

Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan: Statement of significance of Modifications

1. Odiham Parish Council submitted their Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Update 2014 – 2032 to Hart District Council on 5 July 2024. This Plan will replace the Odiham and North Warnborough Development Plan, 2014 – 2032 which was made as part of the Hart District Development Plan in June 2017.
2. Under Regulation 17(e)(ii) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the local authority must submit to the examiner a statement setting out whether or not the authority consider that the modifications contained in the modification proposal are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the modification proposal would modify, giving reasons for why the authority is of this opinion.
3. The Planning Practice Guidance sets out the types of modifications which can be made to the neighbourhood plan. These are:
 - *Minor (non-material) modifications to a neighbourhood plan or order are those which would not materially affect the policies in the plan or permission granted by the order. These may include correcting errors, such as a reference to a supporting document, and would not require examination or a referendum.*
 - *Material modifications which do not change the nature of the plan or order would require examination but not a referendum. This might, for example, entail the addition of a design code that builds on a pre-existing design policy, or the addition of a site or sites which, subject to the decision of the independent examiner, are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the plan.*
 - *Material modifications which do change the nature of the plan or order would require examination and a referendum. This might, for example, involve allocating significant new sites for development.*
4. The paragraphs below set out the Council's consideration of the main changes between the made Neighbourhood Plan and that submitted to the Council in July. Due to the extent of word changes between the two documents this only covers the main areas of change between the two documents.
5. It is noted that Odiham Parish Council has set out in its evidence that the proposed changes are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the Plan as to require a referendum.
6. The Council agrees with this conclusion and considers that the proposed changes would represent material modifications which do not change the

nature of the plan and therefore would require examination but not a referendum.

Material modifications which do change the nature of the Plan

7. There are no changes which would change the nature of the Plan.

Material modifications which do not change the nature of the Plan

8. Policy 2 (Housing Development Sites) has been amended to acknowledge the sites that have consent or that have been delivered.
9. Policy 2 Site (v) (Land at Dunleys Hill, Odiham) has been amended to clarify the requirement to secure and deliver the public open space at Policy 14 on 3.48 ha of adjoining land in the local gap to the north of the site alongside the proposed housing (as set out at paragraph 3.78 in the original neighbourhood plan).
10. Policy 5 (General Design Principles) and the associated text has been amended to reference new evidence (the adopted Village Design Statement and Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal) and well as changes to national policy guidance. Three new design criteria have also been added to the policy.
11. Policy 6 (Odiham Conservation Area), 7 (North Warnborough Conservation Area) and 8 (Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area) and the associated text has been amended to reference new evidence (the adopted Odiham and North Warnborough Conservation Area Appraisal) and well as changes to national policy guidance. The policies have also been amended to provide clarification for several of the criteria as well as adding additional criteria.
12. Policy 11 (and associated text) has been amended to include an additional 13 new Local Green Spaces.
13. Policy 12 (Natural Environment) and associated text has been amended to include reference to biodiversity and provide revised guidance on flood risk. Reference to climate change has also been included in the associated text.
14. Policy 14 (Dunleys Hill Open Space) and associated text have been amended to clarify the role of the site in mitigating impacts from sites 2i, 2ii and 2v on the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and the associated design and management requirements. The link to Policy 2v and Policy 3 (Local Gaps) is also clarified.

Minor change

15. The Introduction and Background chapter has been updated to acknowledge national and local policy changes since 2017 as well as to document the process of the Neighbourhood Plan update.
16. The Vision and Objectives have been amended to include references to biodiversity and the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).
17. Policy 2 sites (i), (ii) and (iv) the SPA mitigation requirements have been clarified but remain unchanged from the original neighbourhood plan.
18. Policy 9 (Odiham High Street) has been updated to acknowledge the new use class order.
19. The text associated with Policy 3 (Local Gap) has been updated to acknowledge local policy changes since 2017.

20. Policy 4 (Housing Mix) and associated text have removed reference to outdated evidence.
21. The associated text for Policy 11 (Assets of Community Value) has been amended to include an up-to-date list of ACVs.
22. The Aims and Proposal chapter has been updated to take into account changes in the village, to acknowledge national and local policy changes since 2017 and to include reference to the LCWIP.