

15.0 CONCLUSION AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

- 15.1 This ES further information document responds directly to the request made by Cherwell District Council under Regulation 22 (1) in relation to two environmental topics transport, and agriculture and soils resource, and provides clarification of points of detail raised during the consultation process. The submission also takes into account amendments made to the Development Framework Plan.
- 15.2 Overall the amendments to the Proposed Development are limited in their extent, and are dealt with as necessary through the submission of addenda to specific chapters that should be read alongside the original ES (October 2014).
- 15.3 The original ES found that the Proposed Development would have few residual effects of more than minor significance, whether adverse (limited to landscape effects) or beneficial (socio-economic impacts). The conclusions reported in the original ES (October 2014) remain robust.
- 15.4 Further assessment undertaken to respond to the regulation 22 request for further information in respect of potential impacts on agriculture and soils identified that the Site contains 23 ha of BMV agricultural land, and its loss would result in a significant adverse effect. However, the assessment reports that loss of BMV land can only be quantified as significant or not significant, using the 20 ha permanent loss threshold as referred to in SI 2015 No. 595, The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 4, part (y). It should also be noted that that other consented developments around Banbury generally contain a higher proportion of BMV land than the application Site. A Soil Management Plan (which will be a part of the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP), or equivalent) will be prepared at the detailed design stage which will provide some mitigation of the potential effects.
- 15.5 The potential for cumulative impacts arising as a result of the Proposed Development in combination with development of additional and adjacent sites in the immediate area, has been considered as part of the environmental assessments undertaken to support the original ES and this ES further information submission.
- 15.6 The developments considered with the cumulative assessment include as appropriate:

Outline Planning Application

Gallagher Estates

- 145 dwellings consented on land East of Bloxham Road (LPA ref: 12/00080/OUT);
- 350 residential dwellings consented at land west of Bloxham Road (LPA ref: 14/01188/OUT); and
- 280 dwellings proposed on land at White Post Road (LPA ref: 15/01326/OUT)

15.7 The cumulative impacts are reported separately in individual chapters and subsequent addenda. The cumulative impacts as reported in the original ES (October 2014) remain robust.

15.8 In overall terms, the outcome of the EIA, as a whole, is that significant beneficial effects are substantial, significant adverse effects are limited and beneficial effects outweigh adverse effects.