |

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| | | <p>Stated that a full Green Belt Review should be undertaken and included in the evidence base.</p> | <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The Council has produced an assessment of sites which provides further detail.</p> <p>A strategic Green Belt Review was prepared jointly by Oxfordshire Growth Board, including Oxfordshire County Council and the constituent Districts.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has produced A Green Belt Study which has informed the SA and the Plan making process.</p> |

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| PR-B-0861 | Tim Perkins (TMP Planning Ltd) for Gosford & Water Eaton PC | Some concern in relation to the SA assessment scoring process. Highlights specific environmental impacts which need to be taken in to account. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. Noted, the SA has been revised based on new evidence, including on environmental issues. |
| PR-B-0862 | Peter Nicholson | Considers that the Initial SA is well formulated and appropriate for testing the positive and negative effects of proposed development. He however disagrees that the sites have been tested in an objective and accurate way against all of them. | Noted. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. |
| PR-B-0877 | David Flavin, Oxfordshire County Council | <p>State that although Objective 2 is to improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health what constitutes health and wellbeing' is ill defined.</p> <p>Highlight concerns that the impact of development on health and wellbeing is not clearly recognised as having particular spatial relevance to Oxford e.g. the potential to reduce inactivity by ensuring that streets are laid out in walkable interconnected grids or by developing 'Cycle Super Routes.</p> <p>Recommend that the wider health and wellbeing benefits of the objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford are recognised and overtly stated.</p> <p>Recommend that any appraisal of the health and wellbeing impacts of a search area is reviewed to consider whether the proposed development site will: provide opportunities for people to be more active; provide opportunities to make healthier food choices; foster good mental health and wellbeing by increasing opportunities for social interaction/reducing social isolation and loneliness; and enable people to maintain their independence for longer.</p> | <p>Minor amendments have been made to the SA Framework and assessment, specifically to the assumption text associated with SA Objective 2, to highlight that the health and well-being benefits of proximity/accessibility to Oxford are appraised under SA objective 6.</p> |
| PR-B-0878 | Jane Olds - Wendlebury Parish Council | The criteria chosen do not adequately reflect the lack of public transport options for key workers who have to work unsocial | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has |

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| | | hours. | been revised based on new evidence including on transport. The SA has assessed the Council's site policies. |
| PR-B-0887 | Paul Buckley | Sites in Areas A and B have been considered unreasonably favourably because impact on the GB has been ignored. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence, including a Green Belt Study. |
| PR-B-0890 | Chris Dicks | There is a need to recognise the value of the countryside, GB and agricultural land. The importance of the canal for tourism and the need to preserve low light levels between Kidlington, Begbroke and Yarnton. The increase in pollution and congestion have not been assessed correctly. Criticises the score for SA16 given the good railway connections. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence including on transport. |
| PR-B-0895 | Dr Alison and Dr Simon Street | The SA appears comprehensive. | Noted. |
| PR-B-0897 | Rob Lawrence | There has been insufficient time allowed by CDC for people to review the Sustainability Appraisal as well as the extensive main options paper. | The Council has set out the procedures it followed in its Consultation Statement. |
| PR-B-0907 | Alison Forfar | This appraisal has clearly failed as it has identified locations already categorised by as unsustainable as potential options. Fails to consider how many people from the proposed sites will reach transport hubs. Increased traffic and housing has made the roads unsafe for cyclists. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. The SA has assessed the Council's policies. |
| PR-B-0910 | Ken Pelton | The study should consider the harmful physical and mental health effects of spending time during the week in either stationary or slow moving traffic. The study should look at the benefits of cycling. The sites appear to be guesswork and supported by notions of non-existent transport infrastructure. Buses are not sustainable. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence including on transport. |

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| PR-B-0911 | Andrew Smith – Hampton Gay and Poyle Parish Meeting | The Parish is concerned about the impact on Kidlington if areas A and B were developed. It will sacrifice the 'Green Belts' of Kidlington area and risk of it becoming an Oxford suburb; destroying key recreational and nature conservation area of the River Cherwell. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. The SA has assessed the Council's policies. |
| PR-B-0913 | Helen Marshall, CPRE Oxfordshire | Raised concern that there is no mention in the appraisal of Areas of Search of the additional air pollution caused by extra car journeys. | Chapter 7 summarises the effects of growth against SA objective 10 (air pollution and road congestion) within each of the Areas of Search; Chapter 8 summarises the effects of three quantum of additional growth to be accommodated within Cherwell against SA objective 10; and Chapter 9 summarises the effects of site options within Areas of Search A and B against SA objective 10. |
| PR-B-0922 | Sarah Smith (Rapleys LLP) on behalf of Pandora Trading Ltd | <p>Emphasised the need to monitor housing provision and delivery which distinguishes between Cherwell's own needs and that of Oxford City.</p> <p>In general the SA methodology and findings are welcomed and supported.</p> <p>Raised concern that there is insufficient explanation of why only Areas of Search A and B have been considered for growth. Acknowledged that A and B score more positively in relation to the objectives that relate to Oxford City, but note the environmental objectives' high negative scores in A and B. Suggest it is unlikely that the sites within A & B will be able to accommodate the required number of homes without consideration of sites within other areas of search.</p> | <p>Noted. Procedures for monitoring are set out in Chapter 12 of the SA Report.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B. Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing.</p> |

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| PR-B-0924 | Jan Molyneux on (Molyneux Planning) behalf of Stephen Bowley Planning Consultancy on behalf of Earhline Ltd and U-Stay Ltd. | Disagree with many of the SA scores for sites 19 and 29 (Shipton Quarry) on the basis of what is proposed in the draft masterplan. | <p>employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> |
| PR-B-0931 | Jane Olds – Fringford Parish Council | Representation broadly agrees with the findings of the SA. The Parish considers that Option E Bicester should be excluded on the grounds of inadequate transport links/sustainability challenges. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-0933 | Peter Bateman (Framptons Planning) on behalf of the Donger Family | Area '1', which covers the land being promoted by the Donger Family, is a very broad area covering the majority of the District. Due to the scale of the area this causes the conclusions of the Sustainability Appraisal to be unduly broad and strategic. Should more focused areas be assessed it is considered that a more robust conclusion and scoring system would result. | <p>The appraisals of the Areas of Search are proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options. Area of Search I is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H.</p> <p>The area has been appraised as a whole, and is shown to be remote from existing local and</p> |

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| PR-B-0935 | Francesca Parmenter (David Lock Associates) on behalf of Gallagher Estates | Calls for Category A Villages such as Hook Norton, to be assessed separately to Category B and C Villages as it is suggested, these would perform well. | <p>regional centres, with Area of Search I scoring 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> |
| | | | <p>Cherwell District Council identified areas of search across the whole District to help identify the most sustainable locations for accommodating housing for Oxford. The areas of search have been identified having regard to the location of urban areas (specifically, Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington), the potential opportunities to develop on previously developed land, received site submissions and 'focal points' or nodes that might be developable.</p> <p>Area of Search I represents the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. Area of Search I is rural in nature, containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H.</p> <p>The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |

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| PR-B-0937 | Philip Rawle (Greenlight Developments) | <p>Recommended that site options within Area of Search E should be included for assessment given that Area of Search E performed the same or very similar in SA terms to Area of Search A.</p> | <p>Compared to Kidlington and Oxford, Cherwell's Category A villages have limited services and facilities, public transport links and/or are in isolated locations.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| | | <p>Suggested that a detailed Greenbelt Study should be included in the evidence base for the Local Plan given that Areas of Search A and B are wholly within the greenbelt.</p> | <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>A strategic Green Belt Review was prepared jointly by Oxfordshire Growth Board, including Oxfordshire County Council and the constituent Districts. The Council has produced A Green Belt Study which has informed the SA and the Plan making process.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address</p> |

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| PR-B-0944 | David Stone | <p>Stated that large strategic development sites will need to be carefully monitored/promoted if Oxford's unmet housing need is to be delivered by 2031.</p> <p>The search areas have been selected due to a dubious relationship to Oxford, not because this is a better or more sustainable option. Economic projections are questionable and the resulting destruction to natural habitat is not justified and there are no acceptable exceptions. Local needs have to be understood and respected. Communities need good means of access with reduction in vehicle use while having good services, medical and education provision. Existing roads and facilities in North Oxford are overstretched and cannot cope. Development proposals do nothing to make the situation sustainable.</p> | <p>effects on the special character and setting of historic towns though the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> <p>Noted. Procedures for monitoring are set out in Chapter 12 of the SA report.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| PR-B-0948 | Tim Del Nevo | <p>What has been said is very technical and detailed wording and have little or no effect.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-0956 | Mark Recchia – Banbury Town Council | <p>Agrees with the SA assessments and suggests that any attempt to provide housing in and around Banbury to meet Oxford's needs would seriously compromise any attempts to meet these objectives.</p> <p>Considers the SA initial findings of the sites as appropriate, however queries the assessment of deprived areas considering that all sites have no effect.</p> | <p>Noted. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence.</p> |
| PR-B-0957 | Martin Small, Historic England | <p>Provides additional historic information on site options.</p> <p>Considers that ten sites, four of which are in Areas of Search A</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9</p> |

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| | | <p>or B; Sites PR22, PR32, PR50 and PR181, should be eliminated from further consideration at this stage due to their potential impact on designated heritage assets and, in the case of Site PR181, due to the high contribution it makes to Green Belt Purpose 4. Furthermore, site 21 in Area of Search B is considered a candidate for elimination because of the high contribution it makes to Green Belt Purpose 4.</p> <p>Notes the discrepancy between the minor negative impact on the historic environment identified for the Begbroke and South East Kidlington Spatial Options, but that the Area of Search that includes these Options (Option A: Kidlington and Surrounding Area) is considered by the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report to have a significant negative impact on the historic environment. Respondent recognises however that the Area of Search includes many more potential sites than the five that fall within these two Spatial Options.</p> <p>Identifies that Table 5.1 of the SA Report identifies the "setting of historic Oxford" in one of the sub-objectives for SA Objective 9, but there is no mention of the setting of Oxford in the summary of impacts of the Areas of Search against this Objective in paragraph 7.50 of the SA Report, nor in the detailed Appraisal matrix in Appendix 4. It is therefore unclear whether or not the setting of historic Oxford has actually been taken into account in assessing the Areas of Search.</p> | <p>(historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'cultural sensitivity assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. The Council has produced A Green Belt Study, which considers the setting of Oxford, and has informed the SA and the Plan making process. These studies provide a detailed assessment but the SA also considers the emerging work of the Historic Landscape Characterisation project.</p> <p>Noted. The following assumptions have been made as an indication of potential effects on heritage assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A potential significant negative effect (-?)- will be identified where an area of search is adjacent to or includes a statutory heritage asset (e.g. World Heritage Sites, Listed Buildings (all grades), Scheduled Monuments plus other nationally important archaeological sites, Registered Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields and Conservation Areas). A potential minor negative effect (-?) will be identified where an area of search is within 5km of statutory heritage assets, including Historic Oxford. <p>The above text is available in Appendix 2 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the special character and setting of</p> |
| | | <p>Raised concern at the potential individual and cumulative effect of potentially releasing land that is considered in the Green Belt</p> | |

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| | | <p>Study to make a high or medium contribution to Green Belt Purpose 4: "Preserve the Setting and Special Character of Historic Towns".</p> <p>Consider that the release of any of these sites from the Green Belt should be subject to the most rigorous scrutiny and exceptional circumstances demonstrated for their release, particularly given the areas of Green Belt that have been identified as making a low contribution to Purpose 4 or are outside the Green Belt altogether.</p> <p>Suggests adding another SA objective that considers the Green Belt, with sub-objectives relating to the five purposes.</p> | <p>historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9). The Council has produced A Green Belt Study, which considers the setting of Oxford, and has informed the SA and the Plan making process. These studies provide a detailed assessment but the SA also considers the emerging work of the Historic Landscape Characterisation project.</p> <p>The assessment of policies in the SA also provides mitigation measures associated with the Council's Strategy.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council's Green Belt Study considers the five purposes in detail and this has informed the Plan making process directly.</p> |
| PR-B-0984 | Jane Burrett | I do not think that housing in Area C in the quadrants of J9 on M40 or Area G is sustainable for health reasons for existing residents and any future ones. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. |
| PR-B-1006 | Ruth Powles – Kirtlington Parish Council | The Parish supports selection of sites that are south west, south and south east of Kidlington, as close as possible to Oxford. | Noted. |
| PR-B-1015 | Daniel Hatcher – Roscon Group | Rosconn Group consider that an assessment of a further Options relating to locations around existing train stations outside Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington should be undertaken. | The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting options. |
| PR-B-1016 | Ben Simpson (WYG) on behalf of Bonnar Allan Ltd | Raised concerns that the SA does not adequately assess or compare the proposed Areas of Search and Sites with respect to items of infrastructure that they are able and committed to deliver. | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments</p> |

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| PR-B-1017 | Oliver Burton-Taylor (Simply Land (Oxford) LTD) | Stated that there is no justification in the SA as to why site 41 was not taken forward for assessment. | <p>in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The SA considers the availability of services and facilities and transport opportunities. The Council provides a further consideration of infrastructure requirements.</p> <p>Site 41 has been appraised in the SA. The SA provides reasons for selecting options and sites.</p> |
| PR-B-1018 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Woodstock Town Council | Disagree with the SA appraisal findings for site 22: Land North West of Oxford and Site 25: Land East of Marlborough School Woodstock in terms of SA objectives 6 (Access to Services) and 10 (Pollution). | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> |

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| PR-B-1019 | Kemp and Kemp LLP on behalf of Manor Oak Homes (1) | Disagree with the SA findings for Area of Search E in relation to SA objectives 7 and 9 (Table 7.2) in the context of a site (CDC Ref 148: Land at Blackthorn Road, Launton) that the representative is promoting. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. |
| PR-B-1020 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Manor Oak Homes | Disagree with the SA findings for Area of Search D in relation to SA objective 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the context of a site (CDC Ref 149: Land at Murcott Road, Arnott) that the representative is promoting. | A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. |
| PR-B-1021 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of Manor Oak Homes (2) | Disagree with the SA findings for residential site 49: Land at Stratfield Farm, Kidlington in relation to objectives 7, 8 and 13. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. |
| PR-B-1022 | Jon Waite (Kemp and Kemp) on behalf of W Lucy & Co Limited | Disagree with the SA findings for residential site 24: Land South of Sandy Lane, Begbroke in relation to SA objectives 7, 8 and 13. | The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base. The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) and SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' and 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of |

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| PR-B-1024 | Andrew Hornsby-Smith | Supports the SA findings but that it should consider the impact on Cherwell to a greater extent. A detailed SA assessment has been provided. | Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. Noted. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. The Council has provided a further assessment of promoted sites. |
| PR-B-1032 | David Burson (JPPC Planning) on behalf of The University of Oxford and Tripartite | <p>Requests that the SA Report consider appraise site options within all the Areas of Search. However, the respondent does take into account that locations closest to Oxford are best placed to provide a sustainable strategy therefore initial assessment correctly eliminates those locations remote from the City.</p> <p>Requests for residential development located nearest to Oxford to be given preference.</p> | <p>Noted. Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>All available evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each Area of Search as a potential Growth Option.</p> |
| | | <p>Raises concern with the methodology of the Transport Assessment and requests for refinement and for these amendments to be reflected in the SA Report.</p> <p>Notes the uncertain effects on SA objective 8 (landscape) in relation to Site 20 and observes that the assessment has not taken into consideration the site's recently submitted masterplan that includes landscaping.</p> | <p>ITP's Transport Assessment has been updated and the latest findings incorporated into the appraisal of options in the SA Report.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> |

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| PR-B-1033 | Matthew Symons – Hollins Strategic Land | <p>It is considered that Ambrosden should be removed from Option I and included within Option E. Alternatively, Option I must be disaggregated so that settlements/Areas of Search are judged on their individual merits as opposed to being unreasonably pooled together.</p> <p>The consideration of smaller sites (as opposed to just sites over would likely result in a more rounded, sustainable approach to achieving the additional growth that is required. Furthermore, it would allow development to come forward more quickly, given smaller sites have shorter lead in times than strategic sites. It is considered that the PR must adopt a flexible approach and allocate both strategic and smaller, sustainable sites.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. Option E reflects Bicester. Ambrosden is a village in Cherwell's rural area. The Council provides reasons for selecting areas A and B.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>The Partial Review sets out the key factors that have influenced this decision, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites need to be of sufficient size to help secure such infrastructure either on-site or through appropriate developer contributions; • Considering smaller, non-strategic sites would require the assessment of many more areas of land; and, • A threshold of 100 dwellings would be consistent with Local Plan Part 1. |

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| PR-B-1035 | Robert Davies (Gerald Eve) on behalf of Merton College Oxford and Blenheim Palace | <p>Response in regards to the land North of Oxford and West of Peartree roundabout, including sites 41, 124 and 177.</p> <p>Raises concern to the simplistic and subjective appraisal of the Area of Search in relation to SA objectives 10 (air pollution) and 3 (poverty and social exclusion).</p> <p>Argues that any development associated with Oxford's unmet housing need, regardless of which Area of Search it is located within, could increase traffic in the AQMA. References Table 6.3 of the ITP assessment that shows that Area of Search B has a higher private car usage than Area of Search A and concludes that development in Area of Search B could contribute more negatively to road congestion and air pollution compared to Area of Search A. Continues to note the high level of sustainable transport provision in Area of Search A. Argues that the sites furthest from the AQMA and therefore Oxford are located in less sustainable locations. Argues that the provision and presence of sustainable transport nodes are favoured at the expense of other development sites located nearby to Oxford.</p> <p>Notes that Search Area H is the only Area of Search that results in a positive effect for SA objective 3, but argues that the social impact of residents leaving Banbury every day to commute into Oxford does not lead to a reduction in poverty and social exclusion in Banbury. States that locating development in Banbury (Area of Search H) would not address Oxford's unmet housing need and argues to that to meet Oxford's needs, housing should be located near Oxford.</p> | <p>The appraisals of the Areas of Search are proportionate for a strategic scale assessment of potential growth options.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Chapter 5 in the SA Report presents the stages of consultation involved in the previous iterations of the SA Report, including changes made to the assumptions and SA Framework as a result of new evidence and consultation.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective</p> |

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| | | <p>Disagrees with the score (-/?) given for SA objective 13 (efficient use of land) as the majority of the 38 sites are given this score.</p> <p>Considers the assessment of SA objective 8 (landscape) as inappropriate as all but one site scores significant negative effects as they are all presently 'open' sites. Notes that sites 41, 124 and 177 are set within the Oxford Transport Strategy that plans for a new link road in this area that will affect both SA objective 8 and objective 7 (biodiversity).</p> <p>Argues that Sites 41, 124 and 177 are unfairly scored (-/+?) in relation to SA objective 9 (historic Environment) as these sites are set within the Oxford Transport Strategy that plans for a new link road in this area that will affect the Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> | <p>evidence. The two Areas of Search closest to Oxford (Areas of Search A and B) have been selected.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) and 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' and 'Nature Conservation Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> |

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| PR-B-1036 | Robert Davies (Gerald Eve LLP) on behalf of Merton College | <p>Disagree with the appraisal findings for Areas of Search, in particular Area A, against SA objective 10: Pollution.</p> <p>Disagree that the use of areas of deprivation should be used in the SA when considering how best to meet Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Disagree with the appraisal scores given for site 51 in relation to SA objectives 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 16. States that the SA findings are inconsistent with the findings of an independent travel assessment undertaken for this site.</p> | <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Chapter 5 in the SA Report presents the stages of consultation involved in the previous iterations of the SA Report, including changes made to the assumptions and SA Framework as a result of new evidence and consultation.</p> |
| PR-B-1037 | Alice Suttie (Boyer Planning) on behalf of Redrow Homes and Wates | Requests for the reference 'well connected to Oxford' to be included at locations such as Bicester as the town has good new rail connections in relation to the East-West rail, a new Park and Ride Service that opened in 2015, strong connections to the | The sustainable transport connections of Area of Search E have been acknowledged. Area of Search E has been appraised as having potential to have significant positive effects in relation to |

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| | Developments | <p>Strategic Road Network with recent improvements to M40 Junctions 9 and 10. There is also potential additional motorway junction being considered as part of the wider Garden Town status awarded to Bicester.</p> <p>Calls for a south east extension of Area of Search E to include the area up to the Bridleway to the east of the site, broadly running along Blackthorne Hill. Argues this extension would include areas covered in the previous policy Bicester 12 and that the SA needs to include all options including the strategic development site detailed as part of this submission was included in the appraisal. Respondent notes they reserve the right to comment further on this topic in future rounds of consultation.</p> | <p>improving accessibility to services and facilities in Oxford (SA Objective 6).</p> |
| PR-B-1039 | Igor Niladri Dyson | <p>Sustainable is not an appropriate word describing development on any existing GB. Consideration should be given to previously developed land, be affordable and house the current population first.</p> | <p>Cherwell District Council identified Areas of Search across the whole District to help identify the most sustainable locations for accommodating housing for Oxford. The Areas of Search have been identified having regard to the location of urban areas, the potential opportunities to develop on previously developed land, received site submissions and 'focal points' or nodes that might be developable. The Area of Search map provides a visual representation of the Council's options which are also described in the SA report. The SA provides an assessment of the sustainability of locating housing at Bicester as an option.</p> |
| PR-B-1069 | JP Lyes | <p>The purpose of GB and the role it plays in keeping an attractive separation between Oxford and Kidlington is lacking in the evaluation of sites. There also seems to be little assessment on the total impact of 4,400 homes on Kidlington specifically. Rather the report is full of references to Cherwell as a whole.</p> | <p>Noted. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. Previously developed land may not be in a sustainable location. Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. As a policy designation, the Council has considered in detail the impact on the Green Belt.</p> |
| PR-B-1095 | Val Russell - Bodicote Parish Council | <p>The Parish state that there are a lot of issues brought up by the SA Report, which point to policies that the Local Plan Part 2 would supposedly address. Given that this document is still in preparation, with policies yet to come forward, this is strange. As it stands, it is unknown how many homes could be allocated throughout Cherwell.</p> | <p>Noted. It is relevant to consider which matters the Partial Review SA will consider. As a policy designation, the Council has considered in detail the impact on the Green Belt.</p> |
| PR-B-1096 | Greg Blaquiére (Terence O'Rourke) | <p>Comments relate to Sites 22 and 25.</p> | <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most</p> |

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| | <p>on behalf of the Vanbrugh Unit Trust and Pye Homes</p> | <p>Contests that the Area of Search B records a significant positive effect for SA objective 16 (access to employment), whereas the sites record negative effects in these areas. Argues that these sites are located in a sustainable location and notes the S3 bus service between Woodstock and Oxford City vary between 24 minutes (off-peak) and 43 minutes (peak), and the route also offers access to several key employment locations.</p> <p>Calls for negative effects on SA objectives 7 (biodiversity), 8 (landscape), 9 (historic environment) to be changed to a negligible effect. The respondent claims that development at these sites would seek to enhance these aspects.</p> <p>In relation to SA objective 13 (efficient use of land) the respondent recognises that sites 22 and 25 have not previously been developed, but states they do not lie within the Green Belt designation and there are no notable landscape features.</p> | <p>appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. These areas have been appraised as a whole.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. The site appraised within areas of search A and B represent much smaller areas of land than their respective Areas of Search, making it possible to make more detailed assessments regarding their accessibility to local services and facilities, including employment opportunities.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity), 8 (landscape) and 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments', 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' and 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and</p> |

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| PR-B-1099 | Alan Storah, (Oxford City Council) | Requests for monitoring to consider the needs of Cherwell District and Oxford City separately. | consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13. SA objective 13 solely refers to the type of land on which the site is located on; brownfield or greenfield. |
| PR-B-1121 | Rebecca Micklethwait, Natural England | Advises for a landscape assessment to be undertaken for Areas of Search A and B to identify any significant impacts on the Cotswold AONB. | Noted. Proposed monitoring indicators will be produced in subsequent iterations of the SA for wider consultation alongside the emerging Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. This is also a matter for the Council and the Partial Review document. |
| | | An assessment of existing and potential components of ecological networks working with Local Nature Partnerships should be used to inform the SA Report, as recommended by paragraph 165 of the NPPF. Notes that land of least environmental value is chosen for development, and to ensure the mitigation hierarchy is followed. | The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options within Areas of Search A and B against SA objective 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. |
| | | Requests for the SA to consider any detrimental impacts of air pollution particularly from traffic generated by new development on the natural environment and include appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures where applicable. Designated nature conservation sites that are located within close proximity to a site allocation and are within 200m of a road with increased traffic are vulnerable to nitrogen deposition/ acidification and should therefore be assessed using local air quality monitoring. | The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. |
| | | | The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. |

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| | | | <p>The Council's policies will contain measures and requirements to address air pollution. The Council's HRA will consider the impacts of air pollution.</p> |
| | | <p>Cumulative effects on the SAC should be considered in Area of Search A.</p> | <p>The SA of the Area of Search considered the effects of development across the area as a whole. A significant adverse effect was recorded for Area of Search A against SA Objective 7 (biodiversity).</p> |
| | | <p>Negative impacts in all the designated biodiversity and geological designations should be avoided in all Area of Search and sites.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |
| | | <p>Site 19 – Notes that the site is subject to a current planning permission to extend quarrying and allow for temporary car storage, with agreed restoration for biodiversity in the long term; the net impact on biodiversity here will need to be assessed and taken into consideration. The site is in the Lower Cherwell Valley Conservation Target Area (CTA).</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> |
| PR-B-1132 | Linda Ward, Kidlington Development Watch | <p>Kidlington Development Watch considers that the Initial SA fails to address existing Green Belt policy and therefore ignores a key issue in its comparisons between search areas. They also note that it is recognised that development in Area A would have adverse impacts on air quality.</p> | <p>Noted. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. As a policy designation, the Council has considered in detail the impact on the Green Belt.</p> |

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| PR-B-1146 | DJ French – Deddington Development Watch | Deddington Development Watch have no specific comments on the RAG assessment of the 9 Areas of Search in Appendix 4 to the Initial Sustainability Appraisal, October 2016, Part 3. Regarding SA Objective 10 of the SA Framework "to reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion", large scale development will most likely have significant negative effects which can only be mitigated by not building new houses. As regards paragraphs 7.39 and 7.40, Objective 10 is as relevant to Cherwell as it is to Oxford. | Noted. The Council explain how new homes are required and the SA considers the potential impacts and proposes mitigation measures. |
| PR-B-1157 | Nicola and Giles Lewis | This seems very superficial. | This was an initial SA. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. |
| PR-B-1160 | Christopher Hardman – Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum | Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum considers that the 'green scores' for areas A and B depend simply upon the proximity of the sites to existing roads, services and public transport. These transport services are already inadequate, the roads are congested and there are serious problems with air quality. Additional traffic growth from other imminent developments is certain to exacerbate the problems. A detailed statement in response to this question in their representation. Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum consider that the objectives in 7.40 relate not only to Cherwell, but to everyone. Of the objectives in 7.34, their concern is the consequences of Objective 17 if there is uncontrolled and unsustainable growth. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence, including on transport. The SA has assessed the Council's policies and proposed mitigation measures. |

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| | | <p>Questions how any development of the sites will conserve and enhance biodiversity and landscape, and therefore all scores should be negligible or negative.</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity) and 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments' and 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> |
| | | <p>Raises concerns about the 'good connections' from Areas of Search A and B as the roads are highly congested.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> |
| | | <p>Disagrees with the significant positive effect on SA objective 1 (affordable homes), 6 (services and facilities) and 10 (air pollution) for Sites 38 and 50. Explains that the roads are already congested and claims that the dwellings at these sites are likely to be occupied with London commuters owing to the close proximity to Oxford Parkway.</p> | <p>Evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each option.</p> |
| | | <p>Disagrees with the significant positive effect for Site 123 on SA objectives 6, 10 and 16 as the site's isolation means it is not suitable for housing nor is it accessible by car. Raises concern as Site 123 would remove a recreational facility that also functions as a wildlife corridor.</p> | <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> |
| | | <p>Claims that the SA Report gives insufficient weighting to present transport routes and their future needs in light of increasing traffic.</p> | <p>The SA has relied of the Council's Transport evidence base, which has been updated for the latest iteration of the Partial Review Part 1.</p> |
| PR-B-1162 | Roger Bellamy - Horton Parish Council | <p>The Parish considers that the 3 SA objectives (3, 6, and 10) would not be met by moving Oxford's housing needs to other districts. Pollution and road congestion would increase, few sites would have sufficient access to all services and facilities and supporting current high housing prices in Oxford by reduced building plans would not reduce overall poverty or social</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. The SA has assessed the Council's policies and proposed mitigation measures.</p> |

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| | | <p>exclusion.</p> <p>Areas A and B are currently remote from many services, development would constitute de facto erosion of the Green belt and many of the plots identified carry the risk presently of flooding, thereby disallowing a complete, full, large-scale development. Development would not be cohesive and run the risk of creating a conglomeration of separate mini-estates whilst contributing to a higher flood risk.</p> <p>The SA is work in progress.</p> | |
| PR-B-1163 | Catherine Arakelian | <p>The exercise does not feel transparent. The Initial Sustainability Appraisal has predetermined which sites will go forward to the next phase, regardless of objections. If it was a site near to Oxford that appears to have been the deciding factor.</p> <p>Resource issues are raised as to how the Growth Board has predetermined the process.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B.</p> |
| PR-B-1180 | Robert Humphreys (Humphreys and Co Solicitors) on behalf of Oxford Programs Ltd | <p>States the character of the local roads in the vicinity of site PR75 make it an inherently unsuitable for significant additional vehicular traffic and a highly inappropriately location in transport and sustainability terms. Whilst acknowledging the need for an Infrastructure Delivery Plan, expresses concern that no such proposals are in place in advance of the site selection process.</p> <p>States that the development of Site PR75 would compromise the historic setting of the listed Manor House and gardens.</p> | <p>The SA has relied of the Council's Transport evidence base, which has been updated for the latest iteration of the Partial Review Part 1.</p> |
| PR-B-1188 | Carol Matheson | <p>The Sustainability Appraisal which is based on unverified assumptions. It hasn't considered the needs of local villages and their residents. Kidlington has been chosen as suitable because of its services, but these serve the current population and could not accommodate another 4,400 to 8,000 people. A large development would increase light, noise and air pollution</p> | <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the</p> |

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| PR-B-0848 | Rob McLennan (Heritage South West LTD) on behalf of Mr. R F Kendal | and change the character of the village. Flooding is an issue and agricultural and recreational land will be lost. Whilst the sites in Gosford and Water Eaton score positively in meeting Oxford's needs, they score negatively in many aspects too. These lie in the impact on the environment, the use of GB land, air quality and congestion. | NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. The Council has provided further detail on the reasons for selecting Areas of Search A and B. |
| PR-B-1223 | Judith Johnson, Environment Agency | Highlighted that having regard to the findings of the SA and Initial Transport Assessment, it is considered correct that Areas of Search A and B should proceed to more detailed assessment. | Noted. |
| PR-B-1224 | Theresa Goss - Adderbury Parish Council | The EA have provided comments on SA Scoping Report and sites in the Council's options paper. | These have been considered by the Council in determining the sites and policies. |
| PR-B-1225 | Paul Butt (Paul Butt Planning) on behalf of Schyde Investments Limited. | The Parish Council supports SA objectives and findings both those specific to Oxford and more general ones relating to CDC. Disagree with the SA findings for Area of Search D, G and I in relation to SA objective 6: Access to Services and Facilities, specifically in relation to Area of Search D as the area performs relatively well in the Interim Transport Assessment in terms of commuter travel mode split compared to Areas A and B. | Noted. |
| | | Proposes a new site that lies partially within the south boundary of Area of Search D. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. Evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each Area of Search as a potential Growth Option. |
| | | | The SA has relied of the Council's Transport evidence base, which has been updated for the latest iteration of the Partial Review Part 1. Some |

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| PR-B-1226 | Andrew Garraway (Turnberry) on behalf of Exeter College | <p>Challenges para 7.28 of the SA report which identifies the significant negative effects associated with transport provision for Areas of Search D [Arncott], G and I leading to potential new residents needing to make use of private vehicles. Argues that Appendix 1a of the Interim Transport Assessment identifies Area of Search D as having a good commuter travel mode split compared to Areas of Search A and B and provides an example of the sites own SA Report undertaken by RPS which contains the bus timetable, details transport service provision and recommends specific mitigation measures to improve the accessibility of the site by foot and by bus.</p> <p>Highlights that the Interim Transport Assessment states there is no bus provision in Area of Search D and the SA Report states that there is no rail station within the Area of Search D. Respondent notes that the Bicester Village rail station is approximately 7.6km away and is served by the new Oxford City – Marylebone mainline and there is a 12 minute bus service from Arncott to the rail station which is detailed in the RPS SA Report.</p> <p>Considers the SA has erroneously assessed the constraints and environmental performance of site PR39. A revised appraisal has been provided that demonstrates the site performs well and should be considered further as a viable development site.</p> | <p>criteria and information from the transport evidence is considered separately and directly by the Council.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> |

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| PR-B-1228 | Juliet West on behalf of ICOMOS-UK | <p>Requested that the Plans, Policies and Programmes Review includes the World Heritage Convention 1972 and Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention 2015.</p> <p>Suggested that the site appraisal assumptions sub-objectives for SA objective 9: Historic environment be amended to include World Heritage Sites and their settings.</p> <p>Disagree that all effects of site options on the historic environment will be uncertain dependent on scale, design and layout of developments (paragraph 9.50 of SA report).</p> <p>Raised concerns that the appraisal matrix for sites 22, 25 and 118 under objective 9: Historic Environment does not make reference to Blenheim World Heritage Site. Disagrees with uncertainty attached to score.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 9 (historic environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> <p>The assessment of effects the historic environment includes the potential for adverse effect and the enhancement of Cherwell's cultural and heritage assets (e.g. World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Historic Parks and Gardens and Conservation Areas) and the setting of historic Oxford.</p> |
| PR-B-1232 | Mark Schmull (Nathanael Lichfield and Partners) on behalf of Church Commissioners for England | <p>Stated that reference should be made to Blenheim World Heritage site in the baseline conditions section of the SA report.</p> <p>Consider that the SA of site options has been considered prematurely and that all sites put forward as a result of consultation on Local Plan Part 1 should be considered also.</p> | <p>Reference to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site will be made in the baseline section of the SA Report.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA</p> |

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| PR-B-1233 | Simon Gamage (RPS) on behalf of Mr. R. Bratt | Disagree with the SA findings for Area of Search H in relation to SA objective 16. Stated that consideration of potentially developable sites outside Areas of Search A and B should be had. | <p>of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>The Council considers it reasonable to identify and assess broad options at a strategic level considering the objectives of the Plan. This follows the approach of the Part 1 Local Plan and SA which did not assess all the sites submitted to the Council.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> |
| PR-B-1235 | Ed Barrett - Catesby Property Group - Catesby | The SA is very broad brush particularly when assessing Area of Search I. It is very difficult to compare this large area to the other options which are more defined and location specific. Due | <p>The SA has been revised based on new evidence and reasons are provided for the selection of options. Area of Search I is rural in nature,</p> |

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| | Estates Ltd | to the size of Area 1 there may be large variances in how individual villages may score in the sustainability criteria. | containing the remaining areas of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search A-H. The area has been appraised as a whole, and while Area of Search 1 does contain Category A villages, it is considered that the vast majority of the land within the Area is remote from existing local and regional centres with sustainable transport links, for example Area of Search 1 scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport'. |
| PR-B-1240 | Suzanne Wilson-Higgins | Considers that the SA is a high level study, based on a number of assumptions and subjective judgements, and therefore can only have limited value in assessing suitability of locations for development. Highlights that the existing services and facilities would not be able to accommodate new development. | The SA has been revised based on new evidence. |
| PR-B-1236 | Richard Boothe (RPS) on behalf of Mr. R. Davies. | <p>Disagree with the SA appraisal findings in general for site 74 as the assessment does not pay sufficient detail to the specific characteristics of the site.</p> <p>Disagree with the significant negative score assigned to site 74 against objective 7: Biodiversity given that scope exists to address potential effects through onsite mitigation etc.</p> <p>Disagree with the significant negative score assigned to site 74 against objective 8: Landscape given that the appraisal does not have regard to specific site characteristics.</p> <p>Disagree with the significant negative effect assigned to site 74 against SA objective 13: Efficient land use as it is on brownfield land.</p> <p>Disagree with the mixed effect assigned to site 74 against SA objective 16: Employment given that the appraisal does not take into account access to other employment centres including Oxford Airport, Kidlington Industrial Estate and Begbroke Science Park.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 7 (biodiversity), 8 (landscape) and 9 (historic</p> |

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| PR-B-1269 | Deirdre Wells (Red Kite Development Consultancy) on behalf of Kidlington Parish Council | Argues the SA Report does not acknowledge the Green Belt Policy and is not used to compare the Areas of Search. | environment) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Nature Conservation Assessments', 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' and 'Cultural Sensitivity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment. |
| | | | <p>A strategic Green Belt Review was been prepared jointly by Oxfordshire Growth Board, including Oxfordshire County Council and the constituent Districts. Furthermore, some of the individual Districts are commissioning their own detailed Green Belt Studies which build on the county-wide work.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> |
| | | Identifies the AQMA located adjacent to Area of Search A, and takes the view it is unreasonable to consider sustainable transport modes as a mitigation measure. | Area of Search A has access to a range of sustainable transport modes that provide residents of new developments greater opportunity to travel by alternative modes of |

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| | | <p>Argues that the SA Report is 'inconclusive' and more detailed site assessments are required. Notes that the SA Report does not guide the Local Plan as there is too much uncertainty, too generalised, is too optimistic though the use of the RAG rating, overstates the benefits and underplays caution.</p> | <p>transport other than the private car, which is a major contributor to the poor air quality within the neighbouring AQMA.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. These areas have been appraised as a whole.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> |
| PR-B-1284 | Simon Barry (Boyer Planning) on behalf of Bloor Homes | <p>Largely agree with the findings of the SA.</p> <p>Stated that the proposed site allocations and SA need to be consistent with the vision and spatial strategy of LPP1.</p> <p>The Local Plan should be based upon the most up-to-date evidence available.</p> <p>Question the soundness of the methodology used for appraising site options.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>All available evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each option.</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set</p> |

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| PR-B-1287 | Tenley Soanes | Green Belt is critical for sustainability, we all need spaces, that is why it was created. So far no extraordinary need has been identified that would jeopardise it. | <p>out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations.</p> <p>Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> |
| PR-B-1297 | Simon Handy (Strutt Parker) on behalf of Dairystock LTD | <p>Consider that Figure 3.9 of the Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report shows a triangular area of land to the north-east of the A4260 (the western edge of site PR27) as an 'Existing green space'. Would like to make clear that this piece of land is leased by our client to the Parish Council on a rolling annual basis and that the lawful use of the land is for agriculture. While the Parish Council currently uses the land as allotments (a form of agriculture), it is considered that this triangular piece of land does not constitute an Existing green space. They trust this will be taken into account by the Council and reflected in any updates or future iterations of the Sustainability Appraisal or other Development Plan Documents.</p> | <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| PR-B-1298 | James Jocelyn | The Sustainability Appraisal is compromised by its erroneous | Each option has been appraised using clearly |

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| PR-B-1301 | Nigel McGurk, on behalf of Blenheim Estates | <p>assumption that the 4,400 additional homes proposed are all relevant to employment growth in Oxford. As noted above, the Interim Sustainability Appraisal ignores the specificity of Oxford's housing need and pay too little heed to the wider context of commuter transport development between Oxford and London and Birmingham. The SHMA suggests that the vast majority of the new homes will be surplus to local requirements; having failed to consider this, I find the SA's finding invalid. Like the Transport Assessment, the Sustainability Appraisal document was written to justify a preconceived set of conclusions.</p> <p>Comments relate to land at Begbroke (Sites 23 and 24)</p> <p>Contests the minor negative effect given for both sites for SA objective 5 (vibrant communities) as developments here could include the provision of facilities and services.</p> <p>Argues for Sites 23 and 24 to be scored negligible on SA objective 7 (biodiversity) as there is potential for the development to provide investment for safeguarding, enhancing and create new biodiversity.</p> <p>Calls for Sites 23 and 24 to be scored negligible on SA objective 8 (landscape) as it is claimed that these sites are not within close proximity to the AONB, but are associated with the Context of an airport, the town of Kidlington, industrial areas and Adjacent housing estates. Respondent notes that good master planning will improve local character.</p> | <p>defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. The SA has been revised based on new evidence. It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt. Affordable housing is highlighted as a key issue for the SA and the Local Plan.</p> |
| | | | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The Council has provided a further assessment of promoted sites.</p> |

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| PR-B-1306 | Frank Vreede | Cannot envisage how areas A or E could record any positive effects in any of the 11 objectives considered. | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. |
| PR-B-1342 | Laura Precious (Quod) on behalf of Albion Land | Comments relate to a site located in Area of Search E, in which a separate SA has been undertaken using the existing SA framework with additions to the methodology, and notes that the site scores better . | Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report. |
| | | | <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>The Council considers it reasonable to identify and assess broad options at a strategic level considering the objectives of the Plan. This follows the approach of the Part 1 Local Plan and SA which did not assess all the sites submitted to the Council.</p> <p>Chapter 5 in the SA Report presents the stages of consultation involved in the previous iterations of the SA Report, including changes made to the assumptions and SA Framework as a result of new evidence and consultation.</p> |
| | | Claims the LUC SA Report is flawed as it omits any testing in relation to Green Belt purposes, particularly as Areas of Search A and B contain Green Belt. | A strategic Green Belt Review was been prepared jointly by Oxfordshire Growth Board, including Oxfordshire County Council and the constituent |

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| | | | <p>Districts.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. The Council's Green Belt Study has been used to inform the site assessment process.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> |
| PR-B-1343 | Shaun Richards (Cerdea Planning) on behalf of Cala Homes Ltd. | Comments relate to new site on Ells Lane, Bloxham. Notes that the SA Report does not identify a clear option that should be taken forward. | A SA Report informs the development of a Local Plan, forming part of a wider evidence base which informs decision making made by Cherwell District Council. |
| PR-B-1345 | Nick Alston (Billfinger GVA) on behalf of Oxford Aviation Services Ltd (the owners of London Oxford Airport) | Claims the site's appraisal has been assessed by the centre point of the site resulting in unfair negative results. Requests for Site 118 to be re-assessed using the site specific details set out in their earlier representations dated 11 th March 2016 and 6 th July 2016. Requests the site be sub-divided. Provides a copy of the site matrices complete with their comments suggesting new scores and justification text for the RAG rating and SA scores on SA objectives 16, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15. | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>The SA has been revised following consultation and the collection of new evidence including in relation to the assumptions and site assessments in keeping with the SEA Regulations. Not all site</p> |

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| PR-B-1346 | Neil Tiley (Pegasus Group) on behalf of the Dorchester Group | The SA Report excludes all sites that are not located within Areas of Search A and B and quotes the Inspector who raises concern about the lack of reasonable alternatives appraised. Respondent therefore questions the robustness of the SA Report. | <p>options have detailed development plans; therefore, in order to ensure that all options have been appraised to the same level of detail, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site and the Council's most up-to-date objectively assessed evidence base.</p> <p>Under the Limitations section in the SA Report, para 1.44 of the SA Report states, "When applying the assumptions to inform the SA of areas of search and site options, distances were measured from the nearest point of a site to the nearest point of the feature(s) in question, which may not always accurately reflect the distance to features for the whole of a site, particularly large sites. However, the accessibility and transport assessment undertaken by ITP Ltd. on behalf of Cherwell District Council was used to inform the appraisal of options against SA objectives 6, 10 and 16. ITP's methodology for assessing areas of search and site options is outlined in ITP's report in the Local Plan evidence base."</p> <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the</p> |

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| | | <p>Questions the assessment approach for Area of Search F as it assumes that Policy Villages 5 is going to be fully delivered, opposed to taking forward only certain aspects.</p> <p>Raises concern that Area of Search F has been scored unfairly with regards to cycleway provision and notes that Policy Villages 5 involves cycleway provision would lead to more positive score.</p> <p>Contests the minor negative effect for SA objective 5 (vibrant communities) as the assessment ignores the long term benefits of new development creating new communities.</p> | <p>Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>Evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each Area of Search as a potential Growth Option.</p> <p>Part 2 of the Local Plan will identify smaller, non-strategic development sites for housing, employment, open space and recreation, travelling communities and other land uses across the District.</p> <p>Area of Search F contains the villages of Upper Heyford which sits adjacent to the former military base RAF Upper Heyford. RAF Upper Heyford has been allocated in Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings.</p> <p>It is considered appropriate to acknowledge the requirements of the associated Policy 'Villages 5', which requires the new settlement to provide a new 1-1.5 form entry primary school, sports pitches, a sports pavilion, play areas and indoor sports provision, a nursery, community hall, local centre/hotel, a neighbourhood police facility and improvements to the water supply and sewerage network.</p> <p>Additional housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to these new services and facilities.</p> <p>While the full benefits of these new facilities and services are acknowledged in the SA, at this stage in the planning process, some uncertainty is</p> |

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| PR-B-1352 | Liz Boden (Pegasus Group) on behalf of Richborough Estates) | <p>Response in regards to land at Grange Farm, Station Road, Launton, Bicester.</p> <p>Questions the ranking of the Areas of Search, particularly as Areas of Search A and E have the same scores except at SA Objective 14 where E scores better than A. In addition, Area of Search H scores better than area B on three indicators and worse on one but is ranked below area B. Paragraph 7.41 of the Options Paper stated that Option B recorded the highest number of significant positive effects. It is not clear how this conclusion was reached.</p> <p>Raises concern that only Areas of Search A and B have been considered for growth and states that the remaining Areas of Search should be considered as alternatives and therefore appraised.</p> <p>The SA Report and Interim Transport Assessment identified Areas of Search A and B as the most sustainable options for development however this appears to be based on the fact that</p> | <p>considered appropriate until such time as the details of the facilities and services that will be provided are known.</p> <p>Area of Search F has been assessed as having the potential to score significant positive effects on SA objectives 2 (health and well-being) and 6 (facilities and services).</p> <p>The minor negative score given for SA objective 5 (vibrant communities) is consistent with the SA assumptions. More housing growth in the area has the potential to contribute to the already significant amount earmarked for the area, with minor adverse effects on the existing communities in the short term during construction.</p> <p>The Areas of Search effects displayed in Tables 7.1 and 7.2 in the SA Report are ordered left to right based on the number of significant positive effect and significant adverse effects recorded.</p> <p>Site options for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need have only been assessed within Areas of Search selected by the Council. This decision has been based on the SA of the Areas of Search and other objective evidence.</p> <p>A strategic approach has been taken to assessing the Areas of Search in order to identify the most appropriate broad areas for accommodating a proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need.</p> <p>Evidence has been used to assess the suitability and sustainability of each Area of Search as a potential Growth Option.</p> |

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| | | <p>they are geographically closer to Oxford City Centre.</p> <p>Asserts that Area of Search E is identified as an area of growth in the adopted Cherwell Local Plan, and scores better than Area of Search H in relation to Oxford. Concludes that Area of Search E should be taken forward to be consistent.</p> <p>Raises concern that the Green Belt is not assessed under the landscape objective.</p> <p>Notes that the SA Report considers development in the Green Belt as reasonable, whereas national policy states that only in exceptional circumstances can land be released from the Green Belt. Observes that the Green Belt is excluded in the SA assessment and Transport Assessment and considering other Areas of Search, other than A and B would provide sustainable locations for new development.</p> <p>Notes that all sites aside from Site 195 score uncertain significant negative effects in relation to SA objective 8 (landscape) as only sites within Areas of Search A and B are being taken forward and include areas of Green Belt land.</p> | <p>Each option has been appraised using clearly defined and consistently applied assumptions set out in Appendix 2 of the SA Report. These assumptions are based upon an agreed SA Framework that has been subject to consultation and is set out in Chapter 5 of the SA Report.</p> <p>It is recognised that exceptional circumstances will need to be demonstrated (in compliance with the NPPF) in order to release any land from the Green Belt.</p> <p>A strategic Green Belt Review was prepared jointly by Oxfordshire Growth Board, including Oxfordshire County Council and the constituent Districts. The Council has also now produced Green Belt Studies which have informed the SA and the Plan making process.</p> <p>The appraisal of options has sought to address effects on the openness of the countryside and the wider landscape through the consideration of effects on the landscape (SA objective 8), address effects on the special character and setting of historic towns through the consideration of effects on the historic environment (SA objective 9) and consider the efficient use of land through the consideration of effects on SA objective 13.</p> <p>The scores and judgements associated with the appraisal of site options against SA objective 8 (landscape) have been updated to reflect the findings of site-based 'Overall Landscape Capacity Assessments' undertaken for each site as part of Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment.</p> |

Appendix 4

Areas of search detailed appraisal matrices

Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and for Oxfordshire . Area of Search A scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the significant positive effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport distance of 52,763 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway accessibility of 99,099 jobs in Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. However there is a clear spatial and economic connection between south Cherwell and Oxford city and an opportunity to complement the Council's existing growth strategy and to enable the science and high technology economy.</p> |

| Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | <p>Area of Search A sits on the northern edge of the city of Oxford which is generally considered to contain some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, new development within the Area is likely to have a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in Oxford.</p> <p>The vast majority of the communities within Cherwell's Area of Search A are considered to be some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation. The most deprived area within Area of Search A is located in the urban area of Kidlington. It is considered to be within the 30-40 percentiles on the indices. Therefore, the Area is likely to have a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell.</p> |
| | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | <p>Area of Search A scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area has good existing bus services to Oxford and Kidlington, and fair bus services to Bicester. The Area is close to Oxford Parkway rail station and existing Park & Ride sites, including Water Eaton and Peartree. National Cycle Routes 5 & 51, connected to Oxford, lie 4 miles to the south (a travelable distance by bike).</p> <p>Area of Search A contains Kidlington (which contains considerably more services and facilities than any other Category A Village), Yarnton and Begbroke to the east, each of which is serviced by bus services to Banbury and Oxford. Together, these settlements provide a number of services and amenities including shops, banks, restaurants, public houses, a public library, a weekly market, two secondary schools (Gosford Hill and Marlborough School) and several primary schools. In the north western corner of the Area (to the north west of Kidlington) lies London-Oxford Airport. Two railway lines and the A44 and A34 emanate from Oxford to the south and flank the village of Kidlington to the west and east respectively. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities.</p> |
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| Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area | | | Justification | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | | |
| | | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | | | | <p>Area of Search A scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area has good existing bus services to Oxford and Kidlington, and fair bus services to Bicester. The Area is close to Oxford Parkway rail station and existing Park & Ride sites, including Water Eaton and Peartree. National Cycle Routes 5 & 51 connect to the Area Oxford which lies 4 miles to the south (a travelable distance by bike).</p> <p>Area of Search A contains Kidlington and the smaller settlements of Yarnton and Begbroke to the east each of which is serviced by bus services to Banbury and Oxford. National Cycle Routes connect Kidlington with Bicester to the north and Oxford to the south. Two railway lines emanate from Oxford to the south and flank the village of Kidlington to the west and east respectively, connecting Kidlington to Bicester and Banbury. There are employment opportunities at Oxford airport, Begbroke Science Park and in Kidlington. A significant positive effect on this objective could also occur in Cherwell District.</p> <p>However, the Area's southern edge borders the Oxford Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Development in close proximity to the AQMA could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. Therefore, both the Oxford and District-wide effects associated with this objective are likely to be mixed overall.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | ++ | <p>Area of Search A contains Kidlington, and the urban area of Oxford lies directly to the south of the Area. Kidlington and Yarnton both contain GP surgeries, sports facilities and other forms of open space. The Area contains multiple Public Rights of Way, and National Cycle Routes connect Kidlington with Bicester to the north and Oxford to the south. There is an excellent opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling.</p> | |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> | |

| Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search A contains Kidlington and the smaller settlements of Yarnton and Begbroke to the east. In the north western corner of the Area (to the north west of Kidlington) lies London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park. Two railway lines and the A44 and A34 emanate from Oxford to the south and flank the village of Kidlington to the west and east respectively. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on existing communities in the short term during construction. Furthermore, new housing developments in close proximity to London-Oxford Airport, A-roads or railway lines have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Portions of the Oxford Meadows SAC and Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI are located in the south western corner of Area of Search A. Rushy Meadows SSSI lies in the centre of the Area to the west of Kidlington. In addition, there are multiple Local Wildlife Sites to the south and west of Kidlington, including some pockets of ancient woodland around Begbroke. The Oxford Canal and the River Cherwell run through the Area. In addition to the ecological assets that fall within the area, the Bladon Heath Local Wildlife Site on the western edge of the area in West Oxfordshire.</p> <p>While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity and geodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>Area of Search A does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their</p> |

| Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area | | |
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| | | <p>location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area. However, Area of Search A contains Kidlington and the urban area of Oxford lies directly to the south of the Area. Therefore, the Area is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to their existing urban edges without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. However the impact and effects of sites will need to take account of further evidence on landscape.</p> <p>There is potential for development to encourage the sprawl of Oxford (purpose 1), the merger of settlements (purpose 2) and impact on the purpose of safeguarding the Countryside (purpose 3). However, until the location, layout and landscaping of development is known this is uncertain.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>Area of Search A contains Multiple Archaeological Priority Areas and Conservation Areas, including the Oxford Canal Conservation Area which runs through the centre of the Area and the Conservation Areas within Kidlington and Begbroke. The Registered Park and Garden at Yarnton Manor sits in the south western corner of the parcel. Furthermore, numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments are scattered throughout and within the immediate vicinity of the Area.</p> <p>The historic City of Oxford lies directly to the south of the area. Furthermore, the Bland Camp Hillfort scheduled monument sites close to the western edge of the area in West Oxfordshire and the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site lies further to the north west.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character of the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets. Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage site, is located immediately to the north west of the Area.</p> <p>The setting of Oxford in the context of purpose 4 of the Green Belt may also be adversely affected.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers | 0 | <p>The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the</p> |

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| and to achieve sustainable water resources management | | local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all areas of search have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Area of Search A contains the floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) of the Rivers Thames and Cherwell at its south western and eastern sides. In addition, a number of other smaller floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) associated with smaller waterways flow through the centre of the Area. The floodplains represent approximately one third of the total area of the Area. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | Area of Search A contains the urban areas of Kidlington, Yarnton, Begbroke, London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. There are also some significant pockets of Grade 2 and Grade 4 agricultural land. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 3 or higher, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. There is potential for development to assist in urban regeneration in terms of Green Belt purpose 5. However, contributions to the principal of this purpose are uncertain until the location, layout and landscaping of developments are known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction |

| Area of Search A – Kidlington and surrounding area | | |
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| social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | | <p>techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, the vast majority of the greenfield land within the Area of Search has been designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land within a Minerals Consultation Region, sterilising a portion of the County's finite mineral resources, limiting the local availability of the resource. This is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>Area of Search A contains Kidlington, Yarnton, Begbroke, London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

Area of Search B – North and East of Kidlington

| Area of Search B – North and East of Kidlington | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford. Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations. | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and for Oxfordshire. Area of Search B scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the significant positive effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport distance of 41,364 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway accessibility of 99,423 jobs in Oxford. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. | |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | Cherwell | The Area of Search does not lie in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford and therefore has a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion within the City. The communities within Cherwell's Area of Search B are considered to be within the 50-60 percentiles or above on the indices of multiple deprivation, which is above the national average. Therefore, the Area is likely to have negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search B scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area has access to the S3 bus service (every 20 mins) which runs to Oxford from Woodstock. Islip train station is within the Area providing direct rail connection to Oxford Parkway, London, Oxford city centre and Bicester. Area of Search B contains the village of Islip and a number of small hamlets. Amenities and services in Islip include as well as the train station two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. The Area also sits in close proximity to Kidlington and London-Oxford Airport to the south and Woodstock to the west. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. |
| | ++ | ++ | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search B scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area has access to the S3 bus service (every 20 mins) which runs to Oxford from Woodstock. Islip train station is within the Area providing direct rail connection to Oxford Parkway, London, Oxford city centre And Bicester. Area of Search B contains the village of Islip and a number of small hamlets. Islip train station is within the Area providing direct rail connection to Oxford Parkway, London, Oxford city centre and Bicester. The Area also sits in close proximity to Kidlington and London-Oxford Airport to the south and Woodstock to the west where there are employment opportunities. Therefore, the Area has the potential to have significant positive effects on this objective within Cherwell District. |
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| Area of Search B – North and East of Kidlington | | |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | Area of Search B contains the village of Islip and a number of small hamlets. Islip has a GP surgery, allotments, outdoor sports facilities and children's playground. The Area contains multiple Public Rights of Way, and Bletchingdon Road which runs north-south through the centre of the parcel is a National Cycle Route connecting Kidlington with Bicester to the north and Oxford to the south. Woodstock is also close by. There is an excellent opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search B contains the village of Islip and a number of small hamlets. The Area also sits in close proximity to Kidlington and London-Oxford Airport to the south and Woodstock to the west. A railway line and the A34 emanate from Oxford to the south and run through the eastern end of the Area near Islip. Furthermore, the A44 follows the southwestern edge of the Area and another railway line runs through the centre of the Area north of Kidlington. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on existing communities in the short term during construction. Furthermore, new housing developments in close proximity to London-Oxford Airport, the A-roads and railway lines have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | The Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI sits within the Area to the north of Shipton-on-Cherwell. To the west of the same village lies a pocket of ancient woodland. In addition, the course of the River Cherwell is NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat. |

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| | | While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>Area of Search B does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area.</p> <p>The Area contains the villages of Shipton-on-Cherwell, Hampton Poyle and Islip. However, these relatively small rural settlements are not considered to have significant urbanising influences on the countryside. Therefore, significant housing growth within this relatively open and rural Area is more likely to have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District.</p> <p>There is potential for development to encourage the sprawl of Oxford (purpose 1), the merger of settlements (purpose 2) and impact on the purpose of safeguarding the Countryside (purpose 3). However, until the location, layout and landscaping of development is known this is uncertain.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>Area of Search B contains multiple Archaeological Priority Areas and Conservation Areas, including the Oxford Canal Conservation Area which runs through the centre of the Area and the Conservation Areas at Shipton-on-Cherwell, Hampton Poyle and Islip. Each contains a cluster of listed buildings. The Scheduled Monuments sit within the Area, including the deserted village of Hampton Gay and to the south of Woodstock.</p> <p>The historic City of Oxford lies beyond Kidlington to the south of the area.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location,</p> |

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| | | <p>layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets. Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage site, is located immediately to the north west of the Area</p> <p>The setting of Oxford in the context of purpose 4 of the Green Belt may also be adversely affected.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Area of Search B contains the floodplain (including flood zone 2 and 3) of the River Cherwell and one of its tributaries. The floodplains represent approximately 10% of the total area of the Area.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>Area of Search B contains the village of Islip, a few small hamlets and Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. There are also some pockets of Grade 4 agricultural land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While</p> |

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| | | <p>the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 3 or lower, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> <p>There is potential for development to assist in urban regeneration in terms of Green Belt purpose 5. However, contributions to the principal of this purpose are uncertain until the location, layout and landscaping of developments are known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, the majority of the greenfield land within the Area of Search has been designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that at least some of the development will take place on greenfield land within a Minerals Consultation Region, sterilising a portion of the County's finite mineral resources, limiting the local availability of the resource. This is likely to have a minor adverse effect on this objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>Area of Search B contains the village of Islip and a few small hamlets. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

Area of Search C – Junction 9, M40

Area of Search C – Junction 9, M40

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search C scored an 'Amber' and a 'Green' in ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of 28,902 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of 98,677 jobs in Oxford. Overall, the numbers of Oxford jobs in easy access of the Area is considered to have a minor positive effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| | 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | 0 | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford + | Cherwell ++ | <p>Area of Search C scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area is serviced by the N5 and S5 bus services to Oxford and Bicester and the NCN51 bus route to Oxford. However, Oxford is between 8-10 miles away, which is considered to be too far to regularly travel by bike.</p> <p>Area of Search C contains the village of Chersterton (a Category A Village with a school, community centre and a public house) and the smaller villages of Little Chersterton and Wendlebury. Junction 9 provides excellent road access to the north, south, east and west. Bicester is within travelable cycling distance. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities in Cherwell.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell + | <p>Area of Search C scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area is serviced by the N5 and S5 bus services to Oxford and Bicester and the NCN51 bus route to Oxford. However, Oxford is between 8-10 miles away, which is considered to be too far to regularly travel by bike.</p> <p>Area of Search C contains the village of Chersterton (a Category A Village with a school) and the smaller villages of Little Chersterton and Wendlebury. Chersterton and Wendlebury contain a National Cycle Route which runs through the Area; however, there are no train stations within the Area or in close proximity. Bicester, where there are employment opportunities, is within travelable cycling distance. Therefore, the housing growth in the Area also has the potential to have a minor positive effect on this objective in Cherwell District.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | Area of Search C contains the village of Chesterton (a Category A Village) and the smaller villages of Little Chesterton and Wendlebury. None of the villages have a GP surgery. However, Chesterton has a golf course and outdoor playing fields. The Area contains multiple Public Rights of Way and a National Cycle Route connecting Kidlington with Bicester runs through the centre of the Area. There are some opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search C contains the village of Chesterton and the smaller villages of Little Chesterton and Wendlebury. Junction 9 of the M40 sits in the centre of the Area and connects the motorway to the A34 and A41. In addition, the railway line connecting Oxford and Bicester runs through the Area. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on existing communities in the short term during construction. Furthermore, new housing developments in close proximity to the M40, A-roads and railway line have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | Warmough Copse at the southern edge of the Area is recorded as Ancient Woodland and a Local Wildlife Site. Bicester Wetland Reserve borders the Area's northern edge. In addition, a significant proportion of the Area is recognised as NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat. While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, |

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| | | indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | Area of Search C does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations. Area of Search C contains the urban areas of the village of Chesterton and the smaller villages of Little Chesterton and Wendlebury. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area. However, Area of Search C also surrounds Junction 9 of the M40. The junction and the motorway have a significant urbanising influence on the countryside within their immediate vicinity. Therefore, the Area is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth around the junction without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | Area of Search C contains a number of large Archaeological Priority Areas, including the Scheduled Monument Alchester Roman Site. The Conservation Area of the historic village of Chesterton sits at the northern edge of the Area. The village of Wendlebury does not have a Conservation Area but contains a cluster of listed buildings. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined |

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| | | through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Area of Search C contains the floodplain (including flood zone 2 and 3) of two tributaries of the River Ray located to the south. The floodplains represent approximately 15% of the total area of the Area. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | Area of Search C contains the village of Chesterton and the smaller villages of Little Chesterton and Wendlebury. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is designated as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. There is also some Grade 3 agricultural land. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as Grade 3 or 4 agricultural land. Development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 4, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | Area of Search C contains the village of Chesterton and the smaller villages of Little Chesterton and Wendlebury. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the |

| Area of Search C – Junction 9, M40 | | |
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| | | majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective. |

Area of Search D – Arncott

| Area of Search D – Arncott | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford. Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search D scored an 'Amber' and a 'Red' in ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the mixed minor positive and minor adverse effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is not within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of any jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of 66,161 jobs in Oxford. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |

| Area of Search D – Arnccott | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | Cherwell | The Area of Search does not lie in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford and therefore has a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion within the City. The communities within Cherwell's Area of Search D are considered to be within the 30-40 percentiles or above on the indices of multiple deprivation, which is below the national average. However, the percentages of these communities are not considered to be a low enough for development in the area to make a significant difference to reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell. Therefore, the effect against this objective is negligible. |
| | 0 | 0 | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search D scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant adverse effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area is not serviced by bus or walk/cycle routes to Oxford. While there is potential to use rural roads to cycle into Bicester, Oxford is 10 miles away, which is considered too far to regularly travel by bike. Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arnccott and sits directly adjacent to the village of Piddington to the east. Upper Arnccott is a Category A village that includes a village hall, village shop, public house and restaurant, but the village does not have its own school. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search D scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant adverse effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area is not serviced by bus or walk/cycle routes to Oxford. While there is potential to use rural roads to cycle into Bicester, Oxford is 10 miles away, which is considered too far to regularly travel by bike. Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arnccott and sits directly adjacent to the village of Piddington to the east. Upper Arnccott is a Category A village; however, the Area does not contain a railway station or cycle routes. There are also limited employment opportunities. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor positive effects on this objective in Cherwell District. |
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| Area of Search D – Arnccott | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arnccott and sits directly adjacent to the village of Piddington to the east. Upper Arnccott is a Category A village with fairly regular bus services; however, none of the villages have a GP surgery. The Area contains several outdoor sports facilities and recreation grounds associated with the villages of Piddington and Upper Arnccott. In addition, there are some large green spaces (Arnccott and Piddington Woods) a small allotment and children's playground within the Area. The Area contains a couple of Public Rights of Way. There are some opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arnccott and sits directly adjacent to the village of Piddington to the east. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on the existing communities in the short term during construction. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | Arnccott Wood in the centre of the Area is recognised as Ancient Woodland and a Local Wildlife Site, as are Piddington and Little Wood at the southern edge of the parcel. In addition, most of the woodlands and wetlands in the Area are recognised as NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat. While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct |

| Area of Search D – Arncliffe | | |
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| | | effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>Area of Search D does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area.</p> <p>The Area contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arncliffe and sits directly adjacent to the village of Piddington to the east. However, these relatively small rural settlements are not considered to have significant urbanising influences on the countryside. Therefore, more housing growth within this relatively open and rural Area is more likely to have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>Area of Search D contains two Archaeological Priority Areas. The village of Piddington at the eastern edge of the Area contains several Listed Buildings. Five Listed Buildings sit within the Area in the villages of Upper and Lower Arncliffe.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective. |

| Area of Search D – Arncoff | | |
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| | | Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Area of Search D does not contain any significant pockets of floodplain land designated as flood zones 2 and 3. Almost all the land within the Area falls within Flood Zone 1. Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arncoff and also contains a large area of previously developed MOD land, including buildings and areas of hardstanding. However, the majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land. The general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -? | Area of Search D contains the urban area of villages of Upper and Lower Arncoff and also contains a large area of previously developed MOD land, including buildings and areas of hardstanding. However, the majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land designated as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. There is also some Grade 3 agricultural land. For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of previously developed land. Despite this, all the land within the Area is designated as agricultural land. Therefore, development would result in a net loss of agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 4, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | +? | Area of Search D contains the villages of Upper and Lower Arncoff and also contains a large area of previously developed MOD land, including buildings and areas of hardstanding. However, the majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land. Additional housing growth in the Area is likely to take place in and around the previously developed MOD site, but may include areas of greenfield land. In acknowledgement of the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials, a minor positive effect is recorded for |

| Area of Search D – Arnclott | | |
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| | | this objective. This effect is uncertain until the potential for reusing buildings and materials has been identified. |

Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area

| Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford. Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search E scored an 'Amber' and a 'Red' in ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the mixed minor positive and minor adverse effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of 5,608 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of 66,583 jobs in Oxford. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 |

| Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area | | |
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| | | strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| The Area of Search does not lie in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford and therefore has a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion within the City. The communities within and around Bicester are considered to be within the 30-40 percentiles or above on the indices of multiple deprivation, which is below the national average. However, the percentages of these communities are not considered to be a low enough for development in the area to make a significant difference to reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell. Therefore, the effect against this objective is negligible. | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | ++ |
| | Cherwell | ++ |
| Area of Search E scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area has frequent bus services to Oxford, with a journey time of 45 mins. Bicester Village and Bicester North train stations offer rail services to London, Birmingham, Banbury and Oxford Parkway and (from the end 2016) Oxford city centre. There are likely to be fewer opportunities to cycle and particularly walk to Oxford due to the distance. Area of Search E contains Bicester, the Category A Villages of Launton and Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. Bicester, where there are employment opportunities, is connected to the M40 via the A41 emanating from its southern edge and two train lines which run through the town. Bicester contains a large number of facilities and amenities including two secondary schools, several primary schools, an outlet village, supermarkets, local and national shops, weekly markets, a cinema, a garden centre and a good range of restaurants and public houses. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. | | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | ++ |
| | Cherwell | ++/- |
| Area of Search E scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area has frequent bus services to Oxford, | | |

| Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area | | |
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| | | <p>with a journey time of 45 mins. Bicester Village and Bicester North train stations offer rail services to London, Birmingham, Banbury and Oxford Parkway and (from the end 2016) Oxford city centre.</p> <p>Area of Search E contains Bicester, the Category A Villages of Launton and Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. Bicester is connected to two train lines which run through the town. Therefore, a significant positive effect on this objective could also occur in Cherwell District.</p> <p>However, the Area contains the Bicester Town centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Development in close proximity to the AQMA could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. Therefore, both the District-wide effects associated with this objective are likely to be mixed overall.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | <p>Area of Search E contains Bicester, the Category A Villages of Launton and Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. Bicester has several GP surgeries and an Oxford Health NHS Hospital facility. There are multiple open green spaces and sports facilities within the town. Multiple Public Rights of Way emanate from the urban edge of Bicester, including a National Cycle Route which connects the town to Kidlington and Oxford to the south. There are excellent opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search E contains Bicester, the Category A Villages of Launton and Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. Bicester is connected to the M40 via the A41 emanating from its southern edge and two train lines run through the town. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on the on existing communities in the short</p> |

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| | | term during construction. Furthermore, new housing developments in close proximity to the railway lines or A-roads have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Bure Park Local Nature Reserve sits within the urban edge of Bicester town. There are several Local Wildlife Sites within the Area, including Bicester Airfield to the north east of the town. In addition, there are some significant pockets of NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat to the north east and east of Bicester Town.</p> <p>While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>Area of Search E does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area. However, Area of Search E contains Bicester. Therefore, the Area is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to the existing urban edge of the town without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the</p> |

| Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area | | |
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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>District. However the impact and effects of sites will need to take account of further evidence on landscape.</p> <p>Area of Search E contains the historic town of Bicester. The town's historic core is designated as a Conservation Area and is peppered with Listed Buildings. RAF Bicester to the north east of the town also designated as a Conservation Area and contains multiple Scheduled Monuments and Listed Buildings. The Conservation Area of the historic village of Chesterton sits on the south western edge of the parcel. The deserted medieval village of Wretchwick to the south east of the town is designated as a scheduled monument.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Area of Search E contains the floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) of two tributaries of the River Ray located to the south. The floodplains represent approximately 5% of the total area of the Area.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in | --? | <p>Area of Search E contains the urban areas of Bicester town and the villages of Launton and</p> |

| Area of Search E – Bicester and surrounding area | | |
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| land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | | <p>Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. However, for the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land. The greenfield land surrounding the town and villages is designated as Grade 2, 3 and 4 agricultural land.</p> <p>Therefore, development would result in a net loss of agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 2 and 3, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | -? | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, the land to the east of the Area is designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region. Given the size of the Area, it is unlikely that additional housing growth would need to take place on the Minerals Consultation Region. As there is potential for new housing growth within the Area to sterilise a portion of the County's finite mineral resources limiting the local availability of the resource a minor adverse effect on this objective is recorded; however, in acknowledgement of the relatively small proportion of the Area covered by the Minerals Consultation Region, this effect is uncertain.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>Area of Search E contains the urban areas of Bicester town and the villages of Launton and Chesterton and the village of Caversfield. However, for the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

Area of Search F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+/-</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search F scored an 'Amber' and a 'Red' in ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the mixed minor positive and minor adverse effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of 20,210 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of 39,288 jobs in Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |

| Area of Search F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | | | Justification |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| | 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | 0 | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search F scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area is serviced by hourly bus services to Oxford (25A) and the railway station at Heyford is close to the Area's western edge. However, there is no cycleway provision and at distance of 12-16 miles from central Oxford, the area is outside the scope of cycling for most people. In addition, a new secondary school has been constructed in the area. Area of Search F lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford and contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott which are not recognised as Category A Villages, but do each contain a public house. Furthermore, Upper Heyford includes a village hall. However, the village of Upper Heyford sits adjacent to the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. Policy 'Villages 5' requires the new settlement to provide a new 1-1.5 form entry primary school, sports pitches, a sports pavilion, play areas and indoor sports provision, a nursery, community hall, local centre/hotel, a neighbourhood police facility and improvements to the water supply and sewerage network. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. However there is no guarantee that all these services and facilities will be provided. Therefore this effect is uncertain. |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | Area of Search F scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area is serviced by hourly bus services to Oxford (25A) and the railway station at Heyford is close to the Area's western edge. However, there is no cycleway provision and at distance of 12-16 miles from central Oxford, the area is |
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| | | <p>outside the scope of cycling for most people.</p> <p>Area of Search F lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford and contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott. There are some employment opportunities in the area including at the former airbase. The railway station at Heyford is close to the Area's western edge. While there is no cycleway provision, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate a minor positive effect on this objective in Cherwell District.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | <p>Area of Search F lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford and contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott which are not recognised as Category A Villages. However, the village of Upper Heyford sits adjacent to the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. Policy 'Villages 5' requires the new settlement to provide contributions to health care provision as well as new sports pitches, sports pavilion, play areas and indoor sport provision. While there are multiple Public Rights of Way that cross through the Area, the policy requires the settlement to encourage walking and cycling through the provision of new footpaths and cycle paths that connect to the existing network. There is an excellent opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search F lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford and contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott. The village of Upper Heyford sits adjacent to the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. Therefore, more housing growth in the area has the potential to contribute to the already significant amount</p> |

| Area of Search F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | | |
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| | | earmarked for the area, with minor adverse effects on the existing communities in the short term during construction. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>The floodplain of the River Cherwell which follows the western edge of the Area is recognised as NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat. Cooper's Spinney Ancient Woodland also sits along the western edge of the parcel. Upper Heyford Airfield located in the north eastern corner of the Area is designated as a Local Wildlife Site.</p> <p>The airfield has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. Policy 'Villages 5' requires the new settlement to conserve and enhance the airfield through appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures, including new wildlife corridors and the provision of habitat for great crested newts and ground nesting birds.</p> <p>While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>Area of Search F does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area.</p> <p>The Area lies adjacent to the village of Lower Heyford and contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott. The village of Upper Heyford sits adjacent to the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. However, these</p> |

| Area of Search F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | | |
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| | | relatively small rural settlements are not considered to have significant urbanising influences on the countryside. Therefore, more housing growth within this relatively open and rural Area is more likely to have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>Area of Search F contains multiple Archaeological Priority Areas and two large Conservation Areas – Rousham, Lower Heyford and Upper Heyford Conservation Area and RAF Upper Heyford Conservation Area. Together the two Conservation Areas make-up approximately 70% of the land area within the Area. Each contains several listed buildings. RAF Upper Heyford also contains several Scheduled Monuments associated with the Area's past use as an airfield.</p> <p>The Rousham Grade 1 Historic Park and Garden follows the western edge of the area at the boundary with West Oxfordshire. The Park includes many listed buildings including the Grade I listed Rousham House which lies close to the western edge of the area/District.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Area of Search F does not contain any significant pockets of floodplain land designated as flood zones 2 and 3. Almost all the land within the Area falls within Flood Zone 1.</p> <p>Area of Search F contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott and the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings.</p> |

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| | | For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place within and around the airbase. However, it is uncertain whether the former RAF base would be able to accommodate additional housing growth. Therefore, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>Area of Search F contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott and the former military base RAF Upper Heyford (designated as non-agricultural, which includes previously developed land).</p> <p>RAF Upper Heyford has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings. Beyond the limits of RAF Upper Heyford, the majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. There are also some pockets of Grade 2 agricultural land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that development would have to take place outside the former airbase on greenfield land. Further growth could result in a net loss of agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 3, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | +? | <p>Area of Search F contains the villages of Upper Heyford and Caulcott and the former military base RAF Upper Heyford which has been allocated in the Part 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan for the development of a new settlement of approximately 2,361 dwellings.</p> <p>Additional housing growth in the Area is likely to take place in and around the previously developed MOD site; however, it is likely that the majority of the buildings and materials</p> |

| Area of Search F – Former RAF Upper Heyford and surrounding area | | |
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| | | available on site will be reused in the development of the allocated settlement. In acknowledgement of the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. This effect is uncertain until the potential for reusing buildings and materials has been identified. |

Area of Search G – Junction 10, M40

Area of Search G – Junction 10, M40

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+/-</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search G scored an 'Amber' and a 'Red' in ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the mixed minor positive and minor adverse effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is not within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of any jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of 77,604 jobs in Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | The Area of Search does not lie in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford and therefore has a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion within the City. The communities within Cherwell's Area of Search G are considered to be within the 50-60 percentiles or above on the indices of multiple deprivation, which is above the national average. Therefore, the Area is likely to have negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | -- | Area of Search G scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant adverse effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area is not serviced by rail, bus or walk/cycle routes to Oxford. Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley which are not recognised as Category A Villages. While neither village contains any shops, both have a public house. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on this objective, due to the fact that the new development would not be in close proximity to existing services and facilities. |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | -- | Area of Search G scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant adverse effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. The Area is not serviced by rail, bus or walk/cycle routes to Oxford. The area has no rail or cycle routes. There are limited employment opportunities in the area. Therefore housing growth in the Area has the potential to have a minor negative effect on this objective in Cherwell District. |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | | + | Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley which are not recognised as Category A Villages. Neither village has a GP surgery, but the villages have playing fields. Furthermore, the Area contains a number of greenspaces including Ardley Wood SSSI and Stoke Wood. The Area also contains multiple Public Rights of Way. There are some opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. |
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| 4. To reduce crime and disorder | | | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors |

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| and the fear of crime. | | such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on the on existing communities in the short term during construction. Junction 10 of the M40 sits in the centre of the Area and connects the motorway to the A43 north. New housing developments in close proximity to the M40 and A-road have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | | Ardley Cutting and Quarry at the southern edge of the Area is designated as a SSSI and a Local Geological Site. Stoke Wood to the south east of the service station is an Ancient Woodland designated as a Local Wildlife Site. In addition, small pockets of woodland and scrubland within the Area are recorded as NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat. While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | Area of Search G does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley and the |

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| | | Cherwell Valley Services at Junction 10 off the M40. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area. However, Area of Search G surrounds Junction 10 of the M40. The junction and the motorway have a significant urbanising influence on the countryside within their immediate vicinity. Therefore, the Area is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth around the junction without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | Area of Search G contains the historic villages of Fewcott and Ardley. Each village has a Conservation Area which contains a cluster of Listed Buildings. The Conservation Area of Ardley also contains a Scheduled Monument – Ardley Wood Moated Ringwork. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Area of Search G does not contain any significant pockets of floodplain land designated as flood zones 2 and 3. Almost all the land within the Area falls within Flood Zone 1. Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley and the Cherwell Valley Services at Junction 10 off the M40. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land. Therefore, for the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land |

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| | | which would increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley and the Cherwell Valley Services at Junction 10 off the M40. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. There is also some Grade 2 agricultural land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as Grade 2 and 3. Development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 3, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | -? | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, a small area of land within the Area is designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region. Given the size of the Area, it is unlikely that additional housing growth would need to take place on the Minerals Consultation Region. As there is potential for new housing growth within the Area to sterilise a portion of the County's finite mineral resources limiting the local availability of the resource a minor adverse effect on this objective is recorded; however, in acknowledgement of the relatively small proportion of the Area covered by the Minerals Consultation Region, this effect is uncertain.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>Area of Search G contains the villages of Fewcott and Ardley and the Cherwell Valley Services at Junction 10 off the M40. However, the vast majority of the land within the Area is greenfield land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | ++ | The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford. Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | -- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search H scored 'Red' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs', hence the significant adverse effect on access to employment opportunities within Oxford. The Area is within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of 1,699 jobs in Oxford but not within 45 minutes highway distance of any jobs in Oxford. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social | Oxford | Cherwell | The Area of Search does not lie in close proximity to the urban edge of Oxford and therefore |

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| exclusion. | 0 + | | has a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion within the City. The communities around Banbury are generally low on the indices on multiple deprivation; however there are several communities within the town which are recorded as being within the 10-30% percentiles, which is well below the national average. Housing growth within close proximity to these communities has the potential to have a positive effect in reducing poverty and social exclusion in Cherwell by contributing to the regeneration of the communities through investment in new public realm, facilities and services. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective in Cherwell District. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | | Area of Search H scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. Banbury's existing train services to Oxford and Bicester are good. While bus services are limited, the Bankside cycle route to NCN 5 links Banbury to Oxford. However, at 26 miles, this represents an unrealistic traveling distance for most individuals. |
| | | Cherwell | Area of Search H contains Banbury. Banbury contains a good range of facilities including four secondary schools, several primary schools, a leisure centre, a library, banks and shops. This Area of Search also contains the Category A Village of Bodicote, which has a primary school, Post Office and two public houses. Banbury is connected to the M40 and has a railway station. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | | Area of Search H scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the minor positive effect in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and road congestion. Banbury's existing train services to Oxford and Bicester are good. While bus services are limited, the Bankside cycle route to NCN 5 links Banbury to Oxford. However, at 26 miles, this represents an unrealistic traveling distance for most individuals. |
| | | Cherwell | Area of Search H contains Banbury and the Category A Village of Bodicote. Banbury has a railway station and the Bankside cycle route links the town to the National Cycle Network. There are employment opportunities at Banbury. However, the Area contains the Horsefair and Hennef Way Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAS). Development in close proximity to the AQMAS could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems. Therefore, both the District-wide |

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | effects associated with this objective are likely to be mixed overall. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | Area of Search H contains Banbury and the Category A Village of Bodicote. Banbury has several GP surgeries as well as a cluster of hospital buildings associated with Oxford University. There are multiple open green spaces and sports facilities within the town. Multiple Public Rights of Way emanate from the urban edge of Banbury, including a National Cycle Route which connects the town to Kidlington and Oxford to the south. There is an excellent opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search H contains Banbury and the Category A Village of Bodicote to the south. Banbury is connected to the M40, which runs along its eastern edge and has a railway station. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on the existing communities in the short term during construction. Furthermore, new housing developments in close proximity to the railway line and motorway have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise and air pollution effects. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | Neithrop Fields Cutting SSSI sits within the urban edge of Banbury and the Giants Cave Local Geological Site is located on the south western edge of the Area. In addition, pockets of NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority habitat are scattered throughout the Area. |

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | |
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| | | While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | Area of Search H does not contain portions of or lie within 250m of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). For the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to existing settlements. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area. However, Area of Search H contains Banbury. Therefore, the Area is more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to the existing urban edge of the town without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. However the impact and effects of sites will need to take account of further evidence on landscape. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | Area of Search H contains the historic town of Banbury and historic village of Bodicote. The settlement's historic cores are designated as Conservation Areas, each peppered with Listed Buildings. The Oxford Canal Conservation Area cuts through the centre of the town. Wroxton Abbey Registered Park and Garden and Conservation Area borders the Area's western edge. The Former World War I National Filling Factory Scheduled Monument is located just outside the District on the eastern side of the M40. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets. |
| 11. To maintain and improve | 0 | The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the |

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | | nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Area of Search H contains the floodplain (including flood zone 2 and 3) of the River Cherwell which flows through the urban area of Banbury. The floodplain represents approximately 10% of the total area of the Area. While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | Area of Search H contains the urban areas of Banbury town and the village of Bodicote. However, for the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land. The greenfield land surrounding the town and village is designated as Grade 2, 3 and 4 agricultural land. Therefore, development would result in a net loss of agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 2 and 3, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the Grade 3 agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | -? | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible. However, the vast majority of the greenfield land to the west and south of the Area is designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region. Given the size of the Area, it is possible that additional housing growth would need to take place on the |

| Area of Search H – Banbury and surrounding area | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | Minerals Consultation Region. As there is potential for new housing growth within the Area to sterilise a portion of the County's finite mineral resources limiting the local availability of the resource a minor adverse effect on this objective is recorded; however, in acknowledgement of the fact that approximately half of the greenfield land within the Area is not safeguarded, this effect is uncertain. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | Area of Search H contains the urban areas of Banbury town and the village of Bodicote. However, for the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective. |

Area of Search I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal

| Area of Search I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | | | | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>++</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | | | ++ | <p>The Area of Search has the potential to accommodate a significant number of homes, including affordable homes, to contribute to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need, with significant positive effects for the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 housing allocations.</p> |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
| | ++ | | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-?</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | | | -? | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Area of Search I represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search and was too large for ITP to carryout accurate modelling assessing 'access to jobs'. In the absence a transport modeling score, it is considered that housing growth in the majority of Area of Search I would have a minor adverse effect on this objective. This is due to the fact that the Area is wholly rural in nature and largely remote from existing local and regional centres with sustainable transport links to jobs in Oxford.</p> <p>Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1</p> |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
| | -? | | | | | |

| Area of Search I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | Oxford | strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Cherwell's housing and employment need has already been planned for through the Part 1 strategic allocations and any additional Part 2 allocations. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | -- |
| | Cherwell | --? |
| | | Area of Search I represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. This Area is wholly rural in character. The vast majority of the Area is recorded as being low on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, across the majority of the area new development is likely to have a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion in Oxford and Cherwell. Area of Search I scored 'Red' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport', hence the significant adverse effect in relation to access to services and facilities in Oxford. The Area of Search represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. Accommodating further housing growth throughout the District's rural areas, not serviced by rail, bus or walk/cycle routes to Oxford would have a significant adverse effect on this objective. Only the Category A villages of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke are in close proximity to Oxford. Kidlington has considerably more services and facilities than any other Category A village. Area of Search I represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search, which is rural in character. Villages, some of which are Category A villages, are scattered throughout rural areas of the District. However services and facilities and transport opportunities even in Category A villages are limited in Cherwell compared to its towns. The Council's HELAA contains information about these services and facilities. The vast majority of the area is not in close proximity to local services and facilities within the District's towns and villages. Therefore, strategic housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on this objective, due to the fact that the |

| Area of Search 1 – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| | 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell |
| -- | | - | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | <p>Area of Search 1 represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. The Area is largely rural and remote, with limited access GP and hospital facilities. While the vast majority of the land within the area is isolated from a good range of public open spaces, sport and recreation facilities, the majority of the land within the rural area of the District is within 800m of a Public Right of Way. Furthermore, there are a number of National Cycle Routes which cross through the District. There are some opportunities to promote healthy lifestyles through walking and cycling.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the Area of Search is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | | <p>Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity. Area of Search 1</p> |

| Area of Search I – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search, which is rural in character. Villages are scattered throughout rural areas of the District. Housing growth in these rural areas has the potential to generate minor adverse effects on the on existing communities in the short term during construction. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Area of Search I represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. The Area is largely rural and contains dozens of local and national biodiversity sites, including Local Wildlife Sites and SSSIs, and multiple pockets of Ancient Woodland. Ardley Fields Quarry Local Geological Site sits in the centre of the District within the Area. In addition to the ecological assets that fall within the area, the Northbrook Marsh Local Wildlife Site sits on the western edge of the area in West Oxfordshire, the Woodeaton Quarry Geological SSSI and Shabbington Woods Complex ecological SSSI on the southern edge of the area in South Oxfordshire and the Upper Ray Meadows Local Wildlife Site at the eastern edge of the area in Aylesbury Vale District.</p> <p>While the direct effects of new development within the Area of Search on such biodiversity and geodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth within the remoter rural areas of the District has the potential to generate significant, indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the Area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>Area of Search I represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. This Area contains a portion of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) west on Banbury. Furthermore, much of the western edge within this portion of the District is within 250m of the AONB. The Area is predominantly rural and remote. Therefore, for the Area to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that this development will have to take place in rural locations. While the effects of such strategic allocations are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the rural areas of the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the countryside and the AONB, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists in the Area.</p> |

| Area of Search 1 – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>Area of Search 1 contains multiple Archaeological Priority Areas and Conservation Areas associated with the many historic villages that are distributed throughout the Area, including the Oxford Canal Conservation Area which runs through the centre of the Area. Several Registered Parks and Gardens sit within the area, including the large Wroxton Abbey, Broughton Castle, Middleton Park and Kirtlington Park. Furthermore, numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments are scattered throughout the Area, as well as the registered Battlefield of Cropredy Bridge (1644). Several historic assets sit in close proximity to the area outside the District in neighbouring authorities, including the Whitehill medieval settlement immediately south of Old Whitehill Farm Scheduled Monument and the Grade 1 Rousham Registered Park and Garden in West Oxfordshire and the Grade I Farnborough Hall Registered Park and Garden and Grade II* listed Upton House Registered Park and Garden in Stratford-on-Avon District Council.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location, layout, landscaping and design are known, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on the setting and special character the above statutory cultural heritage assets, as well as local cultural heritage assets.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of new development within the Area could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all Areas of Search have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Area of Search 1 contains the floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) of the Rivers Cherwell and Ray. In addition, the southern part of the area contains Ot moor which is a large waterlogged moorland. The floodplains represent approximately 5% of the total area of the Area.</p> <p>While the effects of new housing development in the Area are uncertain until the location and design of such development is known, it is unlikely that such development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3. However, the general principle of housing growth within the Area of Search (most likely on greenfield land) has the</p> |

| Area of Search 1 – Remainder of District / Rural dispersal | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with minor adverse effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>Area of Search 1 represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. The Area is largely rural and remote. The majority of the land within the Area is designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; however, there are some significant portions of Grade 2 and Grade 4 agricultural land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within the Area is Grade 3, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | -? | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within this Area of Search on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, there are four pockets of land designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Regions, including a particularly large area to the south and west of Banbury. Given the size of the Area, it is unlikely that additional housing growth would need to take place on the Minerals Consultation Regions. As there is potential for new housing growth within the Area to sterilise a portion of the County's finite mineral resources limiting the local availability of the resource a minor adverse effect on this objective is recorded; however, in acknowledgement of the relatively small proportion of the Area covered by the Minerals Consultation Regions, this effect is uncertain.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>Area of Search 1 represents the remainder of the District not covered by the other Areas of Search. The Area is largely rural greenfield land.</p> <p>For the Area to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore, a minor adverse effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

Appendix 5

Quantum options detailed appraisal matrix

| SA Objectives | | SA Scores | | | Justification – Effects on areas of search A and B |
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| | | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | | ++ | ++ | ++/--? | <p>Cherwell District Council has been apportioned 4,400 dwellings as a result of the Oxfordshire Growth Board's Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme. This equates to just under 30% of Oxford's unmet housing need up to 2031. Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will significantly increase the number of affordable homes in areas of search A and B, with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within Cherwell is likely to result in an under provision of housing in and around Oxford, which has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need with significant positive effects. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | ++ | ++ | +/--? | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Kidlington and the surrounding area (areas of search A and B) scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'. Areas of search A and B are within 45 minutes walking and public transport accessibility of between 41,000 and 52,000 jobs in Oxford and 45 minutes highway distance of roughly 99,000 jobs in Oxford.</p> <p>Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will significantly increase the number of homes (including affordable homes) for the area's workforce, with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford could result in significantly fewer homes in close proximity to the City, making it harder for local workers and students to access the City's employment opportunities, inhibiting economic growth in the area with significant adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.</p> |

| SA Objectives | | SA Scores | | | Justification – Effects on areas of search A and B |
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| | | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | + | + | +/-? | Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford could result in significantly fewer homes in close proximity to the City, making it harder for local workers and students to access the City's employment and education opportunities, inhibiting economic growth and innovation in the area with minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell still has the potential to meet a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need, helping to attract and retain workers and students to the area with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kidlington and the surrounding area (areas of search A and B) are generally considered to contain some of the least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivation. Therefore, new development within areas of search A and B is likely to have a negligible effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion, i.e. new residential communities are unlikely to contribute to regenerating the area. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | | ++ | ++ | +/-? | The area to the north of Oxford around Kidlington (areas of search A and B) scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport' to Oxford due to the presence of good existing bus services to Oxford and Kidlington, and fair bus services to Bicester, the close proximity of Oxford Parkway and Islip train stations and existing Park & Ride sites, including Water Eaton and Peartree. Furthermore, National Cycle Routes 5 & 51 connect areas of search A and B to Oxford which lies 4 miles to the south (a reasonable distance to travel by bike). In addition, areas of search A and B contain Kidlington and the smaller settlements of Begbroke, Islip and Yarnton, and lie in close proximity to Woodstock, which contain a range of local service |

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| | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/- | ++/- | +/-? | <p>and facilities. In the north western corner of the area (to the north west of Kidlington) lies London-Oxford Airport. Therefore, housing growth in areas of search A and B has the potential to generate significant positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities.</p> <p>Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford and the village of Kidlington will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good range of local services and facilities and in close proximity to the City of Oxford with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County, locations which might not have as good accessibility to local services and facilities and the City of Oxford, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to the City's facilities and services, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.</p> |
| | | | | <p>Close proximity or easy access to local facilities and services, reduces the need to travel by private car, helping to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport which contribute towards reducing air pollution and road congestion.</p> <p>The area to the north of Oxford around Kidlington (areas of search A and B) scored 'Green' in ITP's assessment of 'proximity to current sustainable transport' to Oxford due to the presence of good existing bus services to Oxford and Kidlington, and fair bus services to Bicester, the close proximity of Oxford Parkway and Islip train stations and existing Park & Ride sites, including Water Eaton and Peartree. Furthermore, National Cycle Routes 5 & 51 connect areas of search A and B to Oxford which lies 4 miles to the south (a reasonable distance to travel by bike).</p> <p>In addition, areas of search A and B contain Kidlington and the smaller settlements of Begbroke, Islip and Yarnton, and lie in close proximity to Woodstock, which contain a range of local service and facilities. In the north western corner of the area (to the north west of Kidlington) lies London-Oxford Airport. Therefore, housing growth in the area has the potential to generate significant</p> |

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| | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes | |
| | | | | <p>positive effects on this objective by maintaining or improving accessibility to services and facilities. However, the area's southern edge borders the Oxford Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), which covers the entire City. Development in close proximity to the AQMA could impact on local air quality and health, particularly if vehicle movements associated with the new development (including potentially HGVs) compound existing air quality problems, with minor adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to the City of Oxford and the village of Kidlington will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good range of local services and facilities and in close proximity to the City of Oxford with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> <p>Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County, locations which might not have as good accessibility to local services and facilities and the City of Oxford, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to the City's facilities and services, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | ++ | +/-? | <p>Areas of search A and B contain Kidlington and the smaller settlements of Begbroke, Islip and Yarnton. Kidlington and Yarnton both contain GP surgeries, sports facilities and other forms of open space. Islip has a GP surgery, allotments, outdoor sports facilities and a children's playground. Areas of search A and B contain multiple Public Rights of Way, and National Cycle Routes connect Kidlington with Bicester to the north and Oxford to the south. Woodstock and the urban area of Oxford are also close by.</p> <p>Delivering all 4,400 homes, or significantly more, in close proximity to Oxford and the villages will ensure that the new homes are located in areas with a good access to medical services and open spaces for recreation, with significant positive effects on this objective.</p> |

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| | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes | |
| | | | | Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within close proximity to Oxford and the villages would result in the need to meet significantly more of Oxford's unmet housing need in alternative locations within the County, locations which might not have as good accessibility to medical services and open spaces and sports facilities for recreation, resulting in minor adverse effects on this objective. However, even the provision of significantly fewer dwellings within Cherwell could still ensure that a significant proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need is located in close proximity to medical services and recreation facilities of Oxford, Kidlington, Islip and Yarnton, with minor positive effects on this objective. Overall, this effect is uncertain until the number of homes is known. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | 0 | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within Cherwell under all four options is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | - | - | Despite the opportunity to invest in and create new vibrant communities in Cherwell, a minor negative effect is identified in relation to residential amenity for the options which would result in the development of additional new homes within Cherwell. This is because areas of search A and B, particularly around Kidlington, Begbroke, Islip, Woodstock and Yarnton contain a significant number of existing residential communities. Therefore, housing growth in areas of search A and B has the potential to generate noise, air and light pollution affecting existing communities, particularly in the short term during construction. Furthermore, area of search A contains London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park, two railway lines and the A44 and A34. New housing developments in close proximity to London-Oxford Airport, A-roads or railway lines have the potential to generate minor adverse effects on new communities, associated with long term noise, air and light pollution effects. |

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| | | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes | |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | | | | | <p>Areas of search A and B contain portions of the Oxford Meadows SAC, Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI and Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI. Rushy Meadows SSSI lies in the centre of the area to the west of Kidlington. In addition, there are multiple Local Wildlife Sites to the south and west of Kidlington, including some pockets of ancient woodland around Begbroke. The courses of the Oxford Canal and the River Cherwell contain NERC Act S41 Habitat of Principal Importance/BAP Priority Habitat.</p> <p>While the direct effects of new development within Cherwell on such biodiversity assets cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment, the general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate indirect adverse effects on such assets, in the short term during construction and in the long term associated with the general increase in population in the area. Direct effects will be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.</p> <p>The greater the number of dwellings (i.e. under the options to deliver 4,400 homes or significantly more), the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.</p> |
| | --? | --? | -? | | |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | | | | | <p>For the areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate more housing growth it is likely that development will have to take place in rural locations as strategic urban extensions to the City of Oxford or around the villages of Kidlington, Begbroke, Islip, Shipton-on-Cherwell, Woodstock or Yarnton. The general principle of housing growth within rural areas has the potential to generate adverse effects on the countryside, both in terms of its landscape character and quality and the ability for existing and new communities to access and enjoy what currently exists.</p> <p>Being in close proximity to the large village of Kidlington and the urban area of Oxford, areas of search A and B are more likely to be able to accommodate housing growth as extensions to their existing urban edges without significant adverse effects on the landscape character of the wider countryside within the District. Therefore, accommodating 4,400 homes, or significantly fewer homes, in the area has the potential to generate minor adverse effects.</p> |
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| | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes | |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | --- | --- | <p>Accommodating significantly more than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects.</p> <p>All effects of new development irrespective of the total amount are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.</p> <p>Areas of search A and B contain multiple Archaeological Priority Areas and Conservation Areas, including the Oxford Canal Conservation Area, which runs through the centre of the area, and the Conservation Areas within the urban area of Kidlington and the smaller villages of Begbroke, Shipton-on-Cherwell, Hampton Poyle and Islip. The Registered Park and Garden at Yarnton Manor sits in the south western corner of the parcel. Furthermore, numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments are scattered throughout areas of search A and B, including the deserted village of Hampton Gay.</p> <p>Finally, the Areas of Search lie in close proximity to the historic settlement of Woodstock which lies adjacent to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Given the concentration of historic assets within the area, the general principle of housing growth has the potential to generate significant adverse effects on their setting and special character. The greater the number of dwellings (i.e. under the options to deliver 4,400 homes or significantly more), the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering significantly less than 4,400 homes within area has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects, although this uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.</p> <p>All effects of new development irrespective of the amount to be delivered are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | 0 | 0 | <p>The location of new development within areas of search A and B could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all options are considered to have a negligible effect on</p> |

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| | 4,400 Homes | > 4,400 Homes | < 4,400 Homes | |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | --? | --? | -? | <p>this objective.</p> <p>Areas of search A and B contain the floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) of the Rivers Thames and Cherwell. In addition, a number of other smaller floodplains (including flood zone 2 and 3) associated with smaller waterways flow through the area.</p> <p>While it is unlikely that development will be accommodated on areas designated as Flood Zones 2 and 3, the general principle of housing growth within areas of search A and B (most likely on greenfield land) has the potential to increase the area of impermeable surfaces within the District with adverse effects on this objective.</p> <p>The greater the number of dwellings, the more potential for significant adverse effects. Delivering 4,400 homes, or significantly more than 4,400 homes, within the area has the potential to generate more significant adverse effects, although this uncertain until the exact number of homes and their location are known.</p> <p>Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor adverse effects.</p> <p>All effects of new development irrespective of the amount to be delivered are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | --? | -? | <p>Areas of search A and B contain Kidlington, Yarnton, Begbroke, Islip, Shipton-on-Cherwell, London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park. However, the vast majority of the land within areas of search A and B is designated as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. There are also some significant pockets of Grade 2 and Grade 4 agricultural land.</p> <p>For areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land classified as high quality agricultural land. Development of 4,400 homes or significantly more on such land will result in a net loss of greenfield and agricultural land within the District with significant adverse effects on this objective. While the majority of the agricultural land within areas of search A and B is Grade 3 or higher, there is some uncertainty associated with the fact that it is unknown whether the agricultural land is Grade 3a or Grade 3b.</p> <p>Accommodating significantly less than 4,400 dwellings has the potential to generate more minor</p> |

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| | 4,400 Homes | >4,400 Homes | <4,400 Homes | |
| | | | | <p>adverse effects.</p> <p>All effects of new development are uncertain until their location, layout, landscaping and design are known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | | | | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within areas of search A and B on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>However, the vast majority of the greenfield land within areas of search A and B has been designated by Oxfordshire County Council as a Minerals Consultation Region.</p> <p>For areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on greenfield land within a Minerals Consultation Region, sterilising a portion of the County's finite mineral resources and limiting its local availability. Therefore minor adverse effects are recorded for options involving varying quantities of development within the District.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | | | | <p>Areas of search A and B contain Kidlington, Yarnton, Begbroke, Islip, Shipton-on-Cherwell, London-Oxford Airport and the Oxford Spire Business Park. However, the vast majority of the land within areas of search A and B is greenfield land.</p> <p>For the areas of search A and B to be able to accommodate additional housing growth it is likely that the majority of this development will take place on areas of greenfield land limiting the opportunity to reuse existing buildings and materials. Therefore minor adverse effects are recorded for options involving varying quantities of development within the District.</p> |

Appendix 6

Residential site options within areas of search A and B
detailed appraisal matrices

Site Options Selected for Allocation in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review

Site 20a - Begbroke Science Park, including Yarnton Nurseries and Begbroke West Gap

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 8,731 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore a minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | Cherwell 0 |
| | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. | |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site's east boundary is located adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. In addition, the site's north west boundary lies directly adjacent to Begbroke which contains a village hall and one public house. Furthermore, the east boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to Yarnton, which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall. There is an opportunity to link to existing services and facilities.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion. | ++/- | ++/- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++/-) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and | ++ | | This site is within 800m of three healthcare facilities, the closest being Yarnton Medical |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | Practise approximately 294m to the south of the A44 (Woodstock Road West) and the furthest Gosford Hill Medical Centre is approximately 526m to the east of the A4260 (Oxford Road). The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Croxford Gardens Amenity Greenspace, Yarnton Pitches, The Phelps Amenity Greenspace, Lyne Road Amenity Greenspace and Cassington Road Amenity Greenspace, Yarnton. Nearby sports facilities, include Little Marsh Playing Field, Yarnton Park, Kidlington Football Club, Ron Groves Park and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There are several public footpaths which intersect the site around the northern and southern areas of the site. There are two and a cycle route approximately 224m to the east and 44m to the west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Kidlington to the east of the site, Yarnton to the south and Begbroke to the west. In addition, there is a train line which bisects the eastern area of the site and the A44 (Woodstock Road) is adjacent to the western area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term. |

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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and four non statutory designated sites. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designation, is located immediately adjacent to the north-eastern corner of this site. The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS): The Meadows west of Oxford Canal LWS and North Meadow west of Canal DWS are located approximately 300m to the south of this site and the Stratfield Brake woodland DWS is a short distance further east of them, on the opposite side of the Oxford Canal. Begbroke Wood LWS is also located approximately 500m to the west of the sites westernmost extent, lying beyond the A44.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is Medium/Low. This value was based upon the wide variety of habitats on site (including potentially ancient species-rich hedgerows) and the potential of these habitats for protected species such as bats and also due to the presence of a species-rich flora community along the Oxford Canal which contains a county-rare species (hop sedge). A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 175 ha of land which is primarily in agricultural use but also contains Begbroke Science Park in the centre of the site, Parker's Farm in the east and Yarnton Allotments adjacent to the A44 in the west of the area.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as some areas within the site are considered most suitable for development including to the east of the railway line. This does not however rule out other areas of the site subject to detailed assessment of any proposals coming forwards. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains one Listed Building within the boundary, Grade II listed Begbroke Farmhouse. Additionally within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are a further 27 Listed Buildings and four Conservation Areas, including Tudor Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building and Begbroke Conservation Area Conservation.</p> <p>There are 49 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which 32 are within the boundary of the site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as those associated with the canal. There are also eleven archaeological events within the study area, of which four are within the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). Portions of the land within this site adjoin the Oxford Canal, a conservation area which marks a clear distinction between settlement and countryside that makes some contribution to the historic setting of Oxford, albeit limited by distance.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of |

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| the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | | <p>the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>Rowel Brook runs through the northern tip of the site and the Oxford Canal follows its north eastern edge. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 25% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2, is susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 45%) is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 3 (approximately 40%) Agricultural Land and urban (approximately 5%); therefore a significant negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within</p> |

Site 20a - Begbroke Science Park, including Yarnton Nurseries and Begbroke West Gap

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| <p>local products.</p> | | <p>sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 22 - Land North West of Oxford Airport, near Woodstock

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 2,436 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> |
| <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'amber' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | Cherwell 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford + | Cherwell ++ | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). The site is located next to Woodstock which contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, secondary school, a doctor's surgery, shops and places to eat. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford + | Cherwell + | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford. This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell. |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. There are several public footpaths within 800m and the site is adjacent to a cycle route, which may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. This site is adjacent to Perdiswell farm House on Shipton Road to the north and a property on Oxford Road to the south. In addition the A4095 (Upper Campsfield Road) and the A44 (Oxford Road) are adjacent to the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and longer term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found two statutory designated sites and five non statutory sites. The statutory designations are Shipton-on-Cherwell and Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI located approximately 1.4km north-east and Blenheim Park approximately 1.2km to 1.4km to the west and south of the site.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include three Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS): Woodstock Water Meadows is located approximately 1km to the west, Bunker Hill Quarry LWS is approximately 1.4km to the north-east and Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 1.6km south of site beyond the A4095. Weavely Furze Firewood Allotments is a DLWS located approximately 1.6km to the north of the site beyond Sansoms Lane Green Lane DLWS which located approximately 200m north of the site off Shipton Road.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low due the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 48.72 ha of arable land bound on the north-east and south-east boundaries by a belt of mature deciduous structure planting and on the north-west and south-west boundaries by mature hedgerows which are outgrown in places.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as development within the whole site area is not considered to be appropriate due</p> |

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| | | <p>to the Scheduled Ancient Monument located in the southwest of the site. This is an area which should be protected from development, if development within the wider site area were to take place, to ensure the protection of both the Scheduled Ancient Monument within the site and the setting of the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site and Grade I Registered Park and Garden. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains one Scheduled Monument, a designated heritage asset. Within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, is Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage Site, two Grade II Listed Buildings and one Registered Park and Gardens.</p> <p>There are five recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which is located within Site 22. There is one duplication of these records, the Scheduled Monument of Blenheim Villa.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have High/Medium sensitivity and so a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is not located in the Oxfordshire Green Belt and therefore the contribution of the land within the site to the setting and special character of historic Oxford has not been assessed within the Cherwell Green Belt Study (2017).</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |

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| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is not within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is expected.</p> |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 25 - Land East of Marlborough School, Woodstock

| Site 25 - Land East of Marlborough School, Woodstock | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 300 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford -- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'amber' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Oxfordshire. | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | |
| | Cherwell | ++ |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | |
| | Cherwell | + |

The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely.

This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.

This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. The site is located next to Woodstock which contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, secondary school, a doctor's surgery, shops and restaurants. There is an opportunity to link to existing services and facilities. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.

This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.

This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this

| Site 25 - Land East of Marlborough School, Woodstock | | |
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| | | site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. There are several public footpaths and a cycle route within 800m of this site, which may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential roads on Shipton Road, a school and recreational ground to the west of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found two statutory and four non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated sites are Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitwell Farm Quarries SSSI located approximately 1.4km to the north-east and Blenheim Park SSSI lies approximately 1.5km to the west.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS): Woodstock Water Meadows is located approximately 1km to the west, Bunker Hill Quarry LWS lies approximately 1.7km to the north-east, Weavely Furze Firewood Allotments is a DLWS located approximately 1.2km to the north of the site and Samsoms Lane Green Lane DLWS abuts the site forming the north-west boundary.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be medium/low due the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 6.0 ha of arable land which appears to be in continued use. To the north, east and south of the site the land is also in arable use whilst immediately west lies a temporary access track providing access to the construction site immediately west of the site, on the east edge of Woodstock village.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as consideration should be given to the visibility of the site from the north as the site rises to a high point on the northern boundary and the general indivisibility from the</p> |

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| | | agricultural landscape from the east. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Scheduled Monument, Blenheim Villa, located within the study area.</p> <p>There are two recorded non-designated assets within the study area, an Archaeological Constraint Priority Area and a National Monuments Record none of which are located within Site 25.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity and so a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is not located in the Oxfordshire Green Belt and therefore the contribution of the land within the site to the setting and special character of historic Oxford has not been assessed within the Cherwell Green Belt Study (2017).</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are</p> |

| Site 25 - Land East of Marlborough School, Woodstock | | |
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| detriment to public well- being, the economy and the environment | | <p>within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is not within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is expected.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 38 - North Oxford Triangle, Kidlington

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 4,270 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'); therefore a significant positive effect is likely. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1161 1485 1198 1655">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1317 1198 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1485 1402 1655">0</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1402 1485">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is located directly adjacent to Cutteslowe which lies outside of the Cherwell District administrative boundary; however, the area contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, a community centre and a doctor's surgery. There is an opportunity to link to existing services and facilities.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/-- | + +/+- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++/--) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++/--) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within 800m of this site including Stratfield Brake Sports Ground and Stratfield Brake. Nearby sports facilities include, Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, Spirit Health Club and Banbury Road North Sports Ground. There are two which intersect the site public footpaths within 800m of the site and several more within 800m of the site. There is also a cycle path which intersects the central area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The southern area of the site is adjacent to residential properties, Cutteslowe Park and a sports facility. In addition, the western area of the site is bisected by a train line and the A4165 (Banbury / Oxford Road) and the A34 (Western By Pass Road) is adjacent to the south-western area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found four statutory designated sites and ten non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1km to the south and west, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI lies within the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI lies approximately 1km to the south and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds lies approximately 1.5km to the south. The non-statutory sites include seven Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) one provisional LWS (pLWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Meadows West of the Oxford Canal, Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the A34. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40, Bypass Meadows pLWS, is located to the south-west beyond the A40, Stratfield Brake DWS lies approximately 200m to the north-west beyond the A34 and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1km to the north-west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 89.44 ha of land within three land parcels separated by the railway corridor and the A4165 Oxford Road.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as development here would form a natural extension to the northern edge of Cutteslowe, resulting in infilling of land between the A4165 Oxford Road and the A34 for the central and west parts of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are five Listed Buildings. These include Freize Farmhouse, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 24 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which six are within the boundary of Site 38. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have High/Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site has no relationship with the historic core of Oxford; however, undeveloped hillsides and river floodplains are recognised as key landscape features providing a containing edge in views towards Oxford's setting. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recognised for this portion of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage</p> |

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| to achieve sustainable water resources management | | treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 70%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder (approximately 30%) is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is, Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their |

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| | | proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This eastern area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 39A - Frieze Farm

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,925 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | |

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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. The site is not located next to a settlement and there are no services and facilities in the immediate vicinity however links to Kidlington (for example to the supermarket) which is close by are possible. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely. |
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| | Cherwell | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road |
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| | Cherwell | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. |
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| | Cherwell | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road |
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| | | <p>based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and mixed negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and S3, which run at a 20 min frequency, and S4, which runs at a 30 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is not located within 800m of a healthcare facility, however there are several sports facilities, PRow, areas of open space and two cycle routes with 800m of the site boundary. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>All three parcels of the site lie directly adjacent to an A road; the most western parcels is located between the A44 to the west and the A4260 to the east, the central parcel is situated between the A4260 to the west and A34 to the east and the eastern parcel lies directly adjacent to the A34 to the north west and the A4165 to the north. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found five statutory designated sites and nine non-statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated sites are the Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1km to the south and west, Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows SSSI located within the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1.4km to the south and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.9km to the south.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include seven Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal lies immediately to the west of the site beyond the canal. Wet Wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the A44. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40. Stratfield Brake DWS is located on the northern boundary</p> |

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| | | <p>of the site and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 250m to the north-west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low due to the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | --? | <p>The site area is formed of three parcels of land and comprises approximately 38.52 ha of arable farmland. Within the south-east of the western land parcel is Frieze Farm which is accessed via a road crossing the western land parcel of the site from the A44 Woodstock Road on the west site boundary.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as the central and eastern land parcels are land locked by road and rail corridors and heavily influenced by the large number of vehicles passing and the noise generated. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Otherwise the site has a medium to high capacity to accommodate development, however the relatively exposed and elevated nature of the site to the south would result in residential development being highly visible from areas to the north including the southern areas of Kidlington and Yarnton.</p> <p>This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains one Grade II Listed Building. Additionally within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area, the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>There are 20 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which two are within the boundary of Site 39A.</p> |

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| | | <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While the site lacks direct association with the historic core of Oxford, the openness of the land within this site sloping away from Oxford contributes to the City's rural setting. Furthermore, its relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historical route into the City, adds to its contribution to setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal runs along the western edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 1% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water,</p> |

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| | | groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and encouraging buildings and urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (over 81%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 4 (less than 19%). A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site lies almost entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 49 - Land at Stratfield Farm, Oxford Road, Kidlington

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the |

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| | | number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 523 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, a minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |

SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford

| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
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| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford).</p> <p>This site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. It is served by key bus services: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 min frequency) and S4, 700 (20/30 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell).</p> <p>This site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. It is served by key bus services: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 min frequency) and S4, 700 (20/30 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and</p> |

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| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | <p>Oxford</p> | <p>Cherwell</p> | <p>facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). This site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. It is served by key bus services: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 min frequency) and S4, 700 (20/30 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ +/+-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). This site partially falls within 500m of a premium bus route. It is served by key bus services: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 min frequency) and S4, 700 (20/30 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ +/+-) effect is likely.</p> |

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| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <p>++</p> | <p>This site is approximately 732m south of Gosford Hill Medical Centre. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within 800m of this site including Stratfield Brake Sports Ground and Stratfield Brake adjacent to southern area of the site and Croxford Gardens Amenity Greenspace, which is adjacent to the northern area of the site. Nearby sports facilities include Stratfield Brake and Ron Groves Park. There are several public footpaths within 800m of the site, the nearest is adjacent to the western area of the site and there is a cycle path adjacent to the eastern area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Kidlington to the east of the site. In addition, the A4260 (Frieze Way) is adjacent to the eastern area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term.</p> |

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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found three statutory designated sites and three non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI located within the SAC and Rushy Mead SSSI located approximately 1.8km north-west of the site.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include one Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and two District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS): Stratfield Brake DLWS abuts the southern boundary of the site and both Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS and North Meadow West of Canal DLWS are located approximately 340m south-west of the site to the west of Oxford Canal.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species. There are two areas of woodland onsite, both appear to be semi-natural and both appear to exceed 0.25ha in size. The grassland in particular in the east of the site has a diverse forb community and the site supports a good network of hedgerows around and within the centre of the site. The site also abuts the Oxford Canal (an important wildlife corridor) to the west and a DLWS to the south. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 10.46 ha of land which is a mixture of rough grassland, scrub, and amenity land associated with Stratfield Farm building which appears to be unused (unconfirmed).</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity as this would form a natural extension to the south edge of Kidlington with the existing playing fields and Stratfield Brake providing a strong southern limit to development. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains one designated heritage assets, a Listed Building. Within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Oxford Canal Kidlington Green Lock, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are seven recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are located within Site 49. There are also two archaeological events within the study area, one of which is located within the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site has a strong relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historic route into the City; however, its proximity to the urban edge of Kidlington limits this role.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage</p> |

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| <p>to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | | <p>treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal follows the western edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 44%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as urban land (41%) and Grade 4 Agricultural Land (15%); therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and</p> |

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| | | the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts The majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 9,440 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
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| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'red' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, significant negative effects are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="209 1317 240 1655">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="209 1317 240 1655">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1317 483 1655">+</td> <td data-bbox="240 1317 483 1655">+</td> </tr> </table> | | Oxford | Oxford | + | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| Oxford | Oxford | | | | | | |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 1485 579 1655">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="547 1485 675 1655">0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | 0 | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 1317 579 1485">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="547 1317 675 1485">0</td> </tr> </table> | Cherwell | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | 0 | | | | | | |
| Cherwell | 0 | | | | | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="675 1485 707 1655">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="675 1485 1043 1655">+</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | + | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="675 1317 707 1485">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="675 1317 1043 1485">++</td> </tr> </table> | Cherwell | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). The south eastern boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to Yarnton which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| Oxford | + | | | | | | |
| Cherwell | ++ | | | | | | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1043 1485 1075 1655">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1043 1485 1396 1655">+/-</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | +/- | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1043 1317 1075 1485">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="1043 1317 1396 1485">+/-</td> </tr> </table> | Cherwell | +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve</p> |
| Oxford | +/- | | | | | | |
| Cherwell | +/- | | | | | | |

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| | | <p>Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | <p>Yarnton Medical Practise is within the eastern area of the site. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Yarnton Playing Fields, Cassington Road Amenity Greenspace, Yarnton and the Paddocks, Yarnton. Nearby sports facilities include Yarnton Park and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There are several public footpaths which intersect the site and two which are adjacent to the north western and western areas of the site. The eastern area of the site is also adjacent to a cycle path. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Yarnton to the east of the site. In addition the A44 (Woodstock Road West) is adjacent to the north as well as a train line to the southwest and Bladon Park to the west. Therefore, a minor negative effect is</p> |

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| | | expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer period. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found five statutory sites within the 2km area of search and six non statutory designated sites within the 1km area of search. Rushy Meadows SSSI, statutory designated site, is located 1km to the east of the site adjacent to Oxford Canal at Kidlington. The second is Blenheim Park which is located approximately 1.9km north-west of the site west of Bladon. The other three statutory sites include Oxford Meadows SAC and Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI and Cassington Meadows SSSI both of which are located within the SAC. All three statutory designated sites all located between approximately 1km and 1.5km south of the site and located just south of the A40.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include three Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS); Frogwelldown Lane DLWS is located onsite along a woodland corridor where the footpath known as Shakespeare's Way between Yarnton and Begbroke is also located. Yarnton Sidings DLWS is located approximately 20m south-west of the site along the railway line and to the south of Cassington Road. Beyond this site are two LWS's; Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits LWS is located approximately 500m to the south of the site and Acrey Pits LWS, a disused quarry, is located approximately 1km to the south-west of the site. In the middle of site, but not part of the site, is Begbroke Wood an ancient woodland and a LWS designated for its lowland mixed deciduous woodland which is semi-natural in the south and native plantation in the north.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium. This value is due to the site containing a DLWS, abuts</p> |

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| | | <p>several other LWS and the diverse habitats recorded onsite. The network of hedgerows, which are a UK Priority Habitat, are likely to include some species rich hedges in particular those in the west of the site. The hedges also provide an important wildlife corridor between the DLWS, LWS, and the woodlands both in the centre and surrounding the site. Several notable birds have previously been recorded within the site and although not included in the desk study the wide variety of habitats on site have potential to support a range of protected species. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The site area comprises approximately 230.80 ha of agricultural land which is in a mix of arable and pastoral use; the land in the south west primarily being arable land and in the north east pastoral. Immediately north east of the site is Begbroke and to the east is Yarnton with the site boundary bordering the village of Yarnton. To the south and west the land is primarily a rolling arable landscape. To the north-west there are large areas of woodland which are Ancient and Semi-Natural woodland and Ancient Replanted woodland.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' within most of the site as the land rises to a localised plateau making it highly visible within the surrounding area. There may however be localised opportunity in the south east of the site adjacent to the existing urban edge of Yarnton which is considered to have a medium capacity. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets, although one Listed Building is located at the centre of the site, but is excluded from the site boundary. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Registered Park and Garden, one Conservation Area and 40 Listed Buildings including Home Close, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 27 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which three</p> |

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| | | <p>are located within Site 51. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St. Michael and Yarnton Manor. There are also nine archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity. Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site includes arable farmland on high ground, which contributes to the ring of hills around Oxford that form a key aspect of its distinctive setting. Therefore, overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A few small watercourses flow through the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |

Site 51 - Land to West of A44/Rutten Lane, North of Cassington Road, surrounding Begbroke Wood

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| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>Approximately 98% of the site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, with the remaining 2% on Grade 2 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>The eastern part of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective,</p> |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 205 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'); therefore a significant positive effect is likely. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1161 1485 1198 1653">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1317 1198 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1485 1401 1653">0</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1401 1485">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. This site is located adjacent to Cutteslowe which lies outside of the Cherwell District administrative boundary; however the settlement contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, a community centre and a doctor's surgery. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | +/- | +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and mixed negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility. There are however several sports facilities, PRoW, areas of open space and a cycle path all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. An existing residential development on Lakeside Avenue lies directly adjacent to the south of the site so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found four statutory designated sites and ten non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1.2km to the south and west, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI lies |

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| | | <p>within the SAC and Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1.2km to the south and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.6km to the south.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include seven Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), one provisional Local Wildlife Site (pLWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS). The seven LWS are located to the south and west of the site. Meadows West of the Oxford Canal, Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the A34. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40. Bypass Meadows, a pLWS, is located to the south-west beyond the A40. Stratfield Brake DWS lies approximately 650m to the north-west beyond the A34 and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1.2km to the north-west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>The site area comprises approximately 4.14 ha of land which currently forms part of the golf course. Immediately north and east of the site is the golf course; to the west is the railway corridor and to the south an area of existing residential properties.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'high' capacity as this would appear as a natural extension to the existing residential area along Lakeside and Linkside Avenue. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |

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| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Grade II Listed Buildings Frieze Farmhouse and 556 Banbury Road. There are 10 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 123.</p> <p>The Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While there is no relationship between this area and Oxford's historic core, the area is not elevated enough to form part of the green backdrop to views out from the City, but the parcel's wooded character does, as part of the wider golf course, provide a containing edge in views towards Oxford from the north, and from more distant high ground. This adds a rural character to Oxford's setting at close proximity to the City.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> |

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| | | <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the entire site is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site is not within a Minerals Consultation Area so a negligible effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 593 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 Cherwell 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>The site is located directly adjacent to Yarnton which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall, but is separated by the A44. There are opportunities to link to Kidlington.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/- | ++/- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++)/- effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++)/- effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | The site is located within 800m of Yarnton Medical Practice (a healthcare facility), two sports facilities (Yarnton Park and Little Marsh Playing Field), several PROW routes, areas of open space and a cycle path. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The south east boundary of the site lies adjacent to the A44 and is also within close proximity to an existing residential development. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found three statutory designated sites and ten non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1.7km to the south-west of the site beyond the A40, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI located within the SAC and Rushy Meadows SSSI is located approximately 800m to the north.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include six Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies approximately 900m to the south-east. Wet Wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Loop Farm Flood Meadows, Dukes Lock Pond and Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits LWS all lie to the south-west beyond the A44. Begbroke Wood LWS is located approximately 1km to the north-west beyond the A44. North Meadow West of Canal and Stratfield Brake DWS lie 500 and 700m to the south-east respectively. Frogwelldown Lane and Yarnton Sidings are located to the south-west beyond the A44.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the majority of the site being of poor ecological value for wildlife (arable). However the presence of linear features and potential to support roosting/nesting and foraging protected species in the trees and hedgerows around the site boundary. As the northern field was not viewed this assessment is only given for the field in the south-west which could be viewed. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site is located on the east edge of Yarnton immediately east of the A44 Woodstock Road and west of the Oxford to Bicester railway line. The site area comprises approximately 11.87 ha of arable land in the form of two fields. Beyond the site to the north is arable land and to the south is a recreational ground.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as development within this area would result in the spread of the residential area of Yarnton to the east of the A44 Woodstock Road in an area that is disassociated with the smaller area of residential development to the north. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are four Grade II Listed Buildings, including, Tudor Cottage and The Grapes Inn.</p> <p>There are 13 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of Site 126. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>The Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |

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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. A watercourse runs through the centre of the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (64%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 4 (36%). A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> |

| Site 126 - Seedlake Piggeries, Yarnton | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | The site lies entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 178 - Land east of Kidlington and west of the A34

| Site 178 - Land east of Kidlington and west of the A34 | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,388 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive |

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| innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell |
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| Site 178 - Land east of Kidlington and west of the A34 | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: S5 (15 min frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | The site is located within 800m of a healthcare facility (Gosford Hill Medical Centre), several sports facilities, areas of open space, a number of PRoW and a cycle path. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site's south east boundary lies directly adjacent to the A34 and the south west boundary lies directly adjacent to the A4165. Furthermore, an existing residential development is located to the north west of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and seven non statutory sites within the 2km area of search.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include one Local Wildlife Site (LWS), two provisional Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies 900m to the south-west of the site. Branson Lake pLWS and Scrub and Kidlington Meadows pLWS lie to the north-west beyond Bicester Road and the River Cherwell. Kidlington Copse DWS is located approximately 1.7km to the north-west. St Mary's Fields DWS is located approximately 1.9km to the north-west. Stratfield Brake DWS and North Meadow West of Canal DWS are located approximately 250m and 775m to the south-west respectively.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the hedgerows on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 27.76 ha of land used as pasture, at the time of the site visit used for grazing cattle. Beyond the A34 to the east of the site and to the south the land use is predominantly arable extending towards the edge of Summertown. To the west and north-west is the southern edge of Kidlington.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high'</p> |

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| | | capacity as it is located immediately adjacent to the existing residential edge of Kidlington, is well screened on the site boundaries and forms a natural extension of the existing residential area up to the well-defined physical boundary of the A34. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Listed Buildings, Kings Arms Public House and attached mounting block and Stratfield Farmhouse.</p> <p>There are 15 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which extends into Site 178. There are also three archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within the site falls within the Cherwell valley is an important element in Oxford's historic setting, but the parcel is not close enough to the river to make a strong contribution, with the A34 effectively limiting its relationship with the valley core. However the parcel does contribute to the rural setting of Oxford as perceived from the A34, one of the major approaches to the City.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. |

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| | | Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The site does not lie within a flood zone is on greenfield land, so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (82%) is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 3 (18%). A minor negative effect therefore is likely. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The majority of the site lies within a Mineral Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 202 - Land adjacent to Bicester Road, Gosford, Kidlington

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 220 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1161 1485 1198 1655">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1317 1198 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1485 1401 1655" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1401 1485" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>The site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: S5, which runs at a 15 min frequency, and 25A, which runs at a 60 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: S5, which runs at a 15 min frequency, and 25A, which runs at a 60 min frequency. Although separated from Kidlington by the Bicester Road this site is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (+ +) effect is likely.</p> |
| | + | +/- | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | +/- | <p>The site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: S5, which runs at a 15 min frequency, and 25A, which runs at a 60 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and mixed negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a railway station and within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: S5, which runs at a 15 min frequency, and 25A, which runs at a 60 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | The site is located within 800m of a healthcare facility (Gosford Hill Medical Centre), several sports facilities, areas of open space, a number of PROW and a cycle path. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site's north boundary lies directly adjacent to an existing residential development. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and seven non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The non-statutory sites include one Local Wildlife Site (LWS), two provisional LWS (pLWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS): |

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| | | <p>Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies approximately 1.3km to the south-west of the site. Branson Lake pLWS and Scrub and Kidlington Meadows pLWS lie to the north-west beyond Bicester Road and the River Cherwell. Kidlington Copse DWS is located approximately 1.6km to the north-west. St Mary's Fields DWS is located approximately 1.6km to the north-west. Stratfield Brake DWS and North Meadow West of Canal DWS are located approximately 1km and 1.4km to the south-west respectively.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the southern hedgerows and trees on the site boundaries which have potential to support protected and notable species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | 0? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 4.43 ha of land which is in arable use. To the north is an existing residential development, and to the south an area of arable farmland extending to the A34.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'high' capacity due to its relative containment by the existing mature hedgerow boundaries and the potential to be perceived as an extension to the residential area immediately north. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Grade II Listed building named the Kings Arms Public House and attached mounting block.</p> <p>There are eight recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 202. There is also one archaeological event within the study</p> |

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| | | <p>area.</p> <p>The Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site falls within the Cherwell valley, an important feature in Oxford's historic setting. However, the parcel is too distant from Oxford, and too closely related to Kidlington, to make more than a minor contribution to the rural setting of Oxford.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 10% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in | - | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality</p> |

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| <p>land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | | <p>agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. A minor negative effect therefore is likely.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site lies almost entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site Options Not Selected for Allocation in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review

Site 14 - Land North of The Moors, Kidlington

| Site 14 - Land North of The Moors, Kidlington | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,084 new dwellings.. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| | | ++ | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| | | +/- | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| | | + | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). This site is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | +/- | +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Site 14 - Land North of The Moors, Kidlington | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | This site is within 672m of Exeter Surgery / Kidlington and Yarnton Medical Group. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Thrupp Woods, St. Mary's Fields, Park Hill Copse and Gravel Pits Allotments. Nearby sports facilities, include Park Hill Recreation Ground, Exeter Close and Orchard Recreation Ground. There are two public footpaths which intersect the site and a cycle route approximately 130m to the east of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Kidlington to the south of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found there are two statutory designated sites and six non statutory designated sites within 2km of the site's boundary. The two designated sites are Rushy Meadows SSSI located approximately 800m to the south west and Shipton-on-Cherwell and Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI is located approximately 1.4km to the north-west.</p> <p>The six non designated sites are Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site (LWS) located approximately 200m to the west of the site beyond the A4260 and Kidlington Meadows LWS, located approximately 300m to the north; Branson's Lake and Scrub provisional LWS, located provisional 800m to the south-east; Kidlington Copse District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS) is a small woodland located within the north of Kidlington village approximately 380m to the south of the site; and both Thrupp Community Woodland and St Mary's field are DLWS which abut the northern and eastern boundaries of the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low due the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application, so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 22 ha of land which was formerly in arable use but currently is rough grassland. To the north of the site, the land rises slightly before falling towards the valley of the River Cherwell; to the east is urban fringe of Kidlington and St Mary the Virgin church; to the south is the northern extent of the existing residential area of Kidlington and to the west existing residential properties and Lane End campsite.</p> |

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| | | <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity due to the existing relationship of the site to the existing residential area immediately south. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 41 Listed Buildings and five Conservation Areas. These include The Old Dog, a Grade II Listed Building and Hampton Gay, Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp Conservation Area.</p> <p>Similarly, this site does not contain any non-designated heritage assets, but the 500m study area from the site boundary contains 15 recorded, non-designated heritage assets. It must be noted that there is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St. Mary and Kidlington Railway Station. There are also eight archaeological events.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium/Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined</p> |

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| | | through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. The river Cherwell sits close to the north eastern corner of the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, ground water and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 19 - Shipton on Cherwell Quarry

| Site 19 - Shipton on Cherwell Quarry | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 5,430 new dwellings.. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | -- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'amber' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore, a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell | 0 | |

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | -- | -- | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>The site is located near to Shipton on Cherwell which has very limited services or facilities and provides fewer opportunities for walking and cycling to other services and facilities.</p> |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | -- | -- | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Jerome Way natural greenspace and Bunkers Hill Bowling Green. There are two public footpaths which intersect the site and another two which are adjacent to the eastern portion of the site and the southern area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The settlement at Shipton-on-Cherwell is adjacent to the south of the site and there is another residential area adjacent to the western area of the site. In addition the A4260 (Banbury Road) is adjacent to the southern area of the site while the A4095 (Bunkers Hill) is adjacent to the western edge. The eastern section of the site is also bisected by a train line. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and the longer term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found there only one statutory designated site within the 2km area of search; almost a third of the site includes the Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI.</p> <p>The Ecological Assessment found four Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and three District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS) non statutory designated sites within 2km of the site. Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 1.2km to the south of the site beyond the A4260, Enslow Marsh LWS and Lincelane Copse DLWS is located approximately 800m north-east of the site and Thrupp Community Woodland DLWS is located 1km of the southern site boundary.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/High. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site, part of the site is designated as a SSSI and a LWS, the presence of local priority habitats, its connectivity to the Oxford Canal along linear features and the sites potential to support protected and notable species. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises 109ha of land which is a former limestone quarry (now disused) and areas of agricultural land. The site is divided into a number of land parcels which are separated by the main west coast rail corridor passing north to south through the site, a dismantled railway passing through the south west corner of the site, and the A4095 cutting through the north-west corner of the site area.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity due to the ecological importance of the area and the setting of the adjacent Conservation areas; there may however be some potential for residential outside designated areas. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are three Scheduled Monuments, 14 Listed Buildings and two Conservation Areas. These include Deserted village of Hampton Gay Scheduled Ancient Monument, Church of Holy Cross, a Grade II Listed and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 28 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the 500m study area, of which seven are located within the site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the churchyard cross at the Church of Holy Cross. There are also five archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site sits within the Cherwell Valley which has a value as a rural approach to Oxford and forms part of the wider rural setting of Oxford; however, it is too distant to make a significant contribution to this purpose.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The river Cherwell flows along the north, east and southern edges of the site. Furthermore, the site contains a number of lakes. This site is on brownfield land and approximately 14% of the site's eastern and northern areas are in flood zone 3, therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | +? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>The site is mainly on brownfield land; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site and how the development within the site would eventually be laid out.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development</p> |

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| local products. | | within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | +? | This site is classed as brownfield land; therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on the previous use of the site |

Site 20 - Begbroke Science Park

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 8,731 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
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| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="209 1317 245 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="245 1317 403 1653">+/-</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore a minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | |
| Oxford | +/- | | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 1317 440 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="440 1317 967 1653">+</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | |
| Oxford | + | | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1034 1317 1070 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1317 1198 1653">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1034 1317 1070 1653">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="1070 1317 1198 1653">0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | 0 | Cherwell | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | 0 | | | | | |
| Cherwell | 0 | | | | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1235 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1235 1317 1388 1653">++</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1235 1653">Cherwell</td> <td data-bbox="1235 1317 1388 1653">++</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | ++ | Cherwell | ++ | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria |
| Oxford | ++ | | | | | |
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| | | | <p>3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site's eastern boundary is located adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Furthermore, the east boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to Yarnton, which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall. There is an opportunity to link to existing services and facilities.</p> |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++/-</p> | <p>Cherwell</p> <p>++/-</p> | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site within 500m of a premium bus route. A Key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++/-) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <p>++</p> | | <p>This site is within 800m of three healthcare facilities, the closest being Yarnton Medical Practise approximately 294m to the south of the A44 (Woodstock Road West) and the furthest Gosford Hill Medical Centre is approximately 526m to the east of the A4260 (Oxford Road). The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Croxford Gardens Amenity Greenspace, Yarnton Pitches, The Phelps Amenity Greenspace, Lyne Road Amenity Greenspace and</p> |

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| | | <p>Cassington Road Amenity Greenspace, Yarnton. Nearby sports facilities, include Little Marsh Playing Field, Yarnton Park, Kidlington Football Club, Ron Groves Park and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There are several public footpaths which intersect the site around the northern and southern areas of the site. There are two and a cycle route approximately 224m to the east and 44m to the west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Kidlington to the east of the site, Yarnton to the south and Begbroke to the west. In addition, there is a train line which bisects the eastern area of the site and the A44 (Woodstock Road) is adjacent to the western area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term.</p> |
| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and four non statutory</p> |

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| | | <p>designated sites. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designation, is located immediately adjacent to the north-eastern corner of this site. The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS): The Meadows west of Oxford Canal LWS and North Meadow west of Canal DWS are located approximately 300m to the south of this site and the Stratfield Brake woodland DWS is a short distance further east of them, on the opposite side of the Oxford Canal. Begbroke Wood LWS is also located approximately 500m to the west of the sites westernmost extent, lying beyond the A44.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value was based upon the limited habitats in the presence of mostly artificial habitats, but with the areas of pioneer vegetation being of some interest as they may support bee orchids. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The site area comprises approximately 175 ha of land which is primarily in agricultural use but also contains Begbroke Science Park in the centre of the site, Parker's Farm in the east and Yarnton Allotments adjacent to the A44 in the west of the area.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as some areas within the site are considered most suitable for development including to the east of the railway line. This does not however rule out other areas of the site subject to detailed assessment of any proposals coming forwards. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains one Listed Building within the boundary, Grade II listed Begbroke Farmhouse. Additionally within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are a further 27 Listed Buildings and four Conservation Areas, including Tudor Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building and Begbroke Conservation Area Conservation.</p> |

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| | | <p>There are 49 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which 32 are within the boundary of the site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as those associated with the canal. There are also eleven archaeological events within the study area, of which four are within the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). Portions of the land within this site adjoin the Oxford Canal, a conservation area which marks a clear distinction between settlement and countryside that makes some contribution to the historic setting of Oxford, albeit limited by distance.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>Rowel Brook runs through the northern tip of the site and the Oxford Canal follows its north eastern edge. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 25% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| | | <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2, is susceptible to surface water and groundwater flooding and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 44%) is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 3 (approximately 41%) Agricultural Land and urban (approximately 4%); therefore a significant negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 21 - Land off Mill Lane/ Kidlington Road, Islip

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. The site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 226 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell | 0 | |

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | -- | - | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Islip train station is within 2.5km. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. The site is located near Islip which contains some services and facilities including two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | This site is within 800m of a healthcare facility (Islip Surgery). The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Kidlington Road Amenity Greenspace, Islip, Islip Village Hall Playing Field and River Ray Amenity Greenspace, Islip. There are four public footpaths within 800m of the site. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential properties on Kidlington road to the east of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through |

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| biodiversity | | <p>habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory and three non-statutory designated sites designated site within the 2km area of search. Woodeaton Quarry SSSI, a statutory designation, is located approximately 1.9km to the south-east of the site.</p> <p>The non-statutory designations are Branson's Lake and Scrub and Kidlington Meadows provisional Local Wildlife Sites are located approximately 1.5 and 2km respectively to the north-west of the site and Islip Millennium Wood District Local Wildlife Site lies approximately 800m to the south-east of the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low due to the limited variety of habitats on site but has a potential for protected species. A minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site comprises 4.51 ha of arable land which is divided by a recently constructed macadam bridge leading to a new bridge crossing over the railway corridor. Immediately to the north-east and east of the site are existing residential properties within Islip and the land to the west is agricultural.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as this would form an extension to the exiting residential area of Islip up to the natural existing physical boundary of Mill Lane. Care would however have to be given to preserve the positive vista that exists looking towards the site area and wider Conservation Area from the south. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |

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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, are 24 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include, The Monks Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building and Islip Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 13 recorded, non-designated heritage assets including four Archaeological Constraint Priority Areas within the study area, none of which are located within Site 21. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as a length of garden wall. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium/Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The assessment concludes that while the land within the parcel is some distance from Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the City along the Cherwell valley still contributes to its historic character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is</p> |

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| | | likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 736 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Oxford</th> <th>Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site falls within 500m of a premium bus route, including key bus service S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site falls within 500m of a premium bus route, including key bus service S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is located directly adjacent to Begbroke which only contains a village hall and one public house but Kidlington and Yarnton are nearby.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/- | ++/- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site falls within 500m of a premium bus route, including key bus service S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (+ +/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site falls within 500m of a premium bus route, including key bus service S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (+ +/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Begbroke BC (Begbroke Lane), Begbroke Sports Club Play Area and Begbroke Sports Ground. There are two sports facilities nearby including Vida Health and Fitness and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There is a public footpath approximately 592m north west of the site and another 440m southwest and a cycle route approximately 48m to the west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. This site is nestled between two existing settlements on Evenlode Crescent to the east and Begbroke Crescent to the south. This site is also adjacent to the A44 (Woodstock Road) to the west. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and in the longer-term. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and one non statutory designated sites. The statutory designation is the Rushy Meadows SSSI, located approximately 600m to the east of this site. Langford Meadows LWS, a non-statutory designation is located approximately 800m to the north-east of this site, situated on the far-side of Oxford Spires Business Park.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value is due to the low value of ecological features, but the site maybe of some potential value for badgers, nesting birds and limited potential for roosting bats. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The area comprises approximately 14.7ha of land currently in arable use. To the north of the site and Langford Lane is London Oxford Airport; to the east is the Immigration Detention Centre; to the south is the northern edge of Begbroke and to the west beyond the A44 is arable land which is contained to the west by a band of deciduous woodland along Rowel Brook.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity owing to the relative isolation of the site from any other residential properties and services and its landscape context in relation to the surrounding business park and airport. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are ten Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include The Old Rectory, a Grade II Listed Building and Begbroke Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are eight recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of this site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as St Michael's Church. There are also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |

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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority (approximately 89%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land (approximately 6%), and urban land (approximately 5%). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within</p> |

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| local products. | | <p>sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 24 - Begbroke Lane, North East Field, Begbroke

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 970 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell 0 | |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). This site is located directly adjacent to Begbroke which only contains a village hall and one public house but Yarnton and Kidlington are nearby. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Begbroke BC (Begbroke Lane), Begbroke Sports Club Play Area, Begbroke Sports Ground, Lyne Road Amenity Greenspace, Langford Corner Amenity Greenspace and Partridge Close Amenity Greenspace. There are two sports facilities nearby including Vida Health and Fitness and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There are several public footpaths within 800m of the site to the south, east and western areas of the site, the nearest is adjacent to the southern edge and the furthest is approximately 545m to the west of the site. There is a cycle route approximately 344m to the west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is nestled between two existing settlements on Evenlode Crescent to the north and Begbroke Crescent to the south. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and in the longer-term.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | 0? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and one non statutory designated site. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designation, is located approximately 200m to the east of this site and Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site, a non-statutory designation, is located approximately 500m to the north-east of this site, situated on the far-side of Oxford Motor Park. Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value is due to the site being largely an intensively managed arable field with potential for protected species (apart from farmland nesting birds) restricted to the boundary features. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated</p> |

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| | | habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 19.39ha of land currently in arable use. The south boundary of the site is bordered by Begbroke Lane; a well-used restricted byway connecting the east edge of Begbroke with the west edge of Kidlington and the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as residential development within the area would alter the existing character of the site and may alter the character of Begbroke Lane public footpath to the south of the site. Development would be subject to a suitable design solution to retain the existing mature green corridor along Begbroke Lane. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are three Listed Buildings and two Conservation Areas. These include Roundham Lock, Oxford Canal, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are seventeen recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of this site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as features associated with the canal. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> |

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| | | Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority (approximately 68%) is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land while the remainder (approximately 31%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. |

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| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,801 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+/-</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> |

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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | Cherwell 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford + | Cherwell ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). This site is located near to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford +/- | Cherwell +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore,</p> |

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| | | overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Thrupp Woods, St. Mary's Fields, Park Hill Copse and Gravel Pits Allotments. Nearby sports facilities, include Park Hill Recreation Ground, Exeter Close and Orchard Recreation Ground. There are four public footpaths which intersect the site and another two which are adjacent to the west portion of the site. There is a cycle route approximately 133m to the east of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. This site includes allotments and there is a train line which bisects the western section of the site. The western section is also adjacent to the A4260 Banbury Road. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found two statutory designated sites and nine non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated sites are Rushy Meadows SSSI located approximately 750m to the south-west of the site beyond the A4260. Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI is located approximately 1.5km to the north.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include three Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), two provisional LWS (pLWS) and four District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS); Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 300m to the west beyond the A4260, Bunkers Hill Quarry LWS lies approximately 1.7km to the north, Bletchingdon Road Verge South LWS lies approximately 1.8km to the north-east, Kidlington Meadows pLWS is located approximately 275m to the north, Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS lies approximately 800m to the south-east, Thrupp Community Woodland and St Mary's Fields DWS adjoin the site to the north and east respectively. Kidlington Copse (Parkhill Copse) DWS is located approximately 350m to the south and Frognest Farm Field is located approximately 1.9km to the north-east. Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with</p> |

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| | | <p>certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>To the north of the site is arable land falling into the River Cherwell Valley and to the south is arable land.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as the site is currently separated from the urban fringe of Kidlington by a strip of land comprising grassland/fields. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Scheduled Monument, 34 Listed Buildings and five Conservation Areas. These include Thrupp Cross, a Scheduled Monument and Old Priest's House, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 22 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which one is located within the boundary of Site 27 (Roman sherds and U flints). There is some duplication within these records and the designated sites, such as Thrupp Village Cross and the Church of St. Mary. There are also six archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium/Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site adjoins the historic corridor of the Oxford Canal and makes a minor contribution to rural character of the approach to Oxford along the Cherwell valley area, but is too far from the City to play a significant role.</p> |

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| | | <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal runs along the western edge of the site and the river Cherwell sits close to the northern edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 85%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder (approximately 15%) is classed as Grade 2</p> |

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| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective,</p> |

Site 29 - Land at Shipton on Cherwell

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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | Oxford | ++ | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 112 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> |
| | Oxford | +/- | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> |
| | Oxford | + | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | Oxford | 0 | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> |
| | Cherwell | 0 | |

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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>The site is located directly adjacent to Shipton-on-Cherwell which has very limited services or facilities and provides fewer opportunities for walking and cycling to other services and facilities.</p> |
| | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on</p> |
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| | | AQMAs in Cherwell. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Jerome Way Amenity Greenspace and natural greenspace. There are two public footpaths which intersect the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The settlement at Shipton-on-Cherwell is adjacent to the south of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and seven non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory site is Shipton-on-Cherwell & Whitehill Farm Quarries SSSI located immediately to the north of the site.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include four Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and three District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS): Bunker Hill Quarry LWS is located adjacent and to the north of the site. Both Riverside Meadow DLWS and Bletchingdon Quarry LWS are located within approximately 700m to 800m to the north-east of the site, Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 1.1km to the south of the site beyond the A4260, Enslow Marsh LWS and Lincelane Copse DLWS is located approximately 800m north-east of the site and Thrupp Community Woodland DLWS is located approximately 1.1km of the southern site boundary.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 2.23 ha of land which extends in an east to west orientation along a disused railway line and includes a cluster of farm buildings with residential property and associated grounds.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as residential development in the majority of the site along the linear former railway line does</p> |

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| | | not readily lend itself to residential development. The two fields in the east of the site are however considered to have a medium capacity to accommodate residential development. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Scheduled Monuments, 10 Listed Buildings and two Conservation Areas. These include the Deserted village of Hampton Gay, a Scheduled Monument and The Manor and attached outbuildings, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 13 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which is located within Site 29. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as Hampton Gay deserted medieval village and a churchyard cross. There are also three archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site adjoins the Oxford Canal which represents an important historic approach to the city of Oxford and therefore contributes to its historic setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. |

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| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The River Cherwell flows close to the easternmost edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | +? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>The site is mainly on brownfield land; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site and how the development within the site would eventually be laid out.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>An area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | +? | This site is classed as brownfield land; therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on the previous use of the site |

Site 30 - Oil Storage Depot, Bletchingdon Road, Islip

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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 665 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell | 0 | |

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | -- | - | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. A significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. The site is located near Islip which contains some services and facilities including two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. Therefore, a minor negative (-) effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> <p>There is potential for any traffic movements associated with uses which have planning permission to be removed or prevented through re-development for housing but this will be replaced by car journeys.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | This site is within 800m of a healthcare facility (Islip Surgery). The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Kidlington Road Amenity Greenspace, Islip, Islip Village Hall Playing Field and River Ray Amenity Greenspace, Islip. There are four public footpaths within 800m of the site. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. There may be potential to improve living environments with the re-development of this site but the site is adjacent to residential properties on Bletchington Road to the west of the site. In addition, there is a railway line to south. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and during the longer-term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and three non statutory sites within the 2km area of search.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include one provisional Local Wildlife Sites (pLWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS is located approximately 1.7km to the west of the site beyond the A34, Islip Millennium Wood DWS is located approximately 600m south of the site beyond a railway line and Frognest Farm Field DWS is located approximately 1.8km to the north west also beyond the A34.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The detailed impacts and mitigation measures required for biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 13.3 ha of rough grassland and former works associated with the former Oil Storage Depot.</p> <p>residential uses would remove existing uses however, the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as development on the whole site area may be out of scale with the village of Islip and encroach on to the valley of the River Cherwell. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and</p> |

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| | | impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 25 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include the Church of St. Nicholas, a Grade I Listed Building and the Islip Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 15 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which four are located within Site 30. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as a garden wall. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While the land within this site is some distance from the city of Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the city along the Cherwell valley still contributes to the historic character of the city.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. |

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| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A small watercourse touches the northern tip of the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | + + / - - | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is located on a disused oil storage depot. While the site is partly greenfield with approximately 51% of the land within the site classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land and the remainder Grade 4 Agricultural Land, there is brownfield land which is contaminated. Therefore, the regeneration and redevelopment of the site has the potential to have a significant positive effect on this objective. However, the loss of a significant area of greenfield land recognised for its agricultural quality is likely to have significant adverse effects on this objective.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts.</p> |

| Site 30 - Oil Storage Depot, Bletchingtondon Road, Islip | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | The northern part of the site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 173 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1134 840 1166 1503">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1134 1503 1166 2076">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1166 840 1198 1503" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1166 1503 1198 2076" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2, 2A (15 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2, 2A (15 min frequency). This site is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2, 2A (15 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2, 2A (15 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | + | <p>The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Thrupp Woods and St. Mary's Fields. Nearby sports facilities include, Park Hill Recreation Ground and Orchard Recreation Ground. There are several public footpaths within 800m including one which is adjacent to the eastern area of the site. This site is also within 800m of a cycle route. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is adjacent to residential property on Webbs Way to the south of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase.</p> |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and eight non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory site is Rushy Meadows SSSI located approximately 1.5km to the south-west of the site with Kidlington village lying between. The non-statutory sites includes one Local Wildlife Site (LWS) two provisional LWS (pLWS) and five District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 1.7km to the north-west beyond the A4260, Kidlington Meadows pLWS is located approximately 300m to the north, Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS lies approximately 250m to the west, St Mary's Fields DWS lies 300m to the north, Kidlington Copse (Parkhill Copse) is located approximately 600m to the south-west and Thrupp Community Woodland DWS lies approximately 750m to the north-west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 3.45 ha of semi improved grassland, some of which is used for grazing horses. To the east of the site the land is primarily in agricultural use and to the south is an area of rough grassland with mature trees and scrub vegetation.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity if development proposals are sympathetic to the Church Street Character Area</p> |

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| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>within which the site is located and retain positive views. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself is within the Kidlington Church Street Conservation Area. Additionally, within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 49 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Morton Almshouses, a Grade II Listed Building and Kidlington – High Street Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are six recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 32. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St. Mary and Kidlington Mill. There are also seven archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site has insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute significantly to its historic setting or special character, but its relationship with the Cherwell valley, an important historic approach into Oxford, means that visible development could have some detracting influence in terms of the wider rural setting of the City, particularly in the context of the parcel's location adjacent to the oldest part of Kidlington.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence</p> |

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| | | <p>sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 20% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>The majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative</p> |

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| | | effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 480 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1150 1485 1182 1655">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1150 1317 1182 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1182 1485 1388 1655" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1317 1388 1485" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| | 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell |
| + | | ++ | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | <p>The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Laburnum Crescent Allotments, Croxford Gardens Amenity Greenspace, Spruce Road Amenity Greenspace, Ryder Close Amenity Greenspace,</p> |

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| | | Yarnton and The Paddocks, Yarnton. Nearby sports facilities, include Little Marsh Playing Field, Kidlington Football Club and Ron Groves Park. There are several public footpaths within 800m, the nearest is adjacent to the eastern area of the site. There are two and a cycle route approximately 490m to the north and 540m to the south of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The western part of this site is adjacent to a train line and there are residential properties / travellers site adjacent to the north eastern boundary of the site; therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective in the longer term. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and three non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory site is Rushy Meadows SSSI located approximately 925m north of the site. The non-statutory sites include one Local Wildlife Site (LWS) and two District Local Wildlife |

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| | | <p>Sites (DLWS): Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS, North Meadow West of Canal DLWS and Stratfield Brake DLWS. All three of these sites are located between approximately 750m – 800m south-east of the site and are located on land adjacent to the Oxford Canal. Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the habitats present on the boundary of the site and their potential to provide suitable habitats for protected species as well as connectivity between two potentially important wildlife corridors to the north and south of the site.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises 9.6 ha of arable land which at the time of survey had been recently cropped. To the north, east and west of the site is arable land whilst to the south there is an area of rough grassland and scrub which is a former sewage works.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as the site is set within an arable landscape and development of the single field in isolation would be out of character, despite the site itself having a 'medium to high' general capacity. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are four Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Oxford Canal Kidlington Green Lock, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 18 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of Site 34. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> |

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| | | <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site falls within the setting of the Oxford Canal, which is a historic route into the City and is considered to make some contribution to its setting and special character. Although, in close proximity to the urban edge of Kidlington that contribution is fairly limited.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A culverted waterway follows the eastern edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 20% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |

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| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,518 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'); therefore a significant positive effect is likely.</p> | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1161 840 1209 1317">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1317 1209 2076">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1209 840 1289 1317">0</td> <td data-bbox="1209 1317 1289 2076">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> |
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Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford

| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | + | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). The site is disconnected from existing settlements including by the road network in this area. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> |

| Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford | | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/-- | ++/-- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++/--) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++/--) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | <p>The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within 800m of this site including Stratfield Brake. In addition, there is a public footpath and cycle path adjacent to the western area of the site as well as a sports facility (Spirit Health Club). As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |

| Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is adjacent to three A roads. The A43 (western By-pass Road) is adjacent to the eastern area, A40 (Northern By-pass Road) is adjacent to the southern area and the A44 (Woodstock Road) is adjacent to the northern area of the site. There are several properties within the site including an agricultural business and residential properties within the north eastern and western areas of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found five statutory designated sites and eleven non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 500m to the west. Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows SSSI are located within the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 750m to the south-east and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.3km to the south-east.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include nine Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal lies to the north of the site beyond the canal and the A44. Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the Oxford Canal. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40 and A34. Stratfield Brake DWS is located approximately 350m to the north of the site beyond the A44 North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 500m to the north.</p> |

| Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford | | |
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| | | <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site, including hedgerows and dense scrub and their potential for protected species. The Oxford canal forms the western boundary of the site, providing connectivity to the wider landscape. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 30.35 ha of primarily agricultural land used for pasture and a small area of land to the west of the Oxford Canal which is a farm with associated outbuildings.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as it forms the landscape setting to the Oxford Canal which is a well-used recreational route and heritage asset. Development within the site would result in the complete change in landscape setting. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there seven Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Frieze Farm, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 14 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which one is located within Site 41. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While the site lacks direct association with the historic core of Oxford, the</p> |

| Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford | | |
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| | | <p>openness of the land within this site sloping away from Oxford contributes to the City's rural setting. Furthermore, its relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historical route into the City, adds to its contribution to setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal runs through the northern third of the site and follows the western edge of the rest of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |

| Site 41 - Land at Drinkwater, Oxford | | |
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| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site is on greenfield land. Approximately 87% is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land, while the remainder (11%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>An area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 48 - Land South of Solid State Logic Headquarters

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 123 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1137 1485 1177 1653">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1137 1314 1177 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1177 1485 1369 1653" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1314 1369 1485" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is entirely within 50mm of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is entirely within 50mm of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Although separated by the A44, this site is located directly adjacent to Begbroke which only contains a village hall and one public house but Yarnton and Kidlington are nearby.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | ++/- | ++/- | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is entirely within 50mm of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQOMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++)/- effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is entirely within 50mm of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQOMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++)/- effect is likely.</p> |

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| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | + | <p>The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Begbroke BC (Begbroke Lane), Begbroke Sports Club Play Area and Begbroke Sports Ground. Also within 800m is Begbroke Sports and Social Club, several public footpaths including one which intersects the southern area of the site and another which is adjacent to the southern edge of the site and a cycle route which is adjacent to the eastern area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is adjacent to residential roads and a school within the settlement along Spring Hill Road. In addition, the A44 (Woodstock Road) is adjacent to the eastern area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer period.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | 0? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and nine non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designated site, is located approximately 1km to the east of the site.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS); Begbroke Wood, an ancient woodland and a LWS located approximately 430m west of the site. The woodland is designated as a lowland mixed deciduous woodland which is semi-natural in the south and native plantation in the north is located. Beyond this woodland, approximately 700m west of the site is Bladon Heath, a mixed broadleaf woodland once part of heathland, a designated LWS with both ancient and replanted woodland.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value is due to the habitats onsite being all relatively common and widespread and the desk study identified no designated sites or protected/notable species within or immediately adjacent to the site. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 2.47 ha of grassland part of which is in amenity use as a football pitch and part maintained as rough grassland. The land immediately to the north is occupied by offices and the land to the south and west used as pasture.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity as it is relatively well enclosed to the south, east and west and would form a</p> |

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| | | <p>natural extension to Begbroke. Careful consideration should however be given to the setting of the Begbroke Conservation Area and the positive vista extending south towards the site from the conservation area to ensure that this is preserved. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 13 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include St Phillip's Priory, a Grade II Listed Building and Begbroke Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are six recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are located within Site 48. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St. Michael. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium/Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site is adjacent to a main route into the City and can therefore be considered to contribute to Oxford's wider rural setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |

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| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site is on greenfield land. This site is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, |

Site 50 - Land North of Oxford

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 7,540 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated |

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| District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | ++ |
| | Cherwell | ++ |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | ++/-- |
| | Cherwell | + +/-- |

The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely.

This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). Key bus services include 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.

This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). Key bus services include 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.

This site is located adjacent to Cutteslowe which lies outside of the Cherwell District administrative boundary; however, the area contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, a community centre and a doctor's surgery.

This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). Key bus services include 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by

| Site 50 - Land North of Oxford | | |
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| | | <p>AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ +/--) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). Key bus services include 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, S5 (15 minute frequency); 700, S4 (20/30 minute frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ +/--) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within 800m of this site including Stratfield Brake Sports Ground and Stratfield Brake. Nearby sports facilities include, Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, Spirit Health Club and Banbury Road North Sports Ground. There are two which intersect the site public footpaths within 800m of the site and several more within 800m of the site. There is also a cycle path which intersects the central area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The southern area of the site is adjacent to residential properties, Cutteslowe Park and a sports facility. In addition, the western area of the site is bisected A4165 (Banbury / Oxford Road) and a train line is adjacent to the western area of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found five statutory designated sites and eleven non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1.2km to the south and west, Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows SSSI lie within the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1.1km to the south and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.5km to the south.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include eight Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), one provisional LWS (pLWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Meadows West of the Oxford Canal, Wet wood and</p> |

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| | | <p>Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the A34. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40. Almonds Farm and Burnt Mill Fields lies to the south-east also beyond the A40. One pLWS, Bypass Meadows, is located to the south-west beyond the A40. Stratfield Brake DWS lies approximately 200m to the north-west beyond the A34 and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1km to the west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site, including hedgerows and woodland and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 154.64 ha of land which is mix of primarily arable land to the east of the A4165 Oxford Road and North Oxford Golf Club located to the west of Oxford Road. To the south of the site area is the settlement of Summertown; to the east and west is agricultural land which is crossed by a network of major and minor roads. Beyond the A34 to the north is the southern edge of Kidlington.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity considered to have a medium capacity to accommodate residential development in some areas of the site. The contained area of the existing North Oxford Golf Club would be capable of accommodating residential development however the area to the east of the A4165 Oxford Road is considered to be less capable. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | --? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains St. Frideswide's Farmhouse a Grade II* Listed Building and Grade II listed wall. Within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are six Listed Buildings including</p> |

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| | | <p>Middle farmhouse, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 25 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which eight are located within Site 50. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have High to Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While there is no relationship between the land within this site and the historic core of Oxford, the low hilltops, floodplain and wooded character in the site provide a containing edge to views towards Oxford from the north adding to the rural character of Oxford's setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A watercourse follows the eastern edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 20% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| | | It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 69%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder (approximately 31%) is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is, Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>This eastern area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 55 - Land off Blethingdon Road, Islip

| Site 55 - Land off Blethingdon Road, Islip | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | | | |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 273 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
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| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell | | |

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| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | -- | - | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. The site is located at Islip which contains some services and facilities including two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | -- | -- | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (--) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (--) effect is likely.</p> |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | | <p>This site is within 800m of a healthcare facility (Islip Surgery). The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Kidlington Road Amenity Greenspace, Islip, Islip Village Hall Playing Field and River Ray Amenity Greenspace, Islip. There are four public footpaths within 800m</p> |

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| | | of the site. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential property on Blethingdon Road to the north of the site and Kidlington to Road to the south. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and during the longer-term. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and three non-statutory within the 2km area of search. The non-statutory sites includes one provisional Local Wildlife Site (pLWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS is located approximately 1.7km to the west of the site beyond the A34, Islip |

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| | | <p>Millennium Wood DWS is located approximately 600m south of the site beyond a railway line and Frognest Farm Field DWS is located approximately 1.8km to the north-west also beyond the A34.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the important species rich hedgerow on the site boundary and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 5.46 ha of arable land which had been cropped at the time of survey. The site area forms the southern part of a larger field and the north site boundary is not defined on the ground.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity as development would appear as a natural extension to the edge of Islip. Consideration would need to be given to the interface of residential development with the agricultural landscape beyond the site to the north east with the incorporation of appropriate screen planting. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 24 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area including The Monks Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building and Islip Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 14 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 55. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as a length of garden wall. There is also one archaeological</p> |

| Site 55 - Land off Blethingdon Road, Islip | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | <p>event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity. Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While the land within this site is some distance from Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the City along the Cherwell Valley still contributes to its historic character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains areas susceptible to groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality</p> |

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| land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | | agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This site is not within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a negligible effect is expected |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 74 - Land at no.40 and to the rear of 30-40 Woodstock Road East, Begbroke

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 219 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> | | | | |
| <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> | | | | |
| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1129 1317 1177 1496">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1129 1496 1177 2076">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1177 1317 1225 1496" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1496 1225 2076" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely.</p> |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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Site 74 - Land at no.40 and to the rear of 30-40 Woodstock Road East, Begbroke

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | ++ | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is located directly adjacent to Begbroke which only contains a village hall and one public house but Yarnton and Kidlington are nearby.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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Site 74 - Land at no.40 and to the rear of 30-40 Woodstock Road East, Begbroke

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Begbroke BC (Begbroke Lane), Begbroke Sports Club Play Area and Begbroke Sports Ground. There are two sports facilities nearby including Vida Health and Fitness and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There is a public footpath approximately 440m southwest and a cycle route approximately 48m to the west of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is adjacent to residential properties on Begbroke Crescent to the south. This site is also adjacent to the A44 (Woodstock Road) to the west. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and in the longer-term.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated sites and one non statutory designated sites. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designated site, is located approximately 700m to the east of this site. Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site, a non-statutory designated site, is located approximately 100m to the north-east of this site, situated on the far-side of the Immigration Detention Centre and Oxford Motor Park.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value is due to the species-poor species assemblages, especially the grassland which was dominated by coarse grasses with few herbs. It is considered likely that could be a badger sett within the dense scrub on the site. There is some possibility of reptiles being present although, due to the small size of the site and limited suitable habitat, populations are not considered likely to be large. This is a dry site with no visible open waterbodies. Bats are not considered likely to be roosting on site; although the habitats within the site do provide some foraging potential for bats. Four notable bird species were recorded on the site, none of which were proven to be breeding although there is potential for them to do so. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The site area comprises approximately 4.38ha of rough grassland and scrub. To the south and west of the site is the settlement of Begbroke; to the north and east, arable land and to the north-east is the Immigration Detention Centre.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity due to the relationship with existing residential properties to the south and west and the relative enclosure to the north and west. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are ten Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include The Old Rectory, a Grade II Listed Building and Begbroke Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are seven recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of this site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St Michael. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of</p> |

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| resources management | | <p>development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site is on greenfield land. Approximately 53% is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder (approximately 47%) is classed as Grade 2 Agricultural Land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>The majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective,</p> |

Site 75 - Land adjacent to The Old School House, Church Lane, Yarnton

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 141 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1150 840 1182 1518">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1150 1518 1182 2076">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1182 840 1214 1518" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1518 1214 2076" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The entire site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The entire site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). The site is located directly adjacent to Yarnton which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The entire site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The entire site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Yarnton Playing Fields and he Paddocks, Yarnton. There is a sports facility nearby (Yarnton Park) and several public footpaths and a cycle route which are all within 800m of the site. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Yarnton to the north of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found four statutory designated sites and twelve non |

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| | | <p>statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated sites include Oxford Meadows SAC, located approximately 1.1km to the south of the site, Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows and Cassington Meadows SSSI lie within the SAC and Wytham Ditches and Flushes SSSI lies approximately 1.8km to the southwest.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include eight Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Meadows west of the Oxford Canal LWS is located approximately 1.1km to the west, Wet Wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Loop Farm Flood Meadows, Dukes Lock Pond and Canal side Meadow/Oxford Canal Marsh lie approximately 1, 1.2, 1.4 and 1.9km respectively to the south-west. Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits is 600m to the south, Acrey Pits is approximately 1.9km to the south-west and Begbroke Wood is approximately 1.4km to the north-west, Frogwelldown Lane DWS is located 3 approximately 00m to the north-west, Yarnton Sidings is approximately 400m to the south-west and North Meadow West of Canal and Stratfield Brake DWS are approximately 1.2 and 1.4km to the north-east.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the habitats on site including hedgerows and woodland and their potential for protected species and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 2.83 ha of arable land in a single field which is bound to the north by existing residential properties, the south by Yarnton Manor, the east by Church Lane and the west by agricultural land.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity but this is not across the whole site area as the southern part of the site provides the setting for the Grade II Registered Park and Garden and the associated Grade II* listed Yarnton Manor. If residential development is proposed in the site consideration should be given to the separation between these designations and potential impacts any development could have. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| | | This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are 24 Listed Buildings and one Registered Park and Garden. These include Byways, a Grade II Listed Building and Yarnton Manor registered Park and Garden.</p> <p>There are 22 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area. An Archaeological Constraint Priority Area extends into the site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the Church of St. Bartholomew and Yarnton Manor. There are also seven archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |

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| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | - | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (approximately 78%) is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land, while the remainder of the site is classified as Grade 4 Agricultural Land (approximately 18%) and urban land (approximately 4%). Overall, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>The majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective, |

Site 91 - Land South of Station Field Industrial Park, Kidlington

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="309 1317 344 1653">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="344 1317 619 1653">++</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 119 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | |
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| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="624 1317 659 1653">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="659 1317 810 1653">+/-</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | |
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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="815 1317 850 1653">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="850 1317 1118 1653">+</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1187 1485 1222 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1187 1317 1222 1485">Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1222 1485 1380 1653">0</td> <td data-bbox="1222 1317 1380 1485">0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). This site is located adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | +/- | +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | This site is approximately 680m west of Kidlington and Yarnton Medical Group/ Exeter Surgery. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Lyne Road Amenity Greenspace, Lyne Road Amenity Greenspace, Bellinger Way Amenity Greenspace and Gravel Pits Allotments (east of Oxford Road). Nearby sports facilities, include Kidlington Football Club, Exeter Close and Park Hill Recreation Ground. There are several public footpaths within 800m, the closest are adjacent to the western and southern edges. There is a cycle path 531m to the south east of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is adjacent to residential roads within the settlement at Kidlington to the east of the site. In addition, there is a train line adjacent to the eastern area of the site and an industrial area to the north of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and eight non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designated site, is located 30m to the west on the opposite bank of Oxford Canal.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), two provisional Wildlife Sites (pLWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Langford Meadows LWS is located approximately 800m to the north-west of the site. Begbroke Wood LWS lies approximately 1.8km to the south-west beyond the A44, Kidlington Meadows and Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS both lie to the east beyond Kidlington village. Kidlington Copse (Parkhill Copse) DWS is located approximately 700m to the east, Thrupp Community Woodland DWS lies approximately 1.3km to the north-east and St Mary's Fields is located approximately 1.5km to the north-east, all beyond the A4260. Stratfield Brake DWS lies approximately 1.9km to the south-east.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats (tall ruderals, scattered trees, pond, wet grassland/marsh, plantation woodland, tussock forming neutral grassland) on site and their potential to support protected species. The range of mosaic of habitats is likely to support diverse communities of invertebrates and the site may qualify as a LWS for the species criteria for invertebrates. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 2.39 ha of rough grassland and scrub. To the north is the existing Langford Locks Industrial Estate; the east the railway corridor; the south a pedestrian bridge embankment over the Oxford Canal; and the west, the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as the site is located adjacent to the existing residential edge of Kidlington, it is isolated by the railway corridor to the east and Canal to the west and only accessible via the existing industrial area to the north. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are eight Listed Buildings and two Conservation Areas. These include Park farmhouse, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 19 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which is located within Site 91. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the structure around Park Farm. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site lies within the setting of the Oxford Canal which represents an important approach to the city and therefore makes some contribution to the setting of Oxford.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |

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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal follows the western boundary of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> |

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| | | All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts This site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 92 - Knightsbridge Farm, Yarnton

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 285 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |

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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is entirely within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is entirely within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. The site is located near to Yarnton which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall. |
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| | Cherwell | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is entirely within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ +/--) effect is likely. |
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| | | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is entirely within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely.</p> <p>There is potential for any existing traffic movements associated with existing uses to be removed through re-development but this will be replaced by some unsustainable car journeys.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Stratfield Brake, Stratfield Brake Sports Ground, Yarnton Pitches, The Paddocks, Yarnton and Croxford Gardens Amenity Greenspace. Little Marsh Playing Field is the only sports facility within 800m and there are several public footpaths within 800m, the closest being 127m to the west of the site a cycle path adjacent to the southern area of the site. These routes may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site incorporates industrial uses but the southern area is adjacent to the A44 (Woodstock Road) and a train line to the west. In addition, there are residential properties to the south of the A44. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the long-term.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found three statutory designated sites and nine non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated sites are Oxford Meadows SAC, located approximately 1.4km to the south-west of the site beyond the A40, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI fall within the SAC and Rushy Meadows SSSI is located approximately 1.7km to the north.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include five Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies approximately 200m to the south-east. Wet Wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Loop Farm Flood Meadows, Dukes Lock Pond and Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits LWS all lie to the south-west beyond the A44. North Meadow West of Canal and Stratfield Brake DWS lie approximately 200 and 400m to the east respectively. Frogwelldown Lane and Yarnton Sidings are located to the west beyond the A44.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the presence of hedges (UK Priority Habitat) and the potential for protected species to be present along the site boundaries and</p> |

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| | | <p>so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The detailed impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present (and mitigation measures required) for each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | --? | <p>The site is located to the east of Yarnton immediately east of the A44 bridge crossing over the Oxford to Bicester railway line. The site area comprises approximately 5.71 ha of land currently used as a manufacturing site and storage area for building products.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as the site is isolated within the existing landscape context to the north east and south extending to agricultural land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are three Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Grapes Inn, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are six recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area. An Archaeological Constraint Priority Area extends into the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the</p> |

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| | | new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A watercourse follows the south eastern edge of the site. This is a mixed greenfield and previously developed land, but the majority of this site is greenfield land outside of flood zone 3. Overall, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site is on greenfield land. This site is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |

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| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>An area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 118 - London Oxford Airport, Kidlington

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 10,246 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'red' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, significant negative effects are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1129 840 1177 1496">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1129 1496 1177 2076">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1177 840 1225 1496" style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1496 1225 2076" style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). This site is located at the airport and near to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Some parts of the site are also near to Woodstock. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D, S4 (15 mins frequency) and S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell.</p> |

| Site 118 - London Oxford Airport, Kidlington | | |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. The site is located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features located within 800m of the site including Thrupp Woods and Langford Corner Amenity Greenspace. Nearby sports facilities include Vida Health and Fitness and Begbroke Sports and Social Club. There is a footpath which intersects the site and several more within 800m and a cycle route adjacent to the western area, which may encourage residents to partake of more active modes of transport. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. This site is circumvented by three major roads, namely the A4095 (Upper Campsfield Road) to the west, the A44 (Woodstock Road) to the south and the A4260 (Banbury Road) to the east. In addition, there are residential properties on the A4095 and A44 and a large retail area at Oxford Spires Park and a smaller retail park to the north of the site on the A4260. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | 0? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and one non statutory site. Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory site, is located approximately 500m to the south of this site, located on the far side of the Oxford Motor Park and easternmost extent of the site shares a short boundary with Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site, a non-statutory designation.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This to the site currently being dominated by species-poor habitats, some of which are intensively managed, the site has limited nature conservation value other than to nesting farmland birds. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises 20.5km² of land which is currently used as London Oxford Airport. The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as a result of the relative openness of the site and its prominence within the surrounding landscape the location of residential development would be highly visible within the local landscape context and alter the historical context of the former military airfield. A buffer could be created to development however this would take considerable time to be effective. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |

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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are three Scheduled Monuments, ten Listed Buildings, three Conservation Area, a Registered Park and Garden and the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site.</p> <p>In addition, there are 16 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area and one archaeological event recorded within the site.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible</p> |

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| | | effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. This is a mixed greenfield and previously developed land, but the majority of this site is greenfield land outside of flood zone 3. Overall, a minor negative effect is likely. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site on greenfield land. Approximately 89% is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land and the remainder (approximately 11%) is classed as urban land. Overall, a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts The majority of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative |

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| | | effect is likely |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | Although this site has been classified as mixed land. Aerial photographs revealed that this site is mainly located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 122 - Land to South of A34, adjacent to Woodstock Road, Wolvercote

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site is relatively small but has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 310 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. |

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| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> | | | | |
| <p>SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford</p> | | | | | | |
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| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | +/- | +/- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and mixed negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include: 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | + | | <p>The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility. There are however several sports facilities, PRoW, areas of open space and a cycle path all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | 0 | | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The junction of the A44 and A34 lies directly adjacent to the site's western boundary and there is an existing residential development on Lakeside Avenue to the south east of the site. So a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found four statutory designated sites and nine non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 1km to the south and west, Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI is located within the SAC and Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1km to the south and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.3km to the south.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include seven Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and two District Wildlife Sites (DWS). The seven LWS are located to the south and west of the site. Meadows West of the Oxford Canal, Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the A34. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40. Stratfield Brake DWS lies approximately 550m to the north-west beyond the A34 and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies 1 approximately km to the north-west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This assessment is based on the presence of woodland and scrub to the south of the site and the potential for protected species to be present. A</p> |

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| | | <p>minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The site is immediately north of Pear Tree Park and Ride site. The site area comprises approximately 9.15 ha of primarily pasture land however in the south of the site there is a dwelling with associated grounds and agricultural type outbuildings. The southern part of the site is located within the Oxford City Council administration area.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium' capacity as the land is well contained and screened from the surrounding area and theoretically suitable for residential development however any residential development located in the site would be isolated from adjacent residential areas to the south east. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Listed Building within the study, Frieze Farm, a Grade II Listed Building.</p> <p>There are 18 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of Site 34. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>The Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While there is no relationship between this area and Oxford's historic core, the extent of visibility of built development from the ring roads that largely contain the city can also be considered to play a role in perception of Oxford's rural setting. In this respect the</p> |

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| | | <p>openness of the parcel makes some contribution to setting. there is no The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A small watercourse follows the southern edge of the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the entire site is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on</p> |

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| | | whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site is not within a Minerals Consultation Area so a negligible effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 124 - Land to West of A44, North of A40, Wolvercote
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 578 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1165 840 1197 1310">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1165 1310 1197 2072">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1197 840 1228 1310">0</td> <td data-bbox="1197 1310 1228 2072">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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Site 124 - Land to West of A44, North of A40, Wolvercote

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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | + | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). The site is disconnected from existing settlements including by the road network in this area. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++) effect is likely.</p> |
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Site 124 - Land to West of A44, North of A40, Wolvercote

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is also located in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way which may encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. There are a number of amenity greenspace features within 800m of this site including Stratfield Brake. In addition, there is a public footpath and cycle path adjacent to the western area of the site as well as a sports facility (Spirit Health Club). As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>This site is adjacent to two A roads. The A43 (western By-pass Road) is adjacent to the eastern area and the A40 (Northern By-pass Road) is adjacent to the southern area of the site. There are several residential properties within the north eastern and western areas of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective during the construction phase and over the longer term.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found four statutory designated sites and eleven non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 500m to the west beyond Oxford Canal and the A40 and Pixey and Yarnton Meads SSSI lies within the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 875m to the south-west and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 1.4km to the south-west.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include four Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and three District Wildlife Sites (DWS). The nine LWS are located to the north, south and west of the site; Meadows West of the Oxford Canal is located to the north of the site beyond the canal and the A44. Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the west, beyond the Oxford Canal. Canal-side Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40 and A34. West Cowleys and Riverside Meadow lies to the south-west beyond the Oxford Canal, A34 and A40. Stratfield Brake DWS is located 1 approximately km to the north of the site beyond the A44 and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1.1km to the north.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the wide variety of habitats on site, including hedgerows and their potential for protected species. The Oxford canal forms the western boundary of the site and provides habitat for protected species and connectivity to the wider landscape. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also</p> |

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| | | recorded as uncertain. |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The site area comprises approximately 11.56 ha of pasture land enclosed by mature hedgerow boundaries. To the north and south the land is used for pasture, to the east is the vegetated roadside embankment of the A34 and A44 roundabout junction and bordering the site to the west is the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as it forms the landscape setting for the Oxford Canal which is a well-used recreational route in a rural setting. The site also forms part of the setting for the listed structures of Duke's Cut Lock and the associated canal towpath bridge. Development of the land parcel in isolation would also be out of character within the area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are five Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include Oxford Canal tilting bridge approximately 600 metres north of Duke's Cut, a Grade II Listed Building and Oxford Canal Conservation Area.</p> |

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| | | <p>There are 11 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 124. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The openness of the land within the site sloping away from Oxford contributes to the rural setting of Oxford. Its relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historical route into the City, adds to its contribution to setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The Oxford Canal forms the western edge of the site and a small watercourse follows the southern edge of the site. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 5% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| | | Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land; therefore a significant negative effect is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>All new development will result in the increased consumption of minerals for construction and the location of development sites can influence the efficient use of primary minerals by their proximity to Minerals Safeguarding Areas as development in those areas may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the districts</p> <p>An area of this site is within a Minerals Consultation Area; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 125 - Land at Gosford Farm, Gosford

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> | <p>Oxford ++</p> | <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 1,035 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity.</p> |
| <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford ++</p> | <p>Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | <p>Oxford +</p> | <p>The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments.</p> |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social</p> | <p>Oxford</p> | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in</p> |

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| exclusion. | 0 | 0 | Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> | <p>Cherwell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++</p> | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 (15 min frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 (15 min frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Although separated from Kidlington by the Bicester Road, this site is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | + / -- | + / -- | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 (15 min frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and mixed negative (+ / --) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 (15 min frequency) and 25A (60 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative (+ / --) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | ++ | | <p>The site is located within 800m of a healthcare facility (Gosford Hill Medical Centre), several sports facilities, areas of open space, a number of PRoW and a cycle path. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | 0 | | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The site's south east boundary lies directly adjacent to the A34 and there is an existing residential development located to the north west of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and five non statutory sites within the 2km area of search.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include one Local Wildlife Site (LWS), two provisional Local Wildlife Sites (pLWS) and three District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies approximately 1.6km to the south-west of the site beyond the A4165. The two pLWS, Bransond Lake and Scrub and Kidlington Meadows lie to the north-west beyond Bicester Road and the River Cherwell. Kidlington Copse DWS is located approximately 1.5km to the north-west and Stratfield Brake DWS is located approximately 1km to the south-west. North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1.5km to the north-east.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the habitats on site, particularly the hedgerows the potential to support protected species. and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | -? | <p>effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> <p>The site area comprises approximately 20.26 ha of agricultural land, approximately half of which is in arable use and the other half as pasture. The site is bound to the south east by the A34; to the north east by arable land; to the west by Water Eaton Lane with existing residential properties and arable land beyond and to the south by an area of rough ground/scrub.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to high' capacity as development of this type would tie in with the existing urban edge of Kidlington and form a natural infill up to the well-defined physical landscape barrier of the A34. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are three Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include 21 Evans Lane, a Grade II Listed Building and Kidlington – Church Street Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 14 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which four are located within Site 125. There is some duplication within the non-designated records and the designated heritage sites, such as Kidlington Mill. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site sits within the Cherwell valley, a feature which represents an important element in Oxford's historic setting. However, the parcel is too distant from Oxford, and too closely related to Kidlington, to make more than a minor contribution to the rural setting of Oxford.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the</p> |

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| | | new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | --? | Approximately 60% of the site lies within flood zone 3 so a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This is effect is also recorded as uncertain as it is unknown at this stage whether it is flood zone 3a or 3b. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (93%) is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 3 (7%). A minor negative effect therefore is likely. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development |

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| local products. | | within sites on this objective will be negligible. The site lies almost entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 167 - Land adjacent to Oxford Parkway, Banbury Road, Kidlington

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 385 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs') ; therefore a significant positive effect is likely. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. The site is near to but separated from Kidlington but there are services and facilities nearby. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++)/-- effect is likely. |

Site 167 - Land adjacent to Oxford Parkway, Banbury Road, Kidlington

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| | | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). Key bus services include 500 (Park and ride service) and 700 which both run at a 15/20 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | + | <p>The site does not lie within 800m of a health facility. There is however a sports facility (Stratfield Brake) to the north west of the site, a cycle path and several PROW and open spaces all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | 0 | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities</p> | - | <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>A railway line, the A34 and the A4165 lie within close proximity to the site so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |

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| <p>Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | |
| <p>7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity</p> | <p>0?</p> | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found no statutory designated sites and nine non statutory sites within the 2km area of search.</p> <p>The non-statutory sites include four Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), two provision Wildlife Sites (pLWS) and three District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies approximately 1.2km to the west of the site. Wet Wood and Swamp LWS near Yarnton, Loop Farm Flood Meadows LWS and Dukes Lock Pond LWS lie approximately 1.8km to the south-west. Bransons Lake and Scrub pLWS and Kidlington Meadows pLWS lie to the north-west beyond Bicester Road and the River Cherwell. Kidlington Copse DWS is located approximately 1.5km to the north-west and Stratfield Brake DWS is located approximately 1km to the south-west and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lies approximately 1.2km to the west.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This assessment is based on the poor quality of habitats observed i.e. arable and a car park with limited species poor hedgerows and immature woodland, and the limited potential to support protected species. A negligible effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The site is located immediately to the east of the A34 and comprises part of the Peartree Park and Ride site and an area of agricultural land. There is also an area of rough grassland and scrub located on the southern boundary. The site area comprises approximately 7.69 ha of land. To the south and east of the site is arable farmland and the remainder of the Peartree Park and Ride site. There is ongoing development immediately to the north-west of the site with the active presence of construction machinery. A railway corridor borders the site to the north-west with the A34 road corridor immediately beyond.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity due to the existing land uses comprising the park and ride site and Oxford Parkway railway station; residential development in this area would also be isolated in the context of other nearby residential areas. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found there are no designated assets recorded within Site 167 or within the study area.</p> <p>There are 13 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which none are within the boundary of Site 126. There are also two archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site sits within the Cherwell valley, a feature which plays an important role in Oxford's historic setting, but the parcel is not close enough to the river to make a strong contribution, and is compromised by proximity to Oxford Parkway and the Park and Ride.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |

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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>A small watercourse follows the southern edge of the site. This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zone 3; therefore a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (98%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 3 (2%). A minor negative effect therefore is likely.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site is within a Mineral Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA</p> |

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>objective.</p> <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 168 - Loop Farm, Wolvercote

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 166 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+/-</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1165 477 1197 882">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1165 882 1197 1960">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1197 477 1228 882">0</td> <td data-bbox="1197 882 1228 1960">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | ++ | + | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). The site is disconnected from existing settlements including by the road network in this area. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. A key bus service is S3 (20 min frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | + | <p>The site does not lie within 800m of any healthcare facilities. There is however a sports facility located to the south east of the site, areas of open space, several PROw and a cycle path all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely.</p> |

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| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site's north boundary lies directly adjacent to the A44 and there is an existing residential dwelling to the north west of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found five statutory designated sites and twelve non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 730m to the south-west beyond the A40 and Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows SSSI lie with the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1.5km to the south-west and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 2km to the south-west. The non-statutory sites include eight Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal lies to the north of the site beyond the canal and the A44. Wet wood and Swamp near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits, |

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| | | <p>Loop Farm Flood Meadows and Dukes Lock Pond all lie to the south-west. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh and Meadow North of Goose Green lie to the south beyond A40 and A34. West Cowleys lies to south-west adjacent to Oxford Meadows SAC. Stratfield Brake DWS and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lie approximately 500m to the north. Yarnton Sidings DWS and Frogwelldown Lane DWS lies approximately 1.2 and 1.7km to the west respectively.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species. The stream to the west of the site and the Oxford Canal to the east provide connectivity to the wider landscape. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site is located to the north west of Peartree Hill, south of the A44 Woodstock Road and sandwiched between the Oxford Canal on the east boundary and Kingsbridge Brook on the west boundary. The site area comprises approximately 3.31 ha of land which is used as pasture in the north of the site whilst the south of the site is occupied by Loop Farm and associated agricultural outbuildings. The wider landscape to the east, south and west is primarily arable whilst to the north is the A44 Woodstock Road and areas of rough ground and storage.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity as the site is relatively well contained and therefore residential development would be relatively well concealed however the surrounding land use is primarily agricultural and therefore residential development would be isolated in the surrounding landscape context. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |

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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Grade II Listed Buildings, Oxford Canal towpath bridge at Duke's Cut Lock and Oxford Canal tilting bridge approximately 600 metres north of Duke's Cut and one Conservation Area, the Oxford canal.</p> <p>There are 10 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which is located within Site 168.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site sits within the setting of the Oxford Canal, an important historical route into the City and therefore makes some contribution to the setting of Oxford.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>Approximately 20% of the site lies on greenfield land designated as flood zone 3. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Kingsbridge Brook forms the western edge of the site and the Oxford Canal forms the eastern edge of the site. It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible</p> |

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| | | to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on mixed use land, but the majority of the site is on greenfield land. The entire site is classed as Grade 4 Agricultural Land. A minor negative effect therefore is likely. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The site entirely lies within a Minerals Consultation Area and so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 276 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'); therefore a significant positive effect is likely. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1161 1485 1198 1655">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1317 1198 1485">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1198 1485 1396 1655">0</td> <td data-bbox="1198 1317 1396 1485">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | | | | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). The site is disconnected from existing settlements including by the road network in this area. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | | | <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (++) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is directly linked to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'green' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route from Oxford to Woodstock; including key bus service S3 (20 mins frequency). Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, it has been identified that the proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development at this site are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'red' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and significant negative (+ + / - -) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | + | | <p>The site is not within 800m of any health facility. There are however PRoW, areas of open space, a sports facility and a cycle path within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active</p> |

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| | | and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective is likely. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site's eastern boundary lies directly adjacent to the A44 and there are existing residential properties to the south east of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found three statutory designated sites and twelve non statutory sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory sites are Oxford Meadows SAC located approximately 730m to the south-west beyond the A40, Pixey and Yarnton Meads and Wolvercote Meadows SSSI lie with the SAC. Port Meadow and Wolvercote Common and Green SSSI (grazed neutral grassland) lies approximately 1.5km to the south-west and Hook Meadow and the Trap Grounds (unimproved neutral meadow) lies approximately 2km to the south-west. |

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| | | <p>The non-statutory sites include eight Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Meadows West of the Oxford Canal LWS lies to the north of the site beyond the canal and the A44. Wet wood and Swamp LWS near Yarnton, Cassington to Yarnton Gravel Pits LWS, Loop Farm Flood Meadows LWS and Dukes Lock Pond LWS all lie to the south-west. Canalside Meadows/Oxford Canal Marsh LWS and Meadow North of Goose Green LWS lie to the south beyond A40 and A34. West Cowleys LWS lies to south-west adjacent to Oxford Meadows SAC. Stratfield Brake DWS and North Meadow West of Canal DWS lie approximately 500m to the north. Yarnton Sidings DWS and Frogwelldown Lane DWS lie approximately 1.3 and 1.8km to the west respectively.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the variety of habitats on site including hedgerows and scrub and their potential for protected species. The Oxford Canal on the western boundary provides habitat for protected species and connectivity to the wider landscape. A minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site is located at Peartree Hill immediately to the west of the A44 Woodstock Road and east of the Oxford Canal. The site area comprises approximately 5.52 ha of land that is primarily in agricultural use as pasture with Loop Farm Bungalow in the south east corner. Within the surrounding area, the primary land use is agricultural with most land used for pasture.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity. The site is relatively exposed in its nature providing the visual and landscape setting of the Oxford Canal and development would be isolated and out of character within this area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |

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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Grade II Listed Buildings, Frieze Farmhouse and Oxford Canal tilting bridge approximately 600 metres north of Duke's Cut, and one Conservation Area, the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>There are 11 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, one of which is located within Site 177.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The openness of the land within this site sloping away from Oxford contributes to the rural setting of Oxford. Its relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historical route into the City, adds to its contribution to setting.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The Oxford Canal follows the western edge of the site. A small section to the north west of the site, representing around 12% of the site lies within flood zone 3. The site is also on greenfield land so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water,</p> |

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| | | groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (73%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 4 (27%). A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The site entirely lies within a Minerals Consultation Area and so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

Site 181 - Land off Mill Street/Mill Lane, Islip

| Site 181 - Land off Mill Street/Mill Lane, Islip | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 109 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| | Oxford | | |
| | +/- | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| | Oxford | | |
| | + | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| | Oxford | | |
| | + | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | Cherwell | | |

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| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | -- | | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. The site is located at Islip which contains some services and facilities including two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route, however, within 2.5km of Islip train station. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is removed from existing sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'red' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is more than 500m from a premium bus route. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a significant negative (-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | | <p>The site is within 800m of a healthcare facility (Islip Surgery), areas of open space and PROW. There are however no cycle paths or sports facilities within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |

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| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is located within close proximity to existing residential development on Mill Street and Kidlington Road. In addition, its northern boundary of the development is within close proximity to a railway line and so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | -? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and two non-statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. Woodeaton Quarry SSSI, a statutory designation, lies approximately 1.7km to the south-east of the site. The non-statutory sites include one provisional Local Wildlife Site (pLWS) and one District Wildlife Sites (DWS); Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS is located approximately 1.6km to the north-west and Islip Millennium Wood DWS is located approximately 450m to the south-east. Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/Low. This value is due to the limited variety of habitats on site but has a potential for protected species e.g. badger and so a minor negative effect is |

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| | | <p>expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 2.18 ha of pasture land. The wider landscape to the north, west and south is predominantly arable with the River Cherwell passing approximately 80m to the south of the site.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as the site is on the very extent of the settlement and within the context of the site area residential properties are becoming more dispersed. The site is also considered to be important in providing the landscape setting for the Islip Conservation Area with the Conservation Area appraisal identifying the site with a positive view. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, three Scheduled Monuments, ten Listed Buildings, three Conservation Areas and a World Heritage Site and Registered Park and Garden. These include Blenheim Palace Registered Park and Garden and World Heritage Site, a Registered Park and Garden, World Heritage Site, and a Grade I Listed Building and Hampton Gay, Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are sixteen recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which three are within the boundary of the site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as the churchyard crosses. There is also one archaeological event within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> |

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| | | <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). While Islip is some distance from Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the City along the Cherwell valley still contributes to its historic character. However the parcel is too small and too closely associated with Islip for development to be likely to represent any significant intrusion.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The site is not within any flood zones and is located on a greenfield land. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains areas susceptible to groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (99%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, a significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known.</p> |

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| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The majority of this site is within a Mineral Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 194 - Land off Langford Lane, Kidlington

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 425 new dwellings. A significant positive effect is likely. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |

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| SA Objectives | | SA Score | | Justification |
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| | | Oxford | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | Oxford | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | Oxford | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| | | Cherwell | 0 | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | | + | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). This site is located directly adjacent to the airport and near to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely. |
| | | Cherwell | ++ | |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | Justification |
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| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | <p>The site is not within 800m of any healthcare facilities or a cycle path. There is however a sports facility to the southwest of the site, areas of open space and a PRoW (including a footpath directly adjacent to the site's western boundary) all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | <p>negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term.</p> <p>The site is located within close proximity to London Oxford Airport and an industrial area to the south and so a minor negative effect is identified as it may affect residents in the longer term.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | 0? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and one non statutory designated site. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designation, is located approximately 400m to the south of this site, located on the far side of the Oxford Motor Park. The site also lies immediately adjacent to the west of Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site, a non-statutory designation and they share a boundary along their full length.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value is due to the site having some potential for roosting bats and nesting birds in planted woodland and some potential for badgers either within this woodland or along inaccessible hedgerows. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| | | The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises 4.49ha of land currently in arable use. To the east of the site is a grass access track following the alignment of a deciduous woodland shelter belt along a drainage ditch and beyond is a tract of arable farmland extending north-south along the A4260 Banbury Road.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity due to the close proximity of the site to London Oxford Airport, Oxford Spire Business Park and Oxford Motor Park. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, seven Listed Buildings, one Scheduled Monument and three Conservation Areas. These include The Boat Public House, a Grade II Listed Building and Kidlington - Langford Lane Wharf Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are twelve recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which three are within the boundary of this site. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as Thrupp Cross.</p> <p>The Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the</p> |

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| | | new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | The south eastern corner of the site follows a small watercourse. The site is not within any flood zones and is located on a greenfield land. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (74%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Urban (26%) A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through |

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| <p>using sustainably produced and local products.</p> | | <p>the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The majority of the site lies within a Mineral Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">++</div> | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 169 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <div style="background-color: #add8e6; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">+/-</div> | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'amber' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <div style="background-color: #90ee90; color: black; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">+</div> | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1134 837 1177 1503">Oxford</th> <th data-bbox="1134 1503 1177 1930">Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1177 837 1220 1503">0</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1503 1220 1930">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | ++ | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). This site is located at the airport and near to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. Therefore, a significant positive (++) effect is likely.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford.</p> <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include 2C, 2D (15 min frequency) and S4 (30 min frequency). Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, a lower proportion of road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'green' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Overall, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to proximity to sustainable transport, however this site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Cherwell.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is not within 800m of any healthcare facilities or a cycle path. There is however a sports facility to the southwest of the site, a PRoW and areas of open space all within 800m of the site. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The site is located within close proximity to London Oxford Airport and so a minor negative effect is identified as it may affect residents in the longer term. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | 0? | Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and one non statutory |

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| | | <p>designated site. The Rushy Meadows SSSI, a statutory designation, is located approximately 700m to the south of this site, located the far side of Oxford Spire Business Park and Oxford Motor Park. Langford Meadows Local Wildlife Site, a non-statutory designations, is located more than 100m to the east of this site, situated on the far-side of Oxford Spire Business Park.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Low. This value was based upon the limited habitats in the presence of mostly artificial habitats, but with the areas of pioneer vegetation being of some interest as they may support bee orchids. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site area comprises approximately 3.28 ha of land currently used by Thames Water for offices and storage depots. To the north and west of the site is London Oxford Airport, to the south is Oxford Spire Business Park and to the east is an area or arable farmland. The area is generally inaccessible to the public apart from an area of car parking associated with the Thames Water offices in the south-west corner of the site.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'low' capacity due to the site location context within the Oxford Spire Business park and London Oxford Airport. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Listed Buildings and three Conservation Areas. These include Sparrowgap Bridge, Oxford Canal, a Grade II Listed Building and Kidlington - Langford Lane Wharf Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are nine recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, of which one is within the boundary of this site. There is some duplication within these records and the</p> |

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| | | designated heritage sites, such as the historic village of Thrupp. Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity. Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The land within this site was judged to have an insufficient relationship with Oxford to be considered to contribute to its historic setting or special character. Therefore, overall, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | The site is not within any flood zones and is on brownfield land so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | +? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. The site is mainly on brownfield land; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Although this is uncertain depending on the quality of land in the rest of the site and how the development within the site would eventually be laid out. |

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| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The site is not within a Mineral Consultation Area so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | +? | This site is classed as brownfield land; therefore development at this location may involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on the previous use of the site |

Site 209 – Land at Islip

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| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 6,561 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site is within easy access of more than 20,000 Oxford jobs by walking/cycling or public transport and more than 75,000 Oxford jobs by road (i.e. scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs'); therefore a significant positive effect is likely. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |

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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| | Oxford | Cherwell | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a train station. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. The site is removed from direct walking and cycling routes. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely.</p> <p>Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a train station. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. The site is removed from direct walking and cycling routes. The site is located near to and partially adjacent to Islip which contains some services and facilities including two public houses, a doctor's surgery and a village hall that also contains a community shop. Therefore, a minor negative (-) effect is likely.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | Cherwell | <p>This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a train station. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. The site is removed from direct walking and cycling routes. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber'</p> |
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| | | <p>in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a train station. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. The site is removed from direct walking and cycling routes. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | Of the eight land parcels forming this site, seven of them either lie wholly or partially within the 800m buffer zone of a healthcare facility (Islip Surgery) and PRoW and an area of open space. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. The north west boundary of the most northern parcel lies directly adjacent to the A34 and the remaining seven parcels lie directly adjacent to an existing residential development. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and seven non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated site is Wood Eaton Quarry SSSI and is located approximately 900m to the south-east of the site. The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), two provisional LWS (pLWS) and four District Wildlife Sites (DWS): Blechingdon Road Verge (East) LWS and Black Leys Wood LWS lie approximately 1.3 and approximately 1.8km respectively to the north. Branson's Lake and Scrub and Kidlington Meadows pLWS are located approximately 900m and 1.2km respectively to the west of the site. Islip Millennium Wood DWS lies on the eastern site boundary of the southernmost section of the site. St Mary' Field DWS lies approximately 1.6km to the west. Frognest Farm Field DWS lies approximately 1km to the north-west. Walker's Copse DWS lies approximately 1.8km to the north.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/High. This value is due to the variety of habitats on site and the protected/notable species which they may support. Rivers are a NERC (2006), Section 41, Habitat of Principal Importance. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>The site is located to the north, south and west of Islip with an isolated area of land located further north along Blechingdon Road to the east of the road bridge over the A34. To the south of Islip, the site extends south from Mill Street along the east bank of the River Cherwell and extends east to Wheatley Road with the land gradually rising to the south of the area. To the west of the village, the site comprises a number of land parcels split either side of the railway line and Mill Lane. These areas are joined either side of the railway line</p> |

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| | | <p>by a relatively recently constructed footbridge over the railway corridor. North west of the village, the land is largely arable and falls to the north west towards the A34 road corridor and to the north of the village the site area wraps around the former oil storage depot.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> <p>The assessment notes however that the capacity for residential development varies across the site areas. To the south of Islip, the capacity for residential development is considered to be low as the landscape scale is smaller and comprises key visual connections within the historic core of Islip. Land to the west of Islip, to the south of the railway line is considered to have a medium to low capacity for residential development due to its visual connections with the historic core; and the arable land located to the north of the railway line a medium capacity for residential development. The land parcel to the north of Islip and west of Bletchingdon Road has a medium/medium to high capacity as it is more associated with modern development. The isolated parcel of arable land adjacent to the A34 is considered to have a low capacity for development due to the potential isolation.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there is one Scheduled Monument, 26 Listed Buildings and one Conservation Area. These include the Islip Roman Villa, a Scheduled Monument, Islip Mill, a Grade II Listed Building and Islip Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are 34 recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area. There is some duplication within these records and the designated heritage sites, such as a length of garden wall. There is also three archaeological events within the study area.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Medium to Low sensitivity.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The site lies close to Islip. While Islip is some distance from Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the City along the Cherwell valley still contributes to its historic</p> |

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| | | <p>character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. It is noted however that the land to the north of the railway line is considered to be of lesser sensitivity.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017).</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | <p>The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b.</p> <p>The site is on greenfield land and is mainly outside of flood zone 3 (less than 3% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, a minor negative effect is likely.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | <p>The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.</p> <p>This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (over 95%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 4 (less than 5%). A significant</p> |

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| | | negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The site lies almost entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Site 210 - Land at Hampton Poyle

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing developments will include an appropriate proportion of affordable housing. All the site options appraised for the Part 1 Review are above 2 ha in size and are therefore likely to contribute significantly to the number of affordable homes. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. This site has been identified as being able to accommodate, as a theoretical capacity, approximately 2,481 new dwellings. The Council's HELAA provides further detail about potential site capacity. |

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| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>+/-</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | | | +/- | Good accessibility to employment is important for developing and strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford and Oxfordshire. This site scored 'red' in relation to criteria 4 (Access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport) and 'green' in relation to criteria 5 (Access to Oxford jobs by road). Therefore, minor mixed effects (+/-) are likely in relation to this SA objective. |
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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>+</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | | | + | The increased provision of affordable housing in Oxfordshire will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford and for the Oxfordshire economy. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford and Cherwell including as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell (above 30%); therefore a negligible effect is likely. |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | + | - | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 2 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Oxford). The site is within 2.5km of a train station and is directly linked to walking and cycling routes. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. Therefore, a minor positive (+) effect is likely. |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | This site is in close proximity to sustainable transport routes (i.e. scored 'Amber' in ITP's criteria 3 -Proximity to current sustainable transport services and infrastructure that serve Cherwell). The site is within 2.5km of a train station and is directly linked to walking and cycling routes. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. The site is located next to Hampton Poyle but there are no services and facilities in the immediate vicinity. Therefore, a minor negative (-) effect is likely. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | <p>The site is within 2.5km of a train station and is directly linked to walking and cycling routes. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Oxford and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative (+/-) effect is likely.</p> <p>The site is within 2.5km of a train station and is directly linked to walking and cycling routes. The site is partially within 500m of a premium bus route. Key bus services include S5 which runs at a 15 min frequency. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely. In addition, some road based trips generated by proposed development are likely to load onto roads covered by AQMAs in Cherwell and therefore this site scored 'amber' in ITP's Criteria 10 (Proximity to Cherwell and Oxford Air Quality Management Areas). Therefore, overall a mixed significant positive and minor negative effect is likely.</p> |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The site is not located within 800m of a healthcare facility or a sports facility, however an area of semi natural open space (St Mary's Fields) is located within 800m of the site and a cycle path lies directly adjacent to the site's west boundary. These facilities are likely to encourage new residents to make use of these facilities as part of a more physically active and healthier lifestyle. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the effect of new housing development within the site is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | - | Where new development is proposed within close proximity to existing residential communities there may be negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction phase. New residential development within close proximity of major roads or railways or industrial areas may result in noise pollution affecting residents in the longer term. Sections of the site's west boundary lie directly adjacent to an existing residential development and the south east boundary lies directly adjacent to the A34. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | --? | <p>Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure.</p> <p>The recent Ecological Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found one statutory designated site and nine non statutory designated sites within the 2km area of search. The statutory designated site is Wood Eaton Quarry SSSI and lies approximately 1km to the south-east of the site. The non-statutory sites include two Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), two provisional LWS (pLWS) and five District Local Wildlife Sites (DLWS); Blechingdon Road Verge (East) LWS and Black Leys Wood LWS lie approximately 1 and 2km respectively to the north-east. Branson's Lake and Scrub pLWS and Kidlington Meadows pLWS lie approximately 250m and 500m respectively to the south-west. Thrupp Community Woodland DWS, St Mary's Field DWS and Kidlington Copse DWS lie approximately 1.2km, 700m and 1.7km respectively to the west and south-west. Frognest Farm Field DWS and Walkers Copse lie approximately 250m and 1.9km respectively to the north-east.</p> <p>Overall, the Ecological Assessment considers the site's ecological sensitivity to future redevelopment is to be Medium/High. This value is due to the variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species. Ponds and hedgerows are NERC Act (2006) Habitats of Principal Importance: A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once proposals that are more specific are developed and submitted as part of a planning application so this effect is also recorded as uncertain.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | --? | <p>To the north and north east the site is bordered by a public right of way passing along the site/field boundaries. The site area comprises approximately 49.65 ha of land which is primarily in agricultural use although there are small areas of rough grassland in the corner of the northern fields.</p> <p>The Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the overall landscape capacity score for residential development at this site as having a 'medium to low' capacity as development as the site area is physically disassociated from Hampton Poyle village and would appear in the landscape as an isolated residential area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>This effect is recorded as uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance and impact of development sites including in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The recent Archaeology and Heritage Assessment undertaken as part of the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) found the site itself contains no designated heritage assets. However within the study area, a 500m buffer around the site boundary, there are two Grade II Listed Buildings, Model Farmhouse and Poyle Court and Hampton Poyle Conservation Area.</p> <p>There are seven recorded, non-designated heritage assets within the study area, none of which are located within Site 210. There is some duplication of designated heritage assets, for example Model Farm.</p> <p>Overall, the Archaeology and Heritage Assessment found the site to have Low sensitivity. Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the contribution of the land within each site in preserving the setting and special character of the historic city of Oxford (purpose 4). The site lies adjacent to the settlement of Islip. While Islip is some distance from Oxford, the rural character of the approach to the City along the Cherwell valley still contributes to its historic character.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effect is uncertain as the effect will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and | 0 | <p>The location of potential development sites could affect water quality. However the nature of the effect is dependent on the scale of the development and the capacity at the local</p> |

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| to achieve sustainable water resources management | | sewage treatment works to treat additional wastewater generated by the overall scale of development proposed. In addition, the location of potential sites is unlikely to influence sustainable resource management and use of recycled water, which would be determined through the detailed proposals for each development. Therefore, all sites have a negligible effect on this objective. Further details are provided in the District's Water Cycle Study (2017). |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | --? | The development of new housing on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of flood zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in flood zone 3a, and is unsuitable in flood zone 3b. The site is on greenfield land and is mainly within flood zone 3 (over 75% of the site is within Flood Zone 3); therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is likely. It should also be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the area contains flood zone 2 and areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | --? | The location of development can influence the efficient use of land, as sites on high quality agricultural land would result in that land being lost to other uses. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is on greenfield land and the majority of the site (over 97%) is classed as Grade 3 Agricultural Land, while the remainder is classed as Grade 4 (less than 3%). A significant negative effect therefore is likely. Although this is uncertain depending on whether it is Grade 3a or Grade 3b which is not known. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The effects of new developments on the adoption of sustainable design and construction techniques, use of locally and sustainably sourced materials and use of renewable energy is not influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, in general, the effects of development within sites on this objective will be negligible. The site lies almost entirely within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is identified on this SA objective. |

Site 210 - Land at Hampton Poyle

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| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | This site is located on greenfield land and therefore development at this location would not involve the re-use of existing buildings and materials which may be present on brownfield sites. As such, a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

Appendix 7
Policy appraisal matrices

Strategic Policies

Achieving Sustainable Development for Oxford

| Policy PR1 – Achieving Sustainable Development for Oxford | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they set out the details for the delivery of sustainable, affordable homes for Oxford. Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified for this objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they set out the details for the delivery of sustainable, affordable homes for Oxford as well as the provision of and access to employment opportunities in and around Oxford. In addition, the site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Local Plan include some new employment opportunities to be delivered alongside the residential development to service local needs, such as schools and local centres. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they commit to meeting Oxford's diverse needs including its word class economy and universities. The site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Local Plan include improvements and connections to the areas sustainable transport links into Oxford. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | Cherwell 0 | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they commit to meeting Oxford's diverse local needs through the sustainable siting and design of new communities. However, the areas allocated for development within the Partial Review Local Plan do not represent some of the areas least deprived areas on the indices of multiple deprivations limiting the scope for regeneration and thus poverty alleviation and social exclusion. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford ++ | Cherwell ++ | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they set out the details for significant improvements to the sustainable transport network within and around Oxford and Cherwell and new local services and facilities within the strategic site allocations. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford + + / - - | Cherwell + + / - - | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they set out the details for significant improvements to the sustainable transport network within and around Oxford and Cherwell. These improvements will help to encourage new residents to travel by alternative modes to the private car helping to reduce air pollution. However, the majority of the strategic site allocations set out within the Partial Review Local Plan are in close proximity to the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), meaning that significant growth in this area is likely to result in increases in road congestion and traffic generated air pollution within and in the vicinity of the AQMA. Therefore a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect is recorded for this objective. |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable developments. Together they meet Oxford's diverse needs including sustainable transport connections to existing and new local facilities and services that contribute to new resident's health and well being. The strategic site allocations within the Partial Review of the Local Plan Part 1 are in close proximity to the wider sustainable transport network into Oxford and Cherwell's local service centres providing excellent access to relevant services and facilities, including hospitals, GP surgeries, open spaces, sports facilities, public rights of way and cycle ways. In addition, the strategic site allocation policies make provision for new connections and facilities to accommodate the needs of new residents and encourage active healthy lifestyles. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded against this SA objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. However, no measures are proposed to directly help reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | +/- | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they plan to deliver new residential communities with high quality design and amenities. However, a significant proportion of the proposed developments within the site allocation policies are located within close proximity to existing residential communities. Long periods of construction in close proximity to these established communities is likely to have adverse effects on their amenity due to increased levels of noise, air and light pollution. In addition, significant areas of land allocated within the strategic site allocation policies are in close proximity to strategic transport corridors into Oxford. Locating new communities in close proximity to these busy transport corridors could have an adverse impact on the amenity of |

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| | | these new communities in the medium and long term. Therefore, a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is recorded against this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | +/- | <p>Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they protect the District's biodiversity assets and set out measures to expand and enhance the District's green infrastructure network. Such measures have positive effects on the ecology of the District; however, these positive effects have the potential to be curbed in the short and medium term by the significant increase in development proposed through the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. The site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan are largely located on greenfield land which will result in the loss of local wildlife habitat; however, the site allocation policies contain measures that aim to protect and enhance the natural environment within and around each development.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect has been recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/- | <p>Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they aim to protect and where possible enhance the District's natural environment, including its natural and historic landscape character. Such measures have positive effects on the landscape character of the District; however, these positive effects have the potential to be curbed by the significant increase in development proposed through the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. The site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan are largely located on greenfield land which will result in the narrowing of key strategic countryside gaps on the edge of the historic City of Oxford. The site allocation policies focus development at the urban edge of existing settlements in the south of the District, including at the urban edge of Oxford. Furthermore, the policies set out detailed requirements for mitigating the impact of new development of the wider countryside through landscaped green buffers.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect has been recorded for this</p> |

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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | - | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they protect the integrity of District's historic environment including the setting of its historic assets. However, the significant increase in development proposed through the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan, some of which is located in close proximity to historic assets in Cherwell, Oxford and West Oxfordshire, has the potential to adversely affect the setting and character of these assets. The site allocation policies contain measures that aim to protect the historic assets within and in the immediate vicinity of each area of development. Therefore, a minor negative effect has been recorded for this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. However, beyond general measures encouraging sustainable design, no measures are proposed to directly help maintain and improve water quality within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | - | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they aim to protect and where possible enhance the District's natural environment. Such measures have indirect benefits for helping to manage flood risk within the District; however, the site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan are largely located on greenfield land which will result in a cumulative loss of permeable ground surface. The site allocation policies contain measures to manage flood risk at the individual site level, therefore, overall the cumulative effects of significant development in the southern half of the District are considered to be minor negative. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and | -- | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development |

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| existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | | Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they aim to protect and where possible enhance the District's natural environment. However, the site allocation policies within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan are largely located on greenfield land which is Grade 3 or higher agricultural land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. However, beyond general measures encouraging sustainable construction and design, no measures are proposed to directly help reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR1 commits to the delivery of 4,400 homes to help meet Oxford's unmet housing needs by 2031. Development proposals are required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. However, beyond general measures encouraging sustainable construction and design, no measures are proposed to directly manage waste within the Partial Review of the Part 1 Local Plan. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded against this objective. |

Housing Mix, Tenure and Size

| Policy PR2 - Housing Mix, Tenure and Size | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR2 seeks to ensure that the strategic developments allocated in the Partial Review of the Local Plan provide an appropriate mixture of tenures, sizes and affordability to fully meet local needs. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR2 seeks to ensure that the strategic developments allocated under Policies PR6 to PR10 provide dwellings of an appropriate mixture of tenures, sizes and affordability with good accessibility to employment opportunities in and around the City of Oxford strengthening the relationship between labour and workplace ensuring economic growth in Oxford. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The provision of affordable housing at an appropriate mixture of tenures and sizes in Oxfordshire to help meet Oxford City's unmet need will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be indirect minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new developments. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford + Cherwell + | Policy PR2 seeks to ensure that the strategic developments allocated in the Partial Review of the Local Plan provide an appropriate mixture of tenures, sizes and affordability to fully meet local needs. Successfully housing those currently in need is likely to contribute to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion maintaining and enhancing the diversity and vibrancy of the local population. This is likely to have minor positive effect on this objective. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford 0 Cherwell 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |

| Policy PR2 - Housing Mix, Tenure and Size | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | 0 | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | Policy PR2 seeks to ensure that the strategic developments allocated in the Partial Review of the Local Plan provide an appropriate mixture of tenures, sizes and affordability to fully meet the needs of the area. Successfully housing those currently in need is likely to positively affect the health and well being of the local population helping to reduce inequalities in the region. This is likely to have minor positive effect on this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. Policy PR2 does not influence such matters and is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | | Policy PR2 seeks to ensure that the strategic developments allocated in the Partial Review of the Local Plan provide an appropriate mixture of tenures, sizes and affordability to fully meet the needs of the area. The delivery of new homes that meet the needs of the area's diverse community and encourage new communities to live and work in the area will help to maintain and enhance the vibrancy of local communities. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | 0 | | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for | 0 | | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |

| Policy PR2 - Housing Mix, Tenure and Size | | |
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| enjoyment, the countryside. | | |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | +? | Policy PR2 allows for community self-build or self-finish housing to be agreed with Cherwell District in consultation with Oxford City Council. Increased rates of local small to medium-scale residential schemes are likely to increase the use of local products in house building with minor positive effects against this objective. This effect is uncertain until the uptake in self-build and self-finish housing schemes are known. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR2 does not specify the location or quantum of development. Therefore, it will not have a direct effect on this objective. |

The Oxford Green Belt

Policy PR3 - The Oxford Green Belt

| SA Objectives | PR3 SA Score | No Policy Option Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">No Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future. All pockets of land lie adjacent to or within housing allocations within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. Therefore, there is a possibility that housing development may be brought forward within these locations most likely as extensions to the strategic allocations. In combination, such development would have a significant positive effect on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, resulting in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">++?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">No Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future. While, all pockets of land lie adjacent to or within housing allocations within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review it is possible that employment developments may be brought forward in these locations. In combination, such development would have a significant positive effect on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the five pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, resulting in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long | <p style="text-align: center;">Oxford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+?</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">No Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may</p> |

Policy PR3 - The Oxford Green Belt

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| term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | | | <p>increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>The possibility of the provision of additional housing and/or new employment opportunities within the District will make it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have an indirect minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, resulting in a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>All pockets of land sit within and adjacent to areas recognised in the indices of multiple deprivations as not deprived. Therefore, the potential development of these locations is considered to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, reducing the possibility of development, which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| | Cherwell | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>All pockets of land sit in close proximity to existing and planned sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford and or lie adjacent to Category A villages within Cherwell. Furthermore, all pockets of land lie adjacent to housing allocations within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review each of which will incorporate new services and facilities. Therefore, it is likely that any new development within these areas would have good access to existing and planned services in Oxford and Cherwell. Therefore a minor positive effect is</p> |
| | Cherwell | +? | |

| Policy PR3 - The Oxford Green Belt | | | |
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| SA Objectives | PR3 SA Score | No Policy Option Score | Justification |
| | | | recorded against this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, reducing the possibility of development, which would also have a negligible effect against this objective. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | No Policy | Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future. All pockets of land sit directly adjacent to existing and planned sustainable transport routes that serve Oxford and or lie adjacent to Category A villages within Cherwell. Therefore, it is likely that any new development within these areas would be able to take advantage a multiple alternative modes of transport to the private car helping to reduce air pollution and road congestion. Therefore a significant positive effect is recorded against this objective. In addition, the pocket of land south of the A34 and west of the railway line is located in close proximity to the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Development of the land within this area is likely to generate road traffic which would load directly on to roads covered by the AQMA. Therefore, a significant negative effect is also recorded for this objective. Therefore, overall, a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect is recorded. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, reducing the possibility of development, which would also have a negligible effect against this objective. |
| | Cherwell | 0 | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | +? | 0 | Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future. All pockets of land sit in close proximity to either an existing health care facility, |

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| | | | <p>area of open space or sports facility or Public right of Way of cycle path. Furthermore, all pockets of land lie adjacent to housing allocations within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review each of which will incorporate new services and facilities. Therefore, it is likely that any new development within these areas would have good access to existing and planned services in Oxford and Cherwell. Therefore a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt, reducing the possibility of development, which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime.</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site). Therefore, the new development within the areas identified within Policy PR3 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>5. To create and sustain vibrant communities.</p> | <p>+/-?</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>As set out in policy PR1, such development in the Green Belt will be required to meet the Vision, Objectives and Policies set out in the Partial Review of the Local Plan and the District's other Development Plan Policies which collectively aim to achieve sustainable development. Together they plan to deliver new residential communities with high quality design and amenities. However, all pockets of land lie adjacent to housing allocations within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. The potential for new development in close proximity to existing residential communities may have negative effects on amenity as a result of increased noise and light pollution, particularly during the construction</p> |

| Policy PR3 - The Oxford Green Belt | | | |
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| | | | <p>phase. Furthermore, the pockets of land lie adjacent to both major roads and railway lines increasing the likelihood of noise pollution affecting new communities. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | 0? | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>The pockets of land do not contain or lie directly adjacent to any international, national or locally designated ecological sites. However, the pockets of land still have the potential to contain important ecological species and habitats, which form constituent parts of the District's green infrastructure. While development in these locations has the potential to have minor adverse effects on this objective it can be assumed that any development at these locations would be required to meet the requirements of Policy PR5. Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan, some of which lie directly adjacent to the areas earmarked for Green Belt release in Policy PR3. Furthermore, Policy PR3 requires development proposals on land to be removed from the Green Belt to contribute to improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of land remaining in the Green Belt, as detailed in the strategic site allocation policies. Therefore, overall, it is considered that policy PR3 is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for | -/+? | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may</p> |

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| <p>enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | | | <p>increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>The pockets of land represent pockets of largely undeveloped countryside. Therefore, development in these locations has the potential to have significant adverse effects on the character and quality of the landscape. While development in these locations has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective it can be assumed that any development at these locations would be required to meet the requirements of Policy PR5. Policy PR5 seeks to improve the existing and proposed natural landscape within and around the strategic allocations in the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review, some of which lie directly adjacent to the areas earmarked for Green Belt release in Policy PR3. Furthermore, the release of these areas offers-up opportunities to improve access to the countryside within and around the strategic allocations earmarked in policies PR6-PR10, with potential for minor positive effects. Policy PR3 requires development proposals on land to be removed from the Green Belt to contribute to improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of land remaining in the Green Belt, as detailed in the strategic site allocation policies. Therefore, overall, it is considered that policy PR3 is likely to have a mixed, minor positive/minor negative effect on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | --? | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>The land east of the A44 and north of the railway line (to the south of the strategic development site allocated under Policy PR8) has been earmarked for development beyond the plan period, i.e. safeguarded. This pocket of land contains two Grade II listed buildings. New development in close proximity to these heritage assets has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | PR3 SA Score | No Policy Option Score | Justification |
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| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | 0 | 0 | <p>Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | -? | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>None of the pockets of land are located on land designated as flood zone 2 or 3; however all the areas are largely undeveloped countryside. Development of such greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the District and could therefore increase overall flood risk. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded against this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance.</p> | --? | 0 | <p>Policy PR3 sets out plans to release pockets of land from the Oxford Green Belt. It is uncertain whether these pockets of land will be development within the short medium or long term; however, their release from the Green Belt may increase the likelihood of development in these locations in the future.</p> <p>The pockets of land represent pockets of largely undeveloped countryside. Therefore, development in these locations has the potential to have significant adverse effects on this objective. For the reasons set out this effect is uncertain.</p> <p>Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |
| <p>14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and</p> | 0 | 0 | <p>Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective.</p> |

Policy PR3 - The Oxford Green Belt

| SA Objectives | PR3 SA Score | No Policy Option Score | Justification |
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| local products. | | | |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. Having no Policy PR3 would result in the pockets of land remaining as Green Belt which would also have a negligible effect against this objective. |

Transport Infrastructure

| Policy PR4a – Transport Infrastructure | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| | 0 | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | Policy PR4a seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility across the District and into and out of Oxford. Improving the safety and sustainability of the areas transport network is likely to support economic growth in the short, medium and long term, principally by increasing accessibility to Oxford's commercial centres. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| | + | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | Policy PR4a seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility across the District and into and out of Oxford, making it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new infrastructure. |
| | + | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | Policy PR4a seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility across the District through the delivery of new connections and supporting modal shift through the provision of new sustainable transport links. These increases in accessibility are likely to help reduce social exclusion through the provision of a range of transport modes at a range of costs. This is likely to have a minor positive effect in both Cherwell and Oxford City. |
| | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | Policy PR4a supports this objective by aiming to deliver key connections and supporting modal shift through the provision of new sustainable transport links. These measures should help to improve accessibility to services and facilities in both Cherwell and Oxford, with minor positive effects on this objective. |
| | Cherwell | |

| Policy PR4a – Transport Infrastructure | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | Policy PR4a will help to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by supporting new and improved sustainable transport links between Oxford and Cherwell. New improved sustainable transport links will reduce reliance on the road network helping to mitigate growing trends in road congestion. Furthermore, improvements to the existing private road network will further help to alleviate road congestion in the medium to long term. Therefore, Policy PR4a is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective in both Cherwell and Oxford. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | Policy PR4a supports new and improved sustainable transport links between Oxford and Cherwell, including the new development of a 'super-cycleway' along the western side of the A44, which will help to encourage active lifestyles in Cherwell. Furthermore, improvements to the permeability of Cherwell, including access to Oxford, will help combat the exclusion of isolated communities such as the disabled and elderly. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | | Improved transport connections and sustainable travel choices delivered by Policy PR4a supports the vitality of communities and safe sustainable accessibility to local services and facilities. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | 0 | | In isolation, Policy PR4a is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The biodiversity impacts of transport connections promoted through the LTP will be assessed separately as a part of the LTP SEA or at the project level. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4a would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | 0 | | In isolation, Policy PR4a is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The landscape impacts of transport connections promoted through the LTP will be assessed separately as a part of the LTP SEA or at the project level. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4a would need to take into account the |

| Policy PR4a – Transport Infrastructure | | |
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| | | environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0 | In isolation, Policy PR4a is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The heritage impacts of transport connections promoted through the LTP will be assessed separately as a part of the LTP SEA or at the project level. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4a would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | In isolation, Policy PR4a is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The flood risk impacts of transport connections promoted through the LTP will be assessed separately as a part of the LTP SEA or at the project level. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4a would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR4a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

| Policy PR4b – Kidlington Centre | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR4b seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility in and around Kidlington. Improving the safety and sustainability of the areas transport network is likely to support economic growth in the short, medium and long term, principally by increasing accessibility to Oxford's commercial centres. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR4b seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility in and around Kidlington, making it easier for the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce, which is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective in Oxford. Furthermore, there are likely to be minor positive effects in the short term on economic growth in Oxford as a result of the increased rates of construction associated with the new infrastructure. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford + Cherwell + | Policy PR4b seeks to facilitate increased movement and accessibility in and around Kidlington through the delivery of sustainable transport improvements and associated infrastructure. These increases in accessibility are likely to help reduce social exclusion through the provision of a range of transport modes at a range of costs. This is likely to have a minor positive effect in both Cherwell and Oxford City. |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford + Cherwell + | Policy PR4b supports this objective by aiming to deliver sustainable transport improvements and associated infrastructure in and around Kidlington. These measures should help to improve accessibility to services and facilities in Kidlington and Oxford, with minor positive effects on this objective. |

| Policy PR4b – Kidlington Centre | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | Policy PR4b will help to reduce per capita greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by supporting new and improved sustainable transport links in and around Kidlington. New improved sustainable transport links will reduce reliance on the road network helping to mitigate growing trends in road congestion. Furthermore, improvements to the existing private road network will further help to alleviate road congestion in the medium to long term. Therefore, Policy PR4b is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective in both Cherwell and Oxford. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | Policy PR4b supports new and improved sustainable transport links in and around Kidlington, which will help to encourage active lifestyles in Cherwell. Furthermore, improvements to the permeability of Cherwell, including access to Oxford, will help combat the exclusion of isolated communities such as the disabled and elderly. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | | Improved transport connections and sustainable travel choices delivered by Policy PR4b supports the vitality of Kidlington's communities and safe sustainable accessibility to its local services and facilities. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | 0 | | In isolation, Policy PR4b is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4b would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | 0 | | In isolation, Policy PR4b is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4b would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, | 0 | | In isolation, Policy PR4b is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4b would |

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| the historic environment. | | need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | In isolation, Policy PR4b is likely to have a negligible effect on this objective. The assessment of proposals for transport improvements and connections referred to in Policy PR4b would need to take into account the environmental impact of the proposals. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR4b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

A Connected Green Infrastructure

| Policy PR5 – Green Infrastructure | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan. Such measures will have a minor positive effect on the sustainability of such developments by helping to adapt to the impacts of climate change and improving the quality of the environment for new residents. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| | Cherwell 0 | |

| Policy PR5 – Green Infrastructure | | | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | | |
| | | Oxford | Cherwell |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | 0 | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford + | Cherwell + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan, including the demonstration of how GI will be provided along movement corridors (including for motor vehicles, pedestrians, cycles and wheelchairs) which will contribute to the management and reduction of air pollution and encourage the uptake of more sustainable modes of transport. This is likely to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan, including the demonstration of how GI will be provided along movement corridors (including for motor vehicles, pedestrians, cycles and wheelchairs) and to benefit the provision of informal and formal open space, play areas and gardens. Such measures will encourage the uptake of sustainable modes of transport and active lifestyles with minor positive effects on this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | | + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan. Measures associated with this policy provision will improve the quality of the environment for new residents with minor positive effects on this objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance | | ++ | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate |

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| and create resources for biodiversity. | | vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan. Specific measures required through the policy include the demonstration of how restored or re-created habitats can be accommodated into the development and how biodiversity will be improved including how Green Infrastructure will be connected, created and maintained and managed. This is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan including through improving the existing and proposed natural landscape. Such measures are likely to have minor positive effects on this objective. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan. Specific measures required through the policy include the demonstration of how Green Infrastructure will be connected, created and maintained and managed. Such measures are likely to include measures that benefit or indirectly improve water management measures which contribute to it quality and use as a local resource. Therefore, the policy has the potential to have a minor positive effect on this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | + | Policy PR5 seeks to protect and enhance Green Infrastructure within and in the immediate vicinity of the strategic developments allocated within the Partial Review Local Plan. Specific measures required through the policy include the demonstration of how Green Infrastructure will be connected, created and maintained and managed. Such measures are likely to help manage local flood risks through the protection of natural permeable surfaces. This is likely to have minor positive effects on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

| Policy PR5 – Green Infrastructure | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR5 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

Providing the Infrastructure

| Policy PR11 - Infrastructure Delivery | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| <p>1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.</p> <p>16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> <p>17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire.</p> | Oxford | | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new housing allocations provide decent homes with adequate infrastructure. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| | Oxford | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities have good access to a good range of employment opportunities, via a range of sustainable transport modes. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| | Oxford | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities have access to a good range of education and employment opportunities, via a range of sustainable transport modes. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | |
| <p>3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion.</p> | Oxford | Cherwell | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities benefit from new and improved infrastructure that will help to reduce poverty and contribute towards community integration. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| | + | + | |
| <p>6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities.</p> | Oxford | Cherwell | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities |
| | + | + | |

| Policy PR11 - Infrastructure Delivery | | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | Oxford | Cherwell | | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | + | + | have good access to a good range of services and facilities, via a range of sustainable transport modes. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities benefit from new and improved infrastructure that will help to encourage healthy lifestyles, for example through the provision of new community open space and sports facilities and sustainable transport links that encourage active lifestyles. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. | |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | | 0 | Policy PR11 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new and existing communities benefit from new and improved infrastructure that will help to create and sustain vibrant communities in the District. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. | |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | + | | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new allocations add to and improve the District's green infrastructure network helping to conserve and enhance the District's biodiversity assets. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this | |

| Policy PR11 - Infrastructure Delivery | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| | | objective. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new allocations add to and improve the District's green infrastructure network protecting and enhancing the rural character of the District's urban fringes. Furthermore, improvements to the District's sustainable transport network, including public rights of way, will make it easier for people to access and enjoy the countryside. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new allocations add to and improve the District's green infrastructure network, protecting and enhancing the historic character of the countryside within the District, including the setting and special character of historic Oxford. Furthermore, improvements to the District's sustainable transport network, including public rights of way, will make it easier for people to access and enjoy the countryside. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. Development proposals will be required to demonstrate that the infrastructure requirements generated by the development will be met or contributed to, including waste water treatment and sewerage. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | + | Policy PR11 sets out the broad mechanisms for the delivery of physical, community and green infrastructure in the District, including key partners, funding mechanisms and planning application requirements. This is likely to help to ensure that new allocations add to and improve the District's flood management infrastructure. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and | 0 | Policy PR11 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

| Policy PR11 - Infrastructure Delivery | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| encouraging urban renaissance. | | |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR11 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR11 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

Maintaining Housing Supply

| Policy PR 12a – Delivering Sites and Maintaining Housing Supply | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR12a sets out the broad time periods in which the 4,400 Oxford homes committed to be delivered within Cherwell will be delivered by, as well as mechanisms for maintaining delivery within the planned time periods. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR12a sets out the broad time periods in which the 4,400 Oxford homes committed to be delivered within Cherwell will be delivered by, as well as mechanisms for maintaining delivery within the planned time periods. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for Oxford's growing workforce. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR12a sets out the broad time periods in which the 4,400 Oxford homes committed to be delivered within Cherwell will be delivered by, as well as mechanisms for maintaining delivery within the planned time periods. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for Oxford's student population and the services, facilities and industries that support its long term competitiveness. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford + Cherwell + | Policy PR12a sets out the broad time periods in which the 4,400 Oxford homes committed to be delivered within Cherwell will be delivered by, as well as mechanisms for maintaining delivery within the planned time periods. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for those that need them most, including the most deprived excluded sections of the District's |

| Policy PR 12a – Delivering Sites and Maintaining Housing Supply | | | | | | |
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| | | and the County's communities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. | | | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Oxford</td> <td>Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | | | |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | | | |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | Policy PR12a sets out the broad time periods in which the 4,400 Oxford homes committed to be delivered within Cherwell will be delivered by, as well as mechanisms for maintaining delivery within the planned time periods. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available to all sections of the District's vibrant communities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. | | | | |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | | | |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | | | |

| Policy PR 12a – Delivering Sites and Maintaining Housing Supply | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | | |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR12a is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification | | | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | | | | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1317 469 1485">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1485 469 1653">++?</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | ++? | Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved. This has the potential to generate significant positive effects against this objective, although this effect is uncertain until the need additional allocations is identified and the sites are approved for development. | | |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
| ++? | | | | | | |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1317 665 1485">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1485 665 1653">0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | 0 | Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="665 1317 922 1485">Oxford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="665 1485 922 1653">0</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | 0 | Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. | | |
| Oxford | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="986 1485 1054 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="986 1317 1054 1485">Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1054 1485 1214 1653">+?</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1317 1214 1485">+?</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | +? | +? | Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for those that need them most, including the most deprived excluded sections of the District's and the County's communities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need additional allocations is identified and approved. |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
| +? | +? | | | | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1214 1485 1283 1653">Oxford</td> <td data-bbox="1214 1317 1283 1485">Cherwell</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1283 1485 1404 1653">+?</td> <td data-bbox="1283 1317 1404 1485">+?</td> </tr> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | +? | +? | Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan including measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on |
| Oxford | Cherwell | | | | | |
| +? | +? | | | | | |

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| | | | <p>surrounding communities and actions for updating the Travel Plan during construction of the development;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> proposals for the securing the long-term use, management and maintenance of the formal sports provision and play areas; and a draft Heads of terms for developer contributions to support additional investments in strategic infrastructure projects. <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+?</p> | <p>Cherwell</p> <p>+?</p> | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan including measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities and actions for updating the Travel Plan during construction of the development; proposals for the securing the long-term use, management and maintenance of the formal sports provision and play areas; and a draft Heads of terms for developer contributions to support additional investments in strategic infrastructure projects. <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| <p>Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District)</p> | | | |
| <p>2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health.</p> | <p>+?</p> | | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan including measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities and actions for updating the Travel Plan during construction of the development; |

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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. proposals for the securing the long-term use, management and maintenance of the formal sports provision and play areas; and 3. a draft Heads of terms for developer contributions to support additional investments in strategic infrastructure projects. <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | +? | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan including measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities and actions for updating the Travel Plan during construction of the development; 2. proposals for the securing the long-term use, management and maintenance of the formal sports provision and play areas; and 3. a draft Heads of terms for developer contributions to support additional investments in strategic infrastructure projects. <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | +? | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Biodiversity Impact Assessment (BIA) based on the DEFRA biodiversity metric (unless the Council has adopted a local, alternative methodology) to be agreed with Cherwell District Council; 2. a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) informed by the |

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| | | <p>BIA and to be agreed with the Council before development commences; and</p> <p>3. phase 1 habitat surveys.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>+?</p> | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Heritage Impact Assessment which will include measures to avoid or minimise conflict with identified heritage assets within or adjacent to the site; and 2. a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p> |
| <p>12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment</p> | <p>+?</p> | <p>Policy 12b provides a mechanism for the delivery of additional unallocated homes to meet Oxford's needs if required and the general requirements necessary for them to be approved, including a flood risk assessment.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. Again, this effect is uncertain until the need for additional allocations is identified and approved.</p> |
| <p>13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p> |

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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | | |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR12b is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

Monitoring and Securing Delivery

| Policy PR13 – Ensuring Delivery | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for Oxford's growing workforce. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process. This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for Oxford's student population and the services, facilities and industries that support its long term competitiveness. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |

| Policy PR13 – Ensuring Delivery | | | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA Objectives | Oxford | Cherwell | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | + | + | <p>Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process.</p> <p>This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available for those that need them most, including the most deprived excluded sections of the District's and the County's communities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> | |
| | | | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | + | + | <p>Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process.</p> <p>This is likely to help to ensure that District's transport network, including sustainable transport network, and facilities and services are expanded and improved in line with the strategic growth helping to maintain and improve accessibility to services and facilities across the District. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> | |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | 0 | 0 | <p>Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p> | |
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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | 0 | 0 | <p>Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective.</p> | |

| Policy PR13 – Ensuring Delivery | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | + | <p>Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process.</p> <p>This is likely to help to ensure that 4,400 homes planned within the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review are delivered on time, helping to ensure that decent, affordable homes are available to all sections of the District's vibrant communities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | + | <p>Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process.</p> <p>This is likely to help to ensure that District's Green Infrastructure network is expanded and improved in line with the strategic growth helping to conserve and enhance the District ecological assets at an appropriate rate. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve | + | Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the |

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| the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | | 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process. This is likely to help to ensure that District's water and sewerage network are maintained and improved at the same rate as the strategic growth. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | + | Policy PR13 sets out the broad mechanisms for the efficient and effective delivery of the 4,400 homes by 2031, including the strategic requirements generated cumulatively by growth across the County. The policy sets out a set of clear monitoring requirements designed to identify and cooperatively resolve any barriers to delivery and where possible streamline the process. This is likely to help to ensure that the growing risks of flooding generating by significant growth and climate change are managed at the same rate as the strategic growth. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | 0 | Policy PR13 is not likely to have a direct effect on this objective. |

Site Allocation Policies

North Oxford Allocations

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR6a sets out that the site is to deliver 650 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver a primary school, local centre, green space, play space and associated green infrastructure. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6a was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was identified as have easy access to jobs as the site option scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' in Oxford. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network.</p> <p>Policy PR6a sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver "public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Oxford, to Cutteslowe Park to the allocated site to the west of Oxford Road (policy PR6b) enabling connection to Oxford City Council's allocated 'Northern Gateway' site, to Oxford Parkway and Water Eaton Park and Ride, and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services". In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity". Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled | Oxford ++ | Policy PR6a sets out that the site is to deliver 650 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce. |

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| | | and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | The area identified within Policy PR6a was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect on this objective. These effects were identified due to the site’s good access to existing sustainable transport routes into Oxford and Cherwell but also in acknowledgement of the fact that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development were forecasted to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links into Oxford and Cherwell and that some road traffic will still load on to roads within the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. However, Policy PR6a sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver essential local services and facilities on site to minimise the need to travel elsewhere. The site must include “public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Oxford, to Cutteslowe Park to the allocated site to the west of Oxford Road (policy PR6b) enabling connection to Oxford City Council’s allocated ‘Northern Gateway’ site, to Oxford Parkway and Water Eaton Park and Ride, and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services”. In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”. These provisions alongside the allocation of ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses within the Local Centre, will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion, particularly as the policy would provide employment opportunities on site. Significant positive effects are therefore expected against this objective. Finally Policy PR6a requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of mature trees will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within |
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| | | and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect. Therefore, overall, a mixed (significant positive/significant negative) effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | The development boundary of the site identified within PR6a has good access to a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network and is in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way. In addition, Policy PR6a sets out that the site is to deliver a community building to provide the opportunity for healthcare, social care and childcare facilities and services in the development, and formal sports, green space, play areas and allotments. Furthermore, existing Public Rights of Way will be retained and where possible connected via new green pedestrian and cycle access to the surrounding countryside. These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents' perceptions of personal safety particularly at night. Policy PR6a sets out that the site is to deliver a range of green and open spaces and requires the design to be high quality and publically accessible. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | The development boundary of the site identified within PR6a lies adjacent to existing residential communities, Cutteslowe Park and a sports facility. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the northern boundary of the site borders a Park and Ride facility and the western border of the site follows the A4165 (Banbury / Oxford Road) meaning that longer term, road traffic along this strategic highway could adversely affect the new residents within the site. However, Policy PR6a sets out that the site's design should adhere to the "adopted |

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| | | Development Plan policies for design and the built environment for both Cherwell District and Oxford City Councils, to the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to Oxford City Council's High Quality Design in Oxford." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to be "a contemporary urban extension to Oxford City that responds to the 'gateway' location of the site". Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery. Finally, the policy requires that all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6a was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species. However, Policy PR6a requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, protecting and enhancing of existing wildlife corridors, as well as a Phase 1 habitat survey. Furthermore, the policy states that the site will establish new green infrastructure connecting corridors. Therefore, a minor positive effect is also identified.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR6a, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6a was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'medium' in the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017).</p> |

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| | | <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Oxford. Furthermore, Policy PR6a requires the eastern half of the site be landscaped to minimise the visual and landscape impact of the development and maintain the distinction between the new development and the Green Belt. The site is to include a landscaped green infrastructure corridor at the eastern settlement edge which links Cutteslowe Park to Oxford Parkway and minimises the visual and landscape impact of the development which will contribute to this. The implementation of an active frontage along Oxford Road that maintains the existing tree belt is also proposed in this policy. Furthermore, the policy requires that the design principles of the development must in accordance with "adopted Development Plan policies for design and the built environment for both Cherwell District and Oxford City Councils, to the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to Oxford City Council's High Quality Design in Oxford - Respecting Heritage and Achieving Local Distinctiveness SPD." The policy champions the place shaping principle that the layout, design and appearance of the development must represent "a contemporary urban extension to Oxford City that responds to the 'gateway' location of the site, is fully integrated and connected with the existing built environment...and ensures a sensitive relationship with the site's Cherwell Valley setting". These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Oxford with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6a was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having a significant negative effect due to the High to Medium sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development. Furthermore, Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the land within this site as playing some role in the setting of historic Oxford due to its location in the Cherwell valley.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Oxford.</p> <p>Policy PR6a sets out that planning applications for development on the site will be required to be supported by a Heritage Impact Assessment which will include measures to avoid or minimise conflict with the identified heritage assets within the site, particularly St Frideswide</p> |

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| | | <p>Farmhouse. The policy proposes the provision of a landscaped green infrastructure corridor at the eastern settlement edge that is sort to provide an appropriate setting to the Listed St. Frideswide Farmhouse and Wall and connect and integrate the urban extension to respond to the historic setting of Oxford..</p> <p>In addition, the policy calls for the location of archaeological features, including the Tumuli to the east of the Oxford Road, should be made evident in the landscape design of the site, which is addition to the policy requiring that the site be subject to a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures.</p> <p>These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. As the policy seeks to protect archaeology features and where possible landscape design enhances the setting of historic assets including historic Oxford, a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective. However, an uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR6a sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. In addition, the policy requires that the water body adjacent to St. Frideswide Farm be protected. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. This land is outside of flood zones 2 and 3; however, the land is greenfield.</p> <p>Policy PR6a sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. Furthermore, the application is to be supported by a Flood Risk Assessment.</p> <p>Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

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| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. However, this land is greenfield recognised as Grade 3 and 4 Agricultural Land. While Policy PR6a states that an area of land must be retained for agricultural purposes, the development of the site would still result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford which falls outside the eastern areas of the site which sit within a Minerals Consultation Area. Policy PR6a sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR6a states that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure. . Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR6b sets out that the site is to deliver 530 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver formal sports, play areas and allotments. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was identified as have easy access to jobs as the site option scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' in Oxford. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network. Policy PR6b sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Oxford. In addition, land is to be reserved within the site boundary to allow for improvements to the existing footbridge over the railway on the western boundary of the site to make it wheelchair and cycle accessible and so improve links to Oxford City's allocated 'Northern Gateway' site. In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity". Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | Policy PR6b sets out that the site is to deliver 530 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce. Policy PR6b sets out that land is to be set aside on site to allow for improvement works on the existing footbridge over the railway on the western boundary of the site that will enhance connections to Oxford City's allocated 'Northern Gateway' site which contains a range of businesses. Although Policy PR6b will not deliver businesses or a school on site, through the construction of the new homes and their associated new infrastructure linking the site to Oxford City and to other strategic employment sites, the policy will contribute to economic growth in the short |

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| | | term. In addition, the policy will help establish a new sustainable community that will contribute to the economic growth of the District and Oxford in the medium and long term. Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | 0 |
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| | | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having a significant positive effect on this SA objective due to its close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and Cherwell. The north east site boundary lies within close proximity to Water Eaton Park and Ride, furthermore the southern boundary of the site is within close proximity to Cutteslowe which contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, a community centre and a doctor's surgery.</p> <p>Although Policy PR6b will not deliver services and facilities on site, the policy sets out that the site is to allocate a proportion of financial contributions to the delivery of the local centre services and community facilities and school on Land to the East of Oxford Road. Furthermore, Policy PR6b requires land on site to be set aside to allow for improvement works on the existing footbridge over the railway on the western boundary of the site that will enhance connections to Oxford City's allocated 'Northern Gateway' site which contains a range of shops and leisure facilities. The policy also requires new applications include a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities".</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |

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| <p>10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion</p> | + / -- | + / -- | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect on this objective. These effects were identified due to the site's good access to existing sustainable transport routes into Oxford and Cherwell but also in acknowledgement of the fact that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development were forecasted to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links into Oxford and Cherwell and that some road traffic will still load on to roads within the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. However, Policy PR6b sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will need to improve sustainable transport connections between Oxford City and other nearby strategic site allocations through setting aside land onsite and the provision of access enhancements to an existing pedestrian footbridge through a proportionate financial contribution.</p> <p>In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which is to outline measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion. Policy PR6b does not however, provide facilities, services or allocate employment land, so residents will need to travel. Therefore, new residents will have to travel further to access essential services, facilities and employment opportunities. Consequently a minor positive effect has been recorded against this objective.</p> <p>Finally, Policy PR6b requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of mature trees will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed (minor positive/significant negative) effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |

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| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR6b has good access to a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network and is in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way.</p> <p>Policy PR6b sets out that the site is to deliver formal sports, green space, play areas and allotments. Furthermore, existing public rights of way will be retained and where possible connected via new green pedestrian and cycle access to the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. However, the Policy PR6b does not include the provision of any healthcare facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | <p>The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents' perceptions of personal safety particularly at night.</p> <p>Policy PR6b sets out that the site is to deliver a range of green and open spaces and requires the design to be high quality and publically accessible. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR6b lies within close proximity to existing residential communities, Cutteslowe Park and a sports facility. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the north eastern boundary of the site lies within close proximity to a Park and Ride facility, the north west section of the site lies adjacent to the A34 and a train line, and the eastern border of the site follows the A4165 (Banbury / Oxford Road) meaning that longer term, road traffic along these strategic highways and train line could adversely affect the new residents within the site.</p> <p>However, Policy PR6b sets out that the site's design should adhere to the "adopted Development Plan policies for design and the built environment for both Cherwell District and Oxford City Councils, to the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to Oxford City Council's High Quality Design in Oxford." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to be "a</p> |

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| | | contemporary urban extension to Oxford City that responds to the 'gateway' location of the site". Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery. Alongside this a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan are to outline "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities". It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species. However, Policy PR6b requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, protecting and enhancing of existing wildlife corridors, the provision of bird and bat boxes, as well as a Phase 1 habitat survey. In addition, the policy also gives consideration into the potential of providing wildlife corridors over or under the A34 and A4260 to Stratfield Brake District Wildlife Site. These requirements set out in Policy PR6b are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR6b, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'medium' in the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017).</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of</p> |

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| | | <p>Oxford. Policy PR6b requires that the design principles of the development must in accordance with "adopted Development Plan policies for design and the built environment for both Cherwell District and Oxford City Councils, to the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to Oxford City Council's High Quality Design in Oxford - Respecting Heritage and Achieving Local Distinctiveness SPD." The policy champions the place shaping principle that the layout, design and appearance of the development must represent "a contemporary urban extension and connected with the existing built environment... and location of the site, is fully integrated and connected with the historic use of the site". The implementation maintains a well treed landscape to reflect the historic use of the site". The implementation of an active frontage along Oxford Road while maintaining a tree belt is also proposed in this policy and larger accommodation plots and wider streets are to include mature trees of the former golf course to maintain a "well-treed character for the new development". These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Oxford with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | <p>+/-?</p> | <p>The area identified within Policy PR6b was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 38. Site option 38 was recorded as having a significant negative effect due to the High to Medium sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development. Furthermore, Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the low hilltop location and wooded character as providing a containing edge in views towards Oxford's setting.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Oxford.</p> <p>Policy PR6b sets out that planning applications for development on the site will be required to be supported by a Heritage Impact Assessment which will include measures to avoid or minimise conflict with the identified heritage assets within the site. In addition, the policy requires that the site be subject to a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures. These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. Finally, the policy requires that</p> |

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| | | the development be designed to deliver a connected and integrated urban extension that responds to the historic setting of Oxford, which has the potential enhance the setting of this historic settlement. Therefore, a mixed, minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. However an uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR6b sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. This land is outside of flood zones 2 and 3; however, the land is greenfield.</p> <p>Policy PR6b sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk.</p> <p>Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. However, this land is greenfield land and is recognised as Grade 3 and 4 Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The development of the site through Policy PR6b would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded against this objective.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford, but falls outside of a Minerals Consultation Area.</p> <p>Policy PR6b sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor</p> |

| Policy PR6b – Land West of Oxford Road | | |
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| | | negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR6b states that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure.. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

| Policy PR6c – Land at Frieze Farm | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course, so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford 0 | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course, so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and | Oxford 0 | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course, so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |

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| Oxfordshire. | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | |
| The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell. Therefore the provisions set out within Policy PR6c are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within the District and Oxford. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective. | | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | + |
| | Cherwell | |
| The area identified within Policy PR6c was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 39A. Site option 39A was identified as having a minor positive effect on this SA objective due to its relatively close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and a significant positive effect on this objective due to its relatively close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Cherwell's centre's specifically Kidlington. These scores are retained to reflect the fact that to the golf course will be as accessible to Oxford and Cherwell residents. | | |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | |
| Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course. Although the site has good access to public transport, there is potential for traffic to be generated through the use of private vehicles that would compound the air quality issues highlighted by the Oxford AQMA located approximately 200m south of the site. However, as this site allocation policy replaces an existing golf course located approximately 300m to the south east of the reserved site (site allocation policy PR6a), there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in traffic generation. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. | | |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | | 0 |
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| Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course which will provide opportunities for sport. However, as this site allocation policy replaces an existing golf course located approximately 300m to the south east of the reserved site (site allocation policy PR6a), there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in the health and well being of the community as a result of its construction. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. | | |
| 4. To reduce crime and | 0? | The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors |

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| disorder and the fear of crime. | | such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. As these are not specified within Policy PR6c, an uncertain negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities. | 0 | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course. The construction of a new golf course has the potential to contribute positively to local amenity and the public realm. However, as this site allocation policy replaces an existing golf course located approximately 300m to the south east of the reserved site (site allocation policy PR6a), there is unlikely to be a significant net increase in traffic generation. Therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity. | ++? | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course which, in places will help to safeguard the site's ecological assets and promote habitat connectivity. Therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. However this effect is recorded as uncertain due to the fact that Policy PR6c provides no design guidance on how this might be achieved. |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course. The Cherwell District Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) assessed the area identified within Policy PR6c, which was previously appraised as larger site option 39A. The assessment concluded that "due to the topography of the site, formal recreation would require the large scale remodelling of the land and is therefore considered not appropriate". However, Policy 6c states that the planning application for the development of the site will be expected to be supported by, and prepared in accordance with, a Development Brief that incorporates design principles that respond to the landscape and Green Belt setting and historic context of Oxford. The Design Brief is to be jointly prepared and agreed in advance between the appointed representative(s) of the landowner(s) and Cherwell District Council and in consultation with Oxfordshire County Council. Therefore a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised. Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements. |

| Policy PR6c – Land at Frieze Farm | | |
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| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | + /-? | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course. The area contains one Grade II Listed Building, Frieze Farmhouse. While the retention of open green space generally has a positive effect on the setting and character of historic assets, the significant landscaping associated with the construction of a golf course has the potential to adversely affect the rural setting of this historic asset. However, Policy 6c states that the planning application for the development of the site will be expected to be supported by, and prepared in accordance with, a Development Brief that incorporates design principles that respond to the landscape and Green Belt setting and historic context of Oxford. The Design Brief is to be jointly prepared and agreed in advance between the appointed representative(s) of the landowner(s) and Cherwell District Council and in consultation with Oxfordshire County Council. Therefore a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. This effect is recorded as uncertain until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the site are known. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course, so a negligible effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | + | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course and will thereby ensuring that permeable surfaces on site are retained, thereby reducing the risk of flooding. However, the permeability and vegetation density of golf courses is likely to be lower than other open green spaces. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified against this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Oxford. However, this land is greenfield land and is recognised as Grade 2 and 3 Agricultural Land. The development of the site to a golf course through Policy PR6c would result in a net loss of agricultural land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably | - | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course and lies within a Minerals Consultation Area so a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. |

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| produced and local products. | | |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | Policy PR6c reserves the site for the potential construction of a golf course. The construction and landscaping of a new golf course has the potential to accommodate a significant amount of inert waste which would otherwise have to be landfilled within area. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded against this objective. |

Kidlington Allocations

| Policy PR7a – Land South East of Kidlington | | |
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| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to deliver 230 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver a primary school, local centre, green space, play space and associated green infrastructure. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. Site options 178 and 202 were identified as having easy access to jobs as the site option scored 'Green' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' in Oxford. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network. Policy PR7a sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver "public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site, to the built environments of Kidlington and Oxford, to Oxford Parkway railway station and Water Eaton Park and Ride, to enable the crossing of Bicester Road, to achieve public accessibility between the residential development and the land for formal sports connection, and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services". In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity". Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. A significant positive effect is therefore |

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| | | likely on this SA objective. |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | <p>Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to deliver 230 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce.</p> <p>Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to deliver an outline scheme for public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site that also links to Oxford City, Kidlington, Oxford Parkway and Water Eaton Park and Ride and other public transport services.</p> <p>Although Policy PR7a will not deliver businesses or a school on site, through the construction of the new homes and their associated new infrastructure linking the site to Kidlington, Oxford City and to transport hubs, the policy will contribute to economic growth in the short term as an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. In addition, the policy will help establish a new sustainable community that will contribute to the economic growth of the District and Oxford in the medium and long term.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell. Therefore the provisions set out within Policy PR7a are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within the District and Oxford. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective. |
| | Cherwell | |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. Site options 178 and 202 were recorded as having a significant positive effect on this SA objective due to its close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and Cherwell. The north and west boundaries of the site are located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. |
| | Cherwell | |
| | + | Although Policy PR7a will not deliver services and facilities on site, the policy sets out that the site is to deliver an outline scheme for public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair |

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| | | <p>connectivity within the site that also links to Oxford City, Kidlington, Oxford Parkway and Water Eaton Park and Ride and other public transport services. The policy also requires new applications include a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”.</p> <p>As this provision will increase accessibility to facilities and services a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. Site option 178 was recorded as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative and site option 202 was recorded as having a mixed minor positive/significant negative effect on this objective. These effects were identified due to the site's good access to existing sustainable transport routes into Oxford and Cherwell but also in acknowledgement of the fact that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development were forecasted to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links into Oxford and Cherwell and that some road traffic will still load on to roads within the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. However, Policy PR7a sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will need to provide for public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site that also links to Oxford City, Kidlington, Oxford Parkway and Water Eaton Park and Ride and other public transport services.</p> <p>In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion. Policy PR7a does not however, provide facilities, services or allocate employment land, so residents will need to travel. Therefore, new residents will have to travel further to access essential services, facilities and employment opportunities. Consequently a minor positive effect has been recorded against this objective.</p> <p>Finally, Policy PR7a requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing</p> |
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| | | network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of mature trees will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect. Therefore, overall, a mixed (minor positive/significant negative) effect is likely on this SA objective. |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | The development boundary of the site identified within PR7a has good access to a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network and is in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way. Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to deliver formal sports for the wider community, play areas and allotments. These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. However, Policy PR7a does not include the provision of any healthcare facilities. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents' perceptions of personal safety particularly at night. Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to maintain openness, provide land for an extension to Kidlington Cemetery and green infrastructure. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | The development boundary of the site identified within PR7a lies within close proximity to existing residential communities, Kidlington and a sports facility. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the south east section of the site lies directly adjacent to the A34 and a train line, and the eastern border of the site follows the A4260 (Oxford Road) meaning that longer term, road traffic along these strategic highways and train line could adversely affect the new residents within the site. |

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| | | <p>However, Policy PR7a sets out that the site's design should "seek to deliver a connected and integrated extension to Kidlington in accordance with this policy and with the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to be "A layout, design and appearance for an extension to Kidlington that seeks to improve the appearance of, and is fully integrated and connected with, the existing built environment". Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery. Finally, the policy requires that all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. Site options 178 and 202 were recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species. However, Policy PR7a requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, protecting and enhancing of existing wildlife corridors, the provision of bird and bat boxes, as well as a Phase 1 habitat survey.</p> <p>Furthermore, the policy requires proposals for wildlife management and maintenance are to be bought forward. These requirements set out in Policy PR7a are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR7b, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been prepared.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. Site option 178 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'medium to high' in the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017). Whereas site option 202 was recorded as having an uncertain negligible effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'high'.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. Policy PR7a sets out that the site's design should "seek to deliver a connected and integrated extension to Kidlington in accordance with this policy and with the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to be "A layout, design and appearance for an extension to Kidlington that seeks to improve the appearance of, and is fully integrated and connected with, the existing built environment...which provides high quality, publicly accessible and well connected green infrastructure and which provides for a well-designed connectivity and interface between the residential development and the sport facilities". Furthermore, the policy also requires "provision and maintenance of enhanced native landscaping to emphasise the green belt location of the outdoor sports facilities, to minimise the urbanising influence of the sports pitches, to maintain openness and to enhance the distinction between the site and land to the south of the A34."</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Kidlington with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202. The development boundary of the site for Policy PR7a has been refined and merged to combine both site options. Site option 178 was recorded as having a negligible effect due to the Low sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development. Site option 202 however, was recorded as having a minor negative effect due to the Medium to Low sensitivity to the of the historic environment in the area to new development. In addition, Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assessed the land within sites</p> |

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| | | <p>178 and 202 as making a contribution to the rural setting of historic Oxford as perceived from the A34, one of the major approaches to the City and due to its location in the Cherwell Valley.</p> <p>Policy PR7a sets out that planning applications for development on the site should adhere to Oxford City Council's High Quality Design in Oxford - Respecting Heritage and Achieving Local Distinctiveness SPD. In addition, the policy requires that the site be subject to a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures. More specifically, the policy requires "The protection and enhancement of the part of the site within the Lower Cherwell Conservation Target Area. There shall be no building in the CTA other than for a fenced footpath/cycle/wheelchair path and for the construction of the canal bridge".</p> <p>These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. In addition, a minor positive effect has also been identified as the policy seeks to enhance a historic feature. Therefore the uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR7a sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts and the protection of water bodies. Furthermore, the policy requires an assessment of water bodies to be included in the Habitat Phase 1 Survey. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7a was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 178 and 202, both of which lie on greenfield land. Aside from a small section (less than 10%) of site option 202 that lies partially within flood zone 3, the remaining areas of the refined area lie outside of flood zone 2 and 3.</p> <p>Policy PR7a sets out that a Flood Risk Assessment is required and that planning applications</p> |

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| | | <p>for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river in the Cherwell Valley through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk. Finally, the policy states that the portions of the site designated as flood zone 2 and 3 will not be developed.</p> <p>While it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents, a negligible effect has been recorded against this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. However, this land is greenfield land recognised as Grade 3 and 4 Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The development of the site through Policy PR7a would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded against this objective.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington and falls within a Minerals Consultation Area.</p> <p>Policy PR7a sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites.</p> <p>Policy PR7a does not promote sustainable waste management practices or require the site to provide waste management facilities. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |

Policy PR7b – Land at Stratfield Farm

| SA Objectives | SA Score | Justification |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>++</p> | <p>Policy PR7b sets out that the site is to deliver 100 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver facilities for play areas and allotments, extension and protection of the existing orchard, the creation of a nature conservation area and a new public bridleway/green link suitable for all-weather cycling. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7b was previously appraised as part of the site option 49. Site option 49 was identified as having more limited access to jobs as the site option scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'access to jobs' in relation to access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport, yet the site option scored 'Green' in relation to access to Oxford jobs by road. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will continue to have more limited access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network.</p> <p>Policy PR7b however, sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver an outline scheme for "public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Kidlington to the allocated site to the east of the A44 enabling accessibility over the Oxford Canal and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services". In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective as the Policy does not specifically state that links will be made to Oxford.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p>+</p> | <p>Policy PR7b sets out that the site is to deliver 100 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce.</p> <p>Policy PR7b sets out that the site is to deliver an outline scheme for "public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Kidlington to the allocated site to the east of the A44 enabling accessibility over the Oxford Canal and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services".</p> <p>Although Policy PR7b will not deliver businesses or a school on site, through the construction of the new homes and their associated new infrastructure linking the site to Kidlington, Oxford City and to transport hubs, the policy will contribute to economic growth in the short</p> |

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| | | term. In addition, the policy will help establish a new sustainable community that will contribute to the economic growth of the District and Oxford in the medium and long term. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | + |
| | Cherwell | + |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | + / -- |
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| | | <p>built environment of Kidlington to the allocated site to the east of the A44 enabling accessibility over the Oxford Canal and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services.”</p> <p>In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion. Policy PR7b does not however, provide facilities, services or allocate employment land, so residents will need to travel. Therefore, new residents will have to travel further to access essential services, facilities and employment opportunities. Consequently a minor positive effect has been recorded against this objective. Finally, Policy PR7b requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of tree line will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed (minor positive/significant negative) effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR7b has good access to a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network and is in close proximity to a number of open spaces and public rights of way.</p> <p>Policy PR7b sets out that the site is to deliver play areas, allotments, an extension of the existing orchard and a new public bridleway/green link suitable for all-weather cycling.</p> <p>These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. However, the Policy PR7b does not include the provision of any healthcare facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | <p>The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents’ perceptions of personal safety particularly at night.</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | <p>Policy PR7a sets out that the site is to provide green infrastructure, play areas, allotments and create a nature conservation area. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR7a lies within close proximity to existing residential communities at Kidlington. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the west section of the site lies directly adjacent to the roundabout connecting the A4260 (Frieze Way), A4165 (Banbury Road) and A4260 (Oxford Road) meaning that longer term, road traffic along these strategic highways and train line could adversely affect the new residents within the site.</p> <p>However, Policy PR7b sets out that the site's design should "seek to deliver a connected and integrated extension to Kidlington in accordance with this policy and with the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site seek "to improve the appearance of, and is fully integrated and connected with, the existing built environment". Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery. Finally, the policy requires that all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that this policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7b was previously appraised as part of site option 49. Site option 49 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>It is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species. However, Policy PR7b requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, the maintenance and enhancement of the protected trees, existing tree lines and hedgerows, the protection and enhancement of wildlife corridors and existing water habitats and the provision of bird and bat boxes, as well as a</p> |

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| | | <p>Phase 1 habitat survey. In addition, policy PR7b also calls for the creation of a green infrastructure network that provides connections to the Lower Cherwell Conservation Target Area and the Meadows West of the Oxford Canal Local Wildlife Site.</p> <p>Furthermore, the policy requires proposals for wildlife management and maintenance are to be brought forward. These requirements set out in Policy PR7b are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR7b, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | <p>+/-?</p> | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7b was previously appraised as part of site option 49. Site option 49 was recorded as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'medium to high' in the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017).</p> <p>The development is located on the urban edge of Kidlington. Policy PR7b sets out that the site's design should "seek to deliver a connected and integrated extension to Kidlington in accordance with this policy and with the Cherwell Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site seek "to improve the appearance of, and is fully integrated and connected with, the existing built environment" and ensure the "maintenance and enhancement of native landscaping help to emphasise the green belt location of the land outside of the developable area". Furthermore, the policy also calls for a "transitional interface" between with Strafield Brake Sports Ground and Strafield Brake District Wildlife Site. These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Kidlington with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |

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| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR7b was previously appraised as part of site option 49. Site option 49 was recorded as having a minor negative effect due to the Medium sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development. In addition, the Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) assessed the land within this site having a strong relationship with the Oxford Canal, an important historic route into the City; however, its proximity to the urban edge of Kidlington limits this role.</p> <p>Policy PR7b sets out planning applications for development on the site should be supported by a Heritage Impact Assessment. In addition, as part of the Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan, the policy requires the re-creation and restoration of hedgerows reflecting the historic field pattern. Furthermore policy PR7b requires the site be subject to a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures. These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. Therefore the uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised. In addition, policy PR7b also states that "the character and appearance of the Grade II Listed Stratfield Farmhouse and its setting is to be enhanced through appropriate building restoration and landscaping". As this measure is likely to protect and enhance an historic asset, a positive effect is also identified.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management</p> | 0 | <p>Policy PR7b sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river on the canal SSSI and LWS through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. Furthermore the policy requires an assessment of water bodies through the Phase 1 Habitat Survey and all water habitats are to be protected and enhanced. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |

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| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. This land lies outside of flood zones 2 and 3; however, the land is greenfield. Policy PR7b sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts down-river on the canal SSSI and LWS through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. However, this land is greenfield land and while the majority of the developed area lies on urban land with a small portion recognised as Grade 3 Agricultural Land. The development of the site through Policy PR7b would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded against this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington and falls within a Minerals Consultation Area. Policy PR7b sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR7b does not promote sustainable waste management practices or require the site to provide waste management facilities. Therefore, a minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

Begbroke Allocations

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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to deliver 1,950 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. The policy also includes the provision of new homes for students and those working for the University at the Science Park. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver a primary school, a secondary school which is to include a sports hall for community use, local centre, an accessible bridge over the Oxford Canal to enable the site and public bridleways to be connected to the allocated site at Stratfield Farm, formal sports and play areas, a publically accessible nature reserve, informal open space green space and associated green infrastructure. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site options 20a and 126 were identified as having limited access to jobs as both site options scored 'Amber' in ITP's assessment of 'access to jobs' in relation to access to Oxford jobs by walking and public transport, yet the site options scored 'Green' in relation to access to Oxford jobs by road. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have limited access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network.</p> <p>Policy PR8 however sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver a "public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site (including for public transport services), to the built environments of Begbroke, Kidlington, Yarnton and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services". The place shaping principle with Policy PR8 also states that the urban neighbourhood will include a "primary transport route to Oxford". In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity". The policy also includes the provision of new homes for students and those working for the University at the Science Park. Furthermore, Policy PR8 also sets out that land should be set aside for the future railway halt/station. Policy PR8 also sets to deliver employment opportunities on site within the local centre and an employment, Skills</p> |

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| | | and Training Plan is to be included within the application. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. | | | | |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford ++ | <p>Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to deliver 1,950 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce. The policy also includes the provision of new homes for students and those working for the University at the Science Park. Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application.</p> <p>Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to deliver a primary school, secondary school and local centre that includes local convenience retailing, a café or restaurant, ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses and a community building that provides healthcare, social care and childcare.</p> <p>The construction of the new homes and their associated new infrastructure, services and facilities will also contribute to economic growth in the short term and establish a new sustainable community that will contribute to the economic growth of the District and Oxford in the medium and long term.</p> <p>Therefore, a significant positive effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> | | | | |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | | | | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Oxford</th> <th>Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | 0 | 0 | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell. Therefore the provisions set out within Policy PR8 are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within the District and Oxford. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Oxford</th> <th>Cherwell</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>++</td> <td>++</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Oxford | Cherwell | ++ | ++ | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site options 20a and 126 were identified as having a significant positive effect on this SA objective due to its close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and Cherwell. This site's east boundary is located directly adjacent to Kidlington which contains a number of services and facilities including shops, banks, restaurants, a public library, one secondary school and several primary schools. In addition, the site's north west boundary lies directly adjacent to Begbroke which contains a village hall and one public house. Furthermore, the east boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to</p> |
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| | | <p>Yarnton, which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall.</p> <p>Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to deliver a primary school, secondary school which is to include a sports hall for community use and local centre that includes local convenience retailing, a café or restaurant, ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses and a community building that provides healthcare, social care and childcare. Furthermore, the policy also includes the provision of new homes for students and those working for the University at the Science Park.</p> <p>The policy also aims to deliver an accessible bridge over the Oxford Canal to enable the site and public bridleways to be connected to the allocated site at Stratfield Farm.</p> <p>In addition, Policy PR8 requires new development on site to deliver “public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site (including for public transport services), to the built environments of Begbroke, Kidlington, Yarnton and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services”. The policy also requires new applications include a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”. Furthermore, Policy PR8 also sets out that land should be set aside for the future railway halt/station.</p> <p>Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion. | Oxford | ++/-- |
| | Cherwell | + +/-- |
| | | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site options 20a and 126 were identified as having a mixed significant positive/significant negative effect on this objective. These effects were identified due to the site’s good access to existing sustainable transport routes into Oxford and Cherwell but also in acknowledgement of the fact that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development were forecasted to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links into Oxford and Cherwell and that some road traffic will still load on to roads within the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. However, Policy PR8 sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver essential local services and facilities on site to minimise the need to travel elsewhere. The site must include “public vehicular, cycle, pedestrian and wheelchair connectivity within the site (including for public transport services), to the built environments of Begbroke, Kidlington, Yarnton and to</p> |

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| | | <p>existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services". In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities". Furthermore, Policy PR8 also sets out that land should be set aside for the future railway halt/station. The policy also includes the provision of new homes for students and those working for the University at the Science Park.</p> <p>These provisions alongside the allocation of ancillary business development and/or financial and professional uses within the Local Centre, will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion particularly as the policy would provide employment opportunities on site. Significant positive effects are therefore expected against this objective.</p> <p>Finally Policy PR8 requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including within the Lower Cherwell Conservation Target Area and to both the Rushy Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Meadows West of the Oxford Canal Local Wildlife Site. This provision will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed (significant positive/significant negative) effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | ++ | <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR8 has good access to a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network, is in close proximity to a number of open spaces, public rights of way and a GP Surgery.</p> <p>In addition, Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to deliver a community building to provide the opportunity for healthcare, social care and childcare facilities and services in the development, and formal sports, green space, play areas and allotments. Furthermore, new public bridleways suitable for pedestrians, all-weather cycling, wheelchair use, the provision of public open green space as informal canal-side parkland will be provided through Policy PR8. There are also plans for an informal publically accessible open space to the east of the railway line the provision of a sports hall within the secondary school that will be for</p> |

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| | | community use. These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. Therefore, a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents' perceptions of personal safety particularly at night. Policy PR8 sets out that the site is to provide green infrastructure, play areas, allotments and create a nature conservation area. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective. |
| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | The development boundary of the site identified within PR8 lies within close proximity to existing residential communities, Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the west section of the site lies directly adjacent to the roundabout connecting the A44 (Woodstock Road) and a train line bisects the site from north to south. Meaning that longer term, road traffic along these strategic highways and train line could adversely affect the new residents within the site. However, Policy PR8 sets out the site's design principles which "seek to deliver an urban neighbourhood in accordance with this policy and the Cherwell Design Guide SPD." The place shaping principles of the policy also require that the layout, design and appearance of the site seek "A layout, design and appearance for a contemporary urban neighbourhood in a high quality, publicly accessible and well connected green infrastructure and canal side setting". Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded. |

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| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site option 20a was identified as having negligible effects due to the site's limited habitats consisting of mostly artificial habitats. Site option 126 was identified as having a minor negative effect due to the presence of linear features and potential to support roosting/nesting and foraging protected species in the trees and hedgerows around the site boundary.</p> <p>Policy PR8 requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, the creation of a green infrastructure network including the improvement of the existing network including within the Lower Cherwell Conservation Target Area and to Rushy Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest, the Meadows West of the Oxford Canal Local Wildlife Site and to Stratfield Farm.</p> <p>Furthermore, the policy requires measures to protect and enhance Sandy Lane and Yarnton Lane as green links and wildlife corridors. These requirements set out in Policy PR8 are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR8, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site options 20a and 126 were identified as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's recorded capacity for new residential development being 'Medium' in the Council's Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017).</p> <p>The development is located on the urban edge of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke. Policy PR8 sets out that the site's design principles which "seek to deliver an urban neighbourhood in accordance with this policy and the Cherwell Design Guide SPD." The place shaping principles of the policy also requires that the layout, design and appearance of the site seek "a layout, design and appearance for a contemporary urban neighbourhood in a high quality,</p> |

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| | | <p>publicly accessible and well connected green infrastructure and canal side setting and for a location associated with a University Science Park and a primary transport corridor to Oxford.” Policy PR8 requires that a gap is maintained between the development and Begbroke village (east), a contrast between the dense urban development and canalised parkland setting should be used as a positive design feature and development should provide an attractive frontage to the A44, to support a change in character away from a highways dominated environment. Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>These measures have the potential to improve and enhance the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR8 was previously appraised as part of the smaller site options 20a and 126 and new areas. Site options 20a and 126 were identified as having a minor negative effect due to the ‘Medium’ sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development. In addition, Cherwell District Council’s Green Belt Study (2017) assesses the land within the site as making a contribution to the setting of historic Oxford due to its strong connection to the Oxford Canal, which marks a clear distinction between settlement and countryside.</p> <p>Policy PR8 sets out planning applications for development on the site should be supported by a Heritage Impact Assessment which “will include measures to avoid or minimise conflict with the identified heritage assets within the site, particularly the Oxford Canal Conservation Area and the listed structures along its length.” In addition, the policy calls for no harm to occur on Begbroke Farm House, a Grade II Listed Building. Furthermore policy PR8 requires the site be subject to a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures.</p> <p>These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. However, there are no measures outlined within the policy to enhance the historic environment within the residential area of the site. Therefore the uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> |

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| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR8 sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there will be no detrimental impacts on down-canal Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Local Wildlife Sites through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impact. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke. The land to the north, north east, east and south east lies within flood zones 2 and 3; and land is greenfield. However the land within these flood zones has been set aside for a local nature reserve, informal publically accessible open space and land set aside for agricultural use.</p> <p>Policy PR8 sets out that a Flood Risk Assessment must be undertaken and planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts to watercourses through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk.</p> <p>Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke. However, this land is greenfield land and the majority of it lies on Grade 2 and Grade 3 Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The development of the site through Policy PR8 would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is recorded against this objective.</p> |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke and falls within a Minerals Consultation Area.</p> <p>Policy PR8 sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor</p> |

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| | | negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR8 states that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure... Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

Yarnton Allocations

| Policy PR9 – Land West of Yarnton | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | Oxford ++ | Policy PR9 sets out that the site is to deliver 530 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver formal sports, play areas, allotments and a community woodland. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford + | The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having very limited access to jobs as the site option scored 'Red' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' in Oxford. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have limited access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network. Policy PR9 however, sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Yarnton, to the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8) and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services. Furthermore the place shaping principles identify the opportunity for sustainable travel into |

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| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | Oxford | <p>Oxford to be delivered. In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity”. Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. The policy however does not provide any employment opportunities on site so a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Policy PR9 sets out that the site is to deliver 530 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce.</p> <p>Policy PR9 sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Yarnton, to the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8) and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services. Furthermore the place shaping principles identify the opportunity for sustainable travel into Oxford to be delivered. In addition, Policy PR9 also seeks to set aside land for the extension of the existing Yarnton Primary School and an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application.</p> <p>Although Policy PR9 will not deliver businesses, through the construction of the new homes and their associated new infrastructure linking the site to Yarnton and Oxford City and to other strategic site allocations containing employment sites (the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8), the policy will contribute to economic growth in the short term. In addition, the policy will help establish a new sustainable community that will contribute to the economic growth of the District and Oxford in the medium and long term.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified on this SA objective.</p> |
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| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell. Therefore the provisions set out within Policy PR9 are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within the District and Oxford. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
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| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | | | | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having recorded as having a minor positive effect on this SA objective due to its relatively close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and a significant positive effect against this objective due to its relatively good access to sustainable transport links to Cherwell centres, specifically Begbroke and Yarnton. This site's north boundary is located directly adjacent to Begbroke which contains a village hall and one public house. Furthermore, the south eastern boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to Yarnton which includes one primary school, a shop and a village hall.</p> <p>Although Policy PR9 will not deliver services and facilities on site, the policy sets requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Yarnton, to the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8) and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services. Furthermore the place shaping principles identify the opportunity for sustainable travel into Oxford to be delivered. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
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| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | | | | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having a mixed minor positive/minor negative effect on this objective. These effects were identified due to the site's good access to existing sustainable transport routes into Oxford and Cherwell but also in acknowledgement of the fact that a proportion of road based trips generated by the proposed development were forecasted to load onto roads covered by the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links into Oxford, Begbroke and Yarnton and that some road traffic will still load on to roads within the Oxford City Air Quality Management Area. However, Policy PR9 sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Yarnton, to the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8) and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services. Furthermore the place shaping principles identify the opportunity for sustainable travel into Oxford to be delivered.</p> <p>In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan. These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion. Policy PR9 does not however, provide facilities, services or allocate employment land, so residents will</p> |
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| | | <p>need to travel. Therefore, new residents will have to travel further to access essential services, facilities and employment opportunities. Consequently a minor positive effect has been recorded against this objective.</p> <p>Finally, Policy PR9 requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of mature trees will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site. However, the mitigation from such measures is not likely to be sufficient to reduce the significance of the adverse effect.</p> <p>Therefore, overall, a mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is retained on this SA objective.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>Policy PR9 is to maximise the opportunity for sustainable travel into Yarnton, to the allocated site to the east of the A44 (Policy PR8) and to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services. Furthermore the place shaping principles identify the opportunity for sustainable travel into Oxford to be delivered.</p> <p>The site is to deliver facilities for formal sports, play areas and allotments, a publicly accessible Local Nature Reserve located to the west of the developable area and create a community woodland.</p> <p>These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. However, the Policy PR9 does not include the provision of any healthcare facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | <p>The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents' perceptions of personal safety particularly at night.</p> <p>Policy PR9 sets out that the site is to deliver a publically accessible community woodland and create a local nature reserve. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR9 lies within close proximity to existing residential communities of Begbroke and Yarnton. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, east boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to the A44 (Woodstock Road), road traffic along this strategic highway could adversely affect the new residents within the site.</p> <p>However, Policy PR9 sets out through its place shaping principles that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to achieve “an extension to Yarnton village that responds to the site’s prominent position on the A44 corridor”. Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development’s delivery. Finally, the policy requires that all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site containing several local wildlife sites and a network of hedgerows.</p> <p>Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species, as even though these local biodiversity designations lie outside the refined boundary, the lie directly adjacent to the boundary of the site. Policy PR9 requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, the creation of green infrastructure, proposals for wildlife management for the Local Nature Reserve and community woodland, as well as a Phase 1 habitat survey. These requirements set out in Policy PR9 are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR9, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA</p> |

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| 8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside. | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having an uncertain significant negative effect due to most of the site having a 'medium to low' capacity for development as the land rises to a localised plateau making it highly visible within the surrounding area.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke. Policy PR9 sets out through its place shaping principles that the layout, design and appearance of the site are to achieve "an extension to Yarnton village that responds to the site's prominent position on the A44 corridor" and they are to "respond sensitively to the topography and landscape character of Frogswell Down Lane". Furthermore the policy requires the community woodland to be landscaped which helps retain the distinction between Yarnton and Begbroke (west) and whilst also ensuring it protects Begbroke Wood Local Wildlife Site.</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting of the existing urban edge of Kidlington with minor positive effects on this objective. However, an uncertain adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised. The negative effect has reduced from significant to minor negative.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| 9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment. | -? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51. Site option 51 was identified as having a minor negative effect due to the 'Medium' sensitivity of the historic environment in the area to new development.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site has been refined and confined to the urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke. However, the areas earmarked for development were assessed within the Cherwell District Council's Green Belt Study (2017) as including arable farmland on high ground that contributes to the ring of hills around historic Oxford and form a key aspect of its</p> |

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| | | <p>distinctive setting.</p> <p>Policy PR9 requires that the site be subject to a Heritage Impact Assessment and a desk-based archaeological investigation which may then require predetermination evaluations and appropriate mitigation measures. These measures are considered to be sufficient to mitigate the significance of the predicted adverse effects associated with the development from significant to minor. However, there are no measures outlined within the policy to enhance the historic environment. Therefore the uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR9 sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts to watercourses. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity.</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The area identified within Policy PR9 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 51 which lies on greenfield land which lies outside of flood zone 2 and 3.</p> <p>Policy PR9 sets out that any planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no there are to be no detrimental impacts through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts to watercourses. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk. A negligible effect is recorded.</p> <p>However, it should be noted that the Cherwell Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update identifies that the site contains areas susceptible to surface water, groundwater and sewer flooding incidents.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | -- | <p>The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke. However, this land is greenfield land recognised as Grade 2 and 3 Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The development of the site through Policy PR9 would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is</p> |

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| | | recorded against this objective. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke and falls partially within a Minerals Consultation Area. Policy PR9 sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | The development boundary of the site has been confined to the urban edge of Yarnton and Begbroke. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR9 states that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure.. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |

Woodstock Allocations

| Policy PR10 – Land South East of Woodstock | | |
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| SA objectives which relate to meeting Oxford's needs | | |
| 1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">++</p> | <p>Policy PR10 sets out that the site is to deliver 410 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing. In addition to residential provision, the policy states the site will deliver formal sports facilities, play areas, allotments, a community woodland and a nature conservation area.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 16. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">+</p> | <p>The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as site option 22. Site option 22 was identified as having very limited access to jobs as the site option scored 'Red' in both ITP's assessments of 'access to jobs' in Oxford. Although the development boundary of the site has been refined, it is considered that the new homes within the site will have limited access to Oxford jobs via a range of sustainable transport modes and the road network. Policy PR10 however, sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver a "public vehicular, cycle and pedestrian connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Woodstock including the approved development immediately to the west of the site, to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services." In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity". Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application.</p> <p>The policy however does not provide any employment opportunities on site so a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| 17. To sustain and develop economic growth and innovation, an educated/ skilled workforce and support the long term competitiveness of the District and Oxford and Oxfordshire. | <p>Oxford</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">+</p> | <p>Policy PR10 sets out that the site is to deliver 410 dwellings (net) with 50% of the homes to be affordable housing which will help the County to retain and grow its skilled workforce. Policy PR10 sets out requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to deliver a "public vehicular, cycle and pedestrian connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Woodstock including the approved development immediately to the west of the site, to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services."</p> <p>Furthermore, an employment, Skills and Training Plan is to be included within the application. Although the Policy itself is not set to deliver any schools on site, it requires land financial</p> |

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| | | contributions for a new primary school. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |
| SA objectives with particular spatial relevance to Oxford | | |
| 3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 6. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities. | Oxford | 0 |
| | Cherwell | 0 |
| 10. To reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions) and road congestion | Oxford | + |
| | Cherwell | ++ |

The site is not within or adjacent to a neighbourhood that is among the most deprived in Oxford or Cherwell. Therefore the provisions set out within Policy PR10 are not considered to contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion within the District and Oxford. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective

The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 22. Site option 22 was identified as having recorded as having a minor positive effect on this SA objective due to its relatively close proximity to sustainable transport routes to Oxford and a significant positive effect against this objective for Cherwell due to its close proximity to Woodstock which contains a number of services and facilities including a primary school, secondary school, a doctor's surgery, shops and places to eat.

Although Policy PR10 will not deliver services and facilities on site, the policy sets requirements for future planning applications associated with the site. New schemes will be required to provide "public vehicular, cycle and pedestrian connectivity within the site, to the built environment of Woodstock including the approved development immediately to the west of the site, to existing or new points of connection off-site and to existing or potential public transport services." The policy also requires new applications include a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines "measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities".

Furthermore the place shaping principles state that measures to improve accessibility by non-car transport modes are to be provided. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective for Oxford and a significant positive effect is recorded for this objective for Cherwell.

The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as part of the larger site option 22 which was identified as having a mixed minor positive on this objective due to the good sustainable transport links to both Oxford and Cherwell. It was not expected that the site is not considered to have any effect on AQMAs in Oxford or Cherwell due to its peripheral rural location. The south west boundary of the site follows the A44 (Woodstock Road) and the south east boundary of the site however, lies directly adjacent to the A4095 (Grove

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| | | <p>Road).</p> <p>It is considered through Policy 10 that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links, particularly into Woodstock. In addition, planning applications are required to be supported by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan which outlines “measures for maximising sustainable transport connectivity and minimising the impact of motor vehicles on surrounding communities”.</p> <p>These provisions will help minimise the use of private vehicles contributing to the reduction in the generation of road traffic air pollution and road congestion. Policy PR10 does not however, provide facilities, services or allocate employment land, so residents will need to travel.</p> <p>Finally, Policy PR10 requirements to create a green infrastructure network with connected wildlife corridors, including within the developable area, and the improvement of the existing network including through the protection/enhancement of the existing hedgerow network and the protection of mature trees will help to manage the effects of air pollution generate within and in the immediate vicinity of the site.</p> <p>Therefore a minor positive effect is retained on this SA objective.</p> |
| Other socio-economic SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 2. To improve the health and well-being of the population & reduce inequalities in health. | + | <p>It is considered through Policy PR10 that the new homes within the site will have good access to sustainable transport links, particularly into Woodstock and to other public transport connections. In addition, formal sports facilities, play areas, allotments a community woodland and a nature conservation area that is accessible to local community are to be provided by Policy PR10. These measures will encourage new residents to be physically active and improve the health and well-being of the local population. However, the Policy PR10 does not include the provision of any healthcare facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 4. To reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime. | 0? | <p>The incorporation of green space within developments in combination with appropriate design features and lighting measures could help guard against crime and improve residents’ perceptions of personal safety particularly at night.</p> <p>Policy PR10 sets out that the site is to deliver a publically accessible community woodland and create a local nature reserve. However, the policy does not explicitly state that development should be designed to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore, an uncertain</p> |

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| 5. To create and sustain vibrant communities | + | <p>negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> <p>The development boundary of the site identified within PR10 lies within close proximity to existing residential communities of Woodstock and Hesington. Therefore, the construction of the site has the potential to generate noise and air pollution which will have an adverse effect on the areas existing communities. Furthermore, the east boundary of the site lies directly adjacent to the A44 (Woodstock Road), road traffic along this strategic highway could adversely affect the new residents within the site meaning that longer term, road traffic along these strategic highways and train line could adversely affect the new residents within the site.</p> <p>However, Policy PR10 sets out that there should be provision of sustainable transport modes connecting the site to Woodstock and other public transport connections. Furthermore, the policy also states that a Delivery Plan should be provided that schedules the phasing and key dates of the development's delivery. Finally, the policy requires that all Transport Assessments and Travel Plans submitted alongside applications to include measures for minimising the impact of motor vehicles on new residents and existing communities. It is therefore likely that his policy will help to manage any adverse effects generated during the construction of the development and improve amenity for residents and so a minor positive effect is recorded.</p> |
| Environmental SA objectives (scores only relate to Cherwell District) | | |
| 7. To conserve and enhance and create resources for biodiversity | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as site option 22. Site option 22 was identified as having an uncertain minor negative effect due to the site's wide variety of habitats on site and their potential for protected species.</p> <p>It is considered that there is still potential for direct and indirect adverse effects on these potential habitats and species. However, Policy PR10 requires that the planning application(s) for this site be supported by a proposed Biodiversity Improvement and Management Plan (BIMP) that includes securing biodiversity net gain, the maintenance and enhancement of the protected trees, existing tree lines and hedgerows, the protection and enhancement of wildlife corridors and existing water habitats and the provision of bird and bat boxes, to maintain and enhance existing tree lines and hedgerows as well as undertaking a Phase 1 habitat survey. In addition, policy PR10 also calls for the creation of a green infrastructure network.</p> <p>These requirements set out in Policy PR10 are ecological mitigation measures that also seek to enhance biodiversity on the site so a minor positive effect is expected.</p> |

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| | | <p>Despite the range of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures set out within Policy PR10, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the BIMP and surveys have been carried prepared.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective</p> |
| <p>8. To protect and enhance landscape character and quality and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside.</p> | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as site option 22. Site option 22 was identified as having an uncertain minor negative effect as it is considered by the Landscape Character Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment (2017) that development within the whole site area is not considered to be appropriate due to the Scheduled Ancient Monument located in the southwest of the site.</p> <p>Policy PR10 sets out that the site's design should provide "for a development that is integrated with a high quality green infrastructure and sensitive landscape setting, that fully protects the setting of the WHS and the Blenheim Villa Scheduled Ancient Monument and which greatly enhances the eastern built up edge of Woodstock." Furthermore, additional woodland planting is to occur that reflects the characteristics of woodland to the west of the A44 which will provide a landscape buffer between the World Heritage Site and the Park and Ride.</p> <p>Development of the site would avoid the coalescence of settlements. These measures have the potential to improve the landscape setting leading to a minor positive effect being recorded on this objective. However, an uncertain minor adverse effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain mixed (minor positive/minor negative) effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>9. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the historic environment.</p> | +/-? | <p>The area identified within Policy PR10 was previously appraised as site option 22. Site option 22 was identified as having an uncertain significant negative effect due to the site's to have High/Medium sensitivity as it contains one Scheduled Monument. In addition, the site is in close proximity to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site located in the District of West Oxfordshire to the west.</p> <p>The site is not located in the Oxfordshire Green Belt and therefore the contribution of the land within the site to the setting and special character of historic Oxford has not been assessed within the Cherwell Green Belt Study (2017).</p> <p>Policy PR10 sets out that development should not cause harm to Blenheim Palace World</p> |

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| | | Heritage Site and the Grade 1 Registered Park and Garden and their settings. It also calls for enhancements to the built environment and the reinforcement of the Scheduled Ancient Monument's cultural value through "the design of public open space around the SAM appropriate to its setting and the setting of Blenheim Park and the provision of interpretation material should be accommodated". In addition, an attractive built frontage to the north of the open space surrounding the Scheduled Ancient Monument should be implemented. As there are measures within Policy PR10 to both protect and enhance the historic environment, a minor positive effect is identified. The uncertain minor negative effect has been retained until the detailed design, landscaping and layout of the development have been finalised. Overall, an uncertain mixed (minor negative/minor positive effect) is expected on this SA objective. |
| 11. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management | 0 | <p>Policy PR10 sets out that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts. Furthermore the policy requires an assessment of water bodies through the Phase 1 Habitat Survey and all water habitats are to be protected and enhanced. The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help maintain and improve water quality. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> <p>The Council's new Water Capacity Study will need to be reviewed to determine whether it should be recommended that additional provisions should be made in relation to waste water treatment, and water capacity</p> |
| 12. To reduce the risk of flooding and resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment | 0 | <p>The development boundary of the site is located to the east of Woodstock. This land lies outside of flood zones 2 and 3; however, the land is greenfield.</p> <p>Policy PR10 sets out that a Flood Risk Assessment must be undertaken and that planning applications for development within the site must demonstrate that there are to be no detrimental impacts through hydrological, hydro chemical or sedimentation impacts.</p> <p>The inclusion of green infrastructure as specified by the policy will also help reduce flood risk. Therefore, a negligible effect is recorded for this objective.</p> |
| 13. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of | --? | The development boundary of the site located to the east of Woodstock. However, this land |

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| previously developed land and existing buildings and encouraging urban renaissance. | | is greenfield land which lies entirely on Grade 3 Agricultural Land. The development of the site through Policy PR10 would result in a net loss of greenfield land in the District, including Grade 3 agricultural land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is recorded against this objective. An uncertain effect is also attached as it is unknown whether this is Grade 3a, which is classified as best and most versatile, or Grade 3b which has a lower agricultural value. |
| 14. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resource by using sustainably produced and local products. | - | The development boundary of the site is located to the east of Woodstock and does not fall within a Minerals Consultation Area. Policy PR10 sets out that the site must adhere to specified design proposals; however, the policy makes no reference to the use of sustainably produced resources or local products. Furthermore, the policy does not promote the use of renewable energy. Therefore a minor negative effect is recorded for this objective. |
| 15. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste | + | The development boundary of the site is located to the east of Woodstock. However, this land is greenfield land limiting the potential for the re-use of existing buildings and materials present on brownfield sites. Policy PR10 states that the layout and design of the development should encourage sustainable and safe waste management by individual households and collectively by residents while minimising the visual, air and water pollution risks associated with such infrastructure.. Therefore, a minor positive effect is recorded for this SA objective. |