

# Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan



## Consultation Statement

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.2 It has been prepared by Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council, with support from the Vale of White Horse District Council Oxfordshire and Bluestone Planning.
- 1.3 Section 15(2) of the Regulations<sup>1</sup> sets out what a consultation statement is:
- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified;*
  - b) explains how they were consulted;*
  - c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
  - d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.*

## 2. CONSULTATION AIMS

- 2.1 The consultation process for the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan was designed to involve the community as fully as possible at every stage of the plan's development, ensuring that the views of residents and stakeholders shaped the plan from the outset;
- reach a broad cross-section of the community by using a variety of communication methods and consultation techniques (e.g. flyers/leaflets hand-delivered to households, village WhatsApp groups, "The Trumpeter" parish electronic newsletter, notice boards, the Parish Council website, surveys, and workshops);
  - hold engagement events at key stages in the process where important community decisions were required; and

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<sup>1</sup> Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

- share outcomes of consultations promptly with residents, through both printed materials and online platforms (e.g., posters, flyers and the Neighbourhood Plan page on the Parish Council website).

2.2 Throughout the preparation of the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group engaged with local residents, the Vale of White Horse District Council and other relevant stakeholders. A detailed summary of consultation activities is set out in Appendix 1.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

#### **The Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area**

- 3.1 Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council submitted an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, which was considered and approved on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- 3.2 The Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan area encompasses the whole of the Parish, which is situated in the Vale of White Horse district of Oxfordshire, England. For planning purposes, Ardington and Lockinge Parish is covered by Vale of White Horse District Council.
- 3.3 The designated area has a population of around 480 residents in 210 residences (121 of which are leased by the Lockinge Estate), mainly located in two major settlements of Ardington and Lockinge. The countryside area of the Parish has small pockets of settlement, including Ardington Wick, Betterton and West Ginge.

#### **Initiation of Neighbourhood Planning**

- 3.4 To ensure that any future development is in keeping with the needs and wants of the community, work was initiated in December 2023 on a Neighbourhood Plan for Ardington and Lockinge. This included the creation of a Steering Group comprising ten residents, two of whom were Parish Councillors.
- 3.5 An initial public meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to discuss what a Neighbourhood Plan is, outline the neighbourhood planning process and invite residents to contribute their opinions. Various subsequent workshops and meetings were held as described in Appendix 1.

## 4. CONSULTATION PROCESS – SUMMARY

### Ongoing Communication and Community Engagement

4.1 Throughout the development of the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group ensured that residents were kept informed of, and engaged with, the process through a range of communication channels. Regular updates were provided via notice boards, electronic media, Parish Council meetings and through discussion with residents etc.

2023

[WELCOME to December 2023 Ardington and Lockinge Trumpeter](#)

**Merry Christmas to all!**

**ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Calling all residents, employees and business owners in the parishes of Ardington and Lockinge – A Neighbourhood Plan for Ardington and Lockinge Parishes has been given the go ahead!

Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council has agreed to create a “Neighbourhood Plan”. This Plan has legal weight and is a “grass roots up” process which will ensure future development is sustainable and incorporates the views of the community who live, and/or work in the area.

A “Core Group” of volunteers have been tasked with setting up a Steering Group who will comprise a cross-section of the community – residents (tenanted and freeholders) and businesses (including tenant farmers and local businesses) as well as the Lockinge Estate. The Steering Group will then engage with all the community to seek their opinions and their help and support in creating the Plan.

All residents and businesses will be receiving a leaflet through their letter boxes early in the New Year asking for input for a Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. This is your community -we welcome your help to shape it for the future.

*Figure 1. First Announcement in the Trumpeter*

4.1 In addition to this, a dedicated ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ section was created on the Parish Council website to:

- explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is and why Ardington and Lockinge are undertaking one;
- encourage volunteers to take part in its preparation;
- keep the community informed of progress;
- provide access to engagement materials, such as survey results; and
- share the plan and supporting documents during the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation and the Regulation 16 Consultation.

4.2 Minutes from Steering Group meetings were also published on the Parish Council website for full transparency.

4.3 The full timeline of consultation activities and events is given in Appendix 1.

## Community Surveys

4.4 To ensure broad participation and capture a wide range of views, three surveys were undertaken as part of the consultation process:

- Initial Residents' Survey,
- Follow Up Residents' Survey, and
- Business Survey.

## Workshops and Working Groups

4.5 To deepen the participation and explore particular issues, three thematic workshops were undertaken as part of the consultation process. In order to prepare for these workshops and analyse the findings, the Steering Group formed a Working Group for each of the three themes to include two or three of its members. A notice was issued to the community to recruit further residents into the Working Groups, which received a good response, adding a further 3-4 members to each Group. The themes of the Working Groups and Workshops were:

- Housing,
- Environment, and
- Facilities, Access and Employment.

4.6 A final community engagement event was held as part of the consultation process to share the draft Vision, objectives and policies, as well as gather views on two proposed options for the Ardington Settlement Boundary.

## Regulation 14 – Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity

4.7 Following the various actions to engage the community and the analysis of the various findings, a draft pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan was prepared. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), a formal consultation period took place from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

4.8 During this period, residents and stakeholders were invited to review and comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code. Feedback was collected through email, hard copy response forms (which could be submitted

by email or in person through boxes in designated locations) and three drop-in sessions held in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington.

### **Regulation 16 – Submission Consultation and Publicity**

4.9 The next formal stage of consultation, Regulation 16 (Submission), will take place following submission of the Plan to the local planning authority.

## **5. INITIAL RESIDENTS' SURVEY**

- 5.1 In January 2024, the Steering Group of the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan conducted an initial community survey. The purpose of the survey was to encourage residents to participate in shaping the Neighbourhood Plan and to gather their views on key issues to inform the Plan's vision, objectives and potential policy themes.
- 5.2 The survey was made available in December 2023 in the form of a printed flyer and reply form distributed by hand to all households, notifying them of the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and explaining the survey. The flyer/form stated that responses had to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Completed forms could be returned in person to the Ardington shop, the Boars Head pub or by email to one of the Steering Group members.
- 5.3 In total, 40 responses were collected, representing about 8% of the Parish population and 19% of households.

### **Survey Content and Topics**

- 5.4 The survey was completely unstructured, allowing residents to comment as they wished on the topics that they felt the Neighbourhood Plan should cover.

### **Publicity and Promotion**

- 5.5 The survey was publicised to ensure broad reach and participation:
- a flyer/form was hand-delivered to all households;
  - posters were displayed on noticeboards in Ardington and Lockinge; and
  - an announcement was placed in "The Trumpeter" electronic newsletter.

### **Sharing Results and Follow-Up Engagement**

- 5.6 Once the survey closed, the responses were compiled, analysed and a summary of the main topics identified was prepared for the Parish Council. The findings of the survey are provided in the Evidence Base document. To further engage residents and explore emerging themes, the Steering Group decided to proceed with a more detailed household survey.

Dear Neighbour

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR ARDINGTON & LOCKINGE PARISH\*

### Your Help is Needed

The Parish Council have agreed to create a Neighbourhood Plan.

This is **YOUR** Plan

#### WHY is it needed?

- It gives the Parish Council legal weight to influence future planning

#### WHAT is its objective?

- To gather the views of the community to ensure strong appropriate development for Ardington & Lockinge Parish based on the views of the local community.

#### HOW do we do this?

- We need to gather **YOUR** views
- We need to create a Questionnaire that covers all the things **YOU** care about eg. housing, businesses, transport facilities, environmental protection, leisure etc

**CAN YOU SPARE A FEW MOMENTS** to let us know what is most important to you?

We can then:

- Create the Questionnaire based on **your** thoughts

**Your Action** will help us compile the Questionnaire we'd circulate to all residents & businesses in Ardington & Lockinge.

**PLEASE** give us your thoughts and get them back to us by:

- Email to any of the Core Steering Group below
- Through our letter boxes
- In the response boxes in the pub and the village shop
- PTO

### The Neighbourhood Plan Core Steering Group

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**Please could you return your completed forms by the 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

Many thanks for your help and all good wishes for a Happy 2024

- **Ardington and Lockinge Parish covers** an area just North of the main railway, the hamlets of **Ardington Wick, West Ginge, West Lockinge**, all adjacent farms, the villages of **Ardington and Lockinge**, and ends in the south on **Farnborough Down**.

**Comments below:**

Figure 2. Flyer for Initial Household Survey

## 6. DETAILED HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

6.1 The Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group designed and implemented a second, more detailed household survey in May and June 2024. This survey built upon the findings of the initial residents' survey undertaken in January 2024 by presenting questions related to the emerging themes for residents to review and provide feedback on.

6.2 The household survey was released on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 and the deadline for responses was 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The survey was also highlighted at the Parish Council AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> May attended by 27 residents.

6.3 The survey was made available via Google Forms as well as hard copy response forms, which were made available at the Ardington shop, to households across the Parish. Respondents were not required to identify themselves. Completed forms could be returned in person at various identified locations. In total, 101 responses were received, with 9 replies on the paper form and the rest through the online version, representing 22% of the Parish population and around 50% of households.

### Survey Content and Topics

6.4 The survey invited residents to comment on a range of topic areas central to the Neighbourhood Plan. There were 43 questions in the survey in the following categories:

- The Household (4 questions);
- Housing and Housing Need (10 questions);



Figure 3. Flyer for Household Survey

- Community Facilities and Services (5 questions)
- Employment (5 questions);
- Traffic, Public Transport, and Rights of Way (11 questions);
- The Environment (1 question);
- Maintaining the Heritage and Character (7 questions); and
- Other Comments.

6.5 The survey comprised quantitative questions (e.g., tick-box options gauging the profile of the household level and the support for options for policy themes) and qualitative questions (free-text opportunities for residents to identify issues or raise concerns). This provided both statistical evidence and narrative feedback to develop the draft policies.

6.6 The box below contains extracts of the full report of the survey giving examples of how questions were presented and the responses received.

Do you think that there is a need for more housing in the Parish? If yes, to what extent?  
100 responses

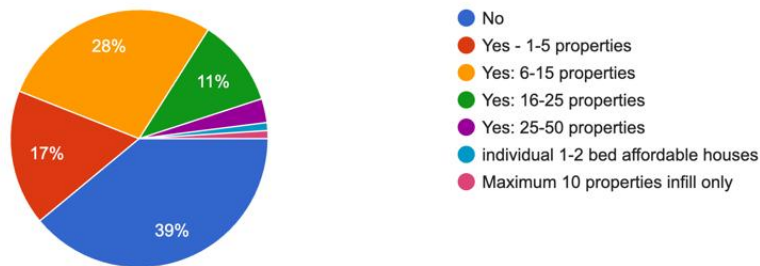


Figure 4. Detailed Household Survey Responses to Question 9

If yes - what types of property ownership do you think should be created in the Parish in the next 10 years?

62 responses

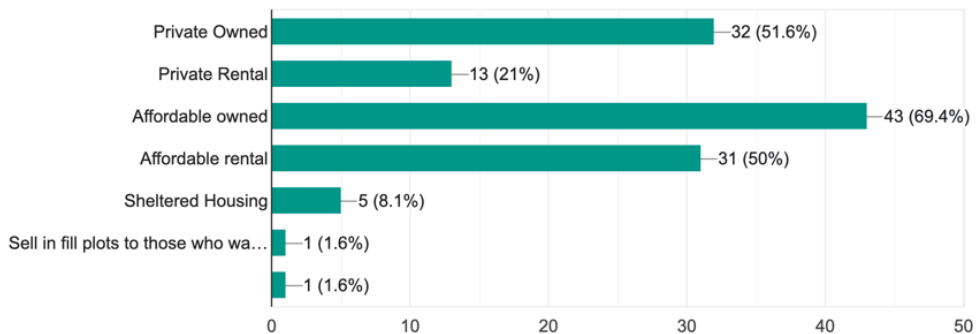


Figure 5. Detailed Household Survey Responses to Question 12

**Question 14: If you have any other views on future housing needs in the Parish not covered by the above questions, please describe them in the space below.**

- The parish can accommodate modest levels of new housing to encourage new 'blood' to come in.
- Not an estate or collection of houses but individual ones utilising existing plots/outbuildings not used to enable young people to stay in village or older people to downsize.
- Too many rental properties given to people who have no wish to be part of the community.
- difficult to comment on need for housing in parish as I dont feel i know enough about it
- Lockinge Estate being the only person who can rent these houses. House for sale go to people in the village or grew up in the village. With The estate having Pre-emption on the house.
- The big question is where in the village houses would go.
- Affordable family accommodation is needed to help the community by encouraging younger people here to redress the balance of an older population and rented single occupancy.
- I do have concerns about adding too much housing in proportion to the population of the parish, but it should be in keeping with the character of Ardington and Lockinge.
- Continue rental to people working or associated with the village at reduced rates as provided by the estate.
- .....

Figure 6. Detailed Household Survey Responses to Question 14

## Publicity and Promotion

6.7 The survey was promoted widely to ensure residents were aware of the opportunity to shape draft policies, objectives and the vision for Ardington and Lockinge.

Promotion methods included:

- hand delivery of a flyer to all households, outlining the purpose of the survey and how to respond;
- posters displayed on local noticeboards across the Parish on noticeboards in Ardington, Lockinge and West Ginge and on the entrance door to the Ardington shop (see above);
- posts on Ardington and Lockinge WhatsApp groups
- articles in “The Trumpeter” electronic newsletter; and
- links to the survey hosted on the Parish Council website.

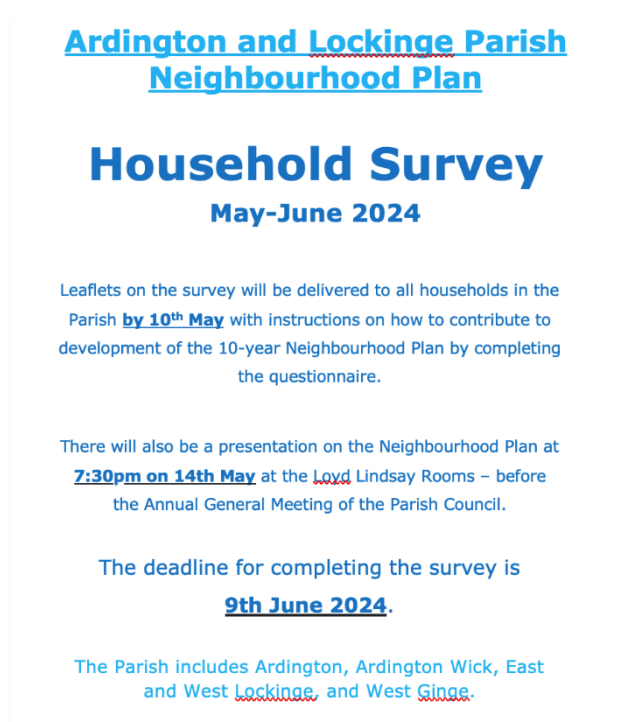


Figure 7. Poster for Household Survey

Figure 8. Announcement in the Trumpeter

2024

## **REMINDER in May 2024 Ardington and Lockinge Trumpeter**

### **PLEASE FILL IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE BY JUNE 9TH**

Everyone living in our parish of Ardington and Lockinge has been asked to contribute to the development of a ten-year Neighbourhood Plan covering various aspects of life, the community, and the environment. The Plan will influence development of our community for at least the next ten years.

A **questionnaire** has been compiled and flyers with info about how to access the questionnaire have been distributed to every house in our parish. The deadline for submitting completed questionnaires is **June 9th 2024**.

Please do **fill in the questionnaire** if you haven't already done so, whether online or on paper. All replies are completely anonymous, so there is no need to identify yourself. All residents of our parish (which includes Ardington, E & W Lockinge, Ardington Wick and W Ginge - for parish map see below) can fill it in, and more than one member of any household can do so separately.

The questionnaire can be accessed through this link- [www.tinyurl.com/Ardington-Lockinge-plan](http://www.tinyurl.com/Ardington-Lockinge-plan)

There are also paper copies available in the Grocerchef.

Any queries, please do ask any member of the steering group-

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### **Map of the Parish boundary**

## **Sharing Results and Next Steps**

6.8 Once the survey closed, responses were collated and analysed by the Steering Group, and the findings were published on the Parish Council website on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, with alerts via the “The Trumpeter” electronic newsletter. The findings of the survey are provided in the Evidence Base document. Drawing on the findings of the surveys, the Steering Group then decided to form three working groups which were tasked with organising three community workshops as described in Section 8 below.

## **7. BUSINESS SURVEY AND MEETING**

7.1 A Business Survey was carried out by Steering Group, with the assistance of the Lockinge Estate Office in May and June 2024 to assess the requirements

of the businesses located in the Ardington and Lockinge Parish over the next 10 years and beyond. The findings were intended to inform the development of locally appropriate policies within the Neighbourhood Plan.

7.2 The Lockinge Estate Office sent an email on behalf of the Steering Group to the 27 businesses with premises in the Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, inviting them to complete the survey by 16<sup>th</sup> June, which was made available online through Google Forms. Reminder emails were sent, and a response rate of approximately 48% was achieved with 13 completed surveys returned.

7.3 The survey explored several aspects:

- When the business was established.
- How many employees it had and the prospects for changes to the number of staff.
- Prospects for the business in terms of premises and location in the Parish.
- Future needs for housing in the Parish for staff.
- Particular questions for farming businesses.

7.4 The Steering Group then organised a Business (Bacon Butty) Breakfast at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to explore further some

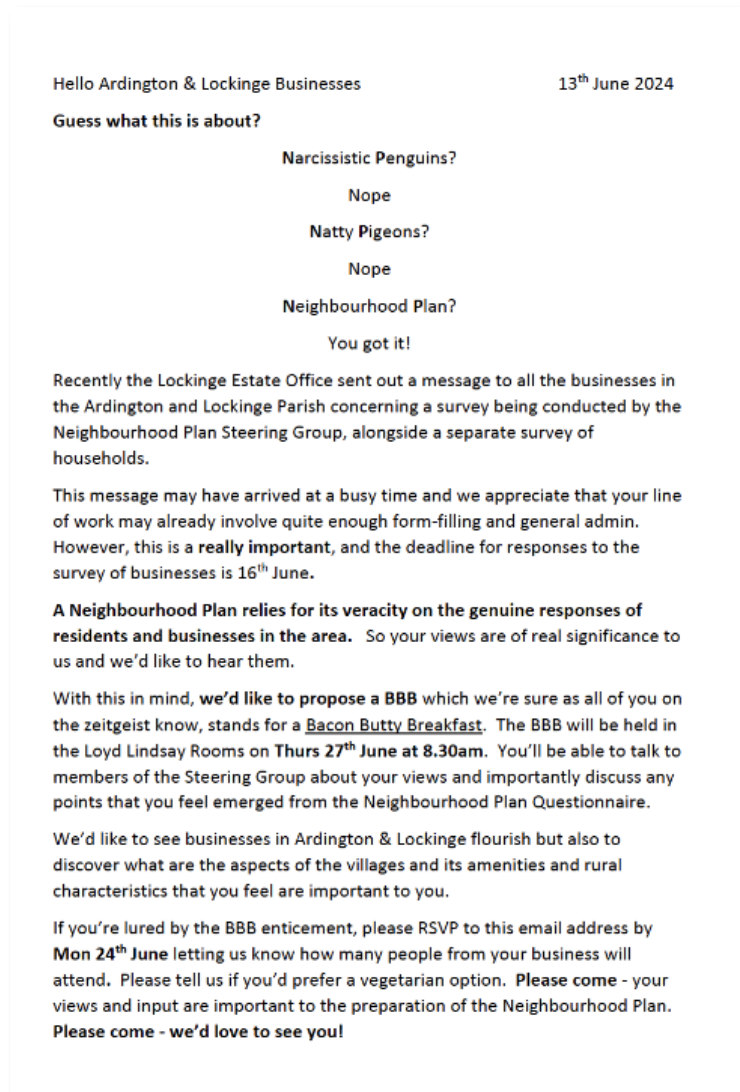


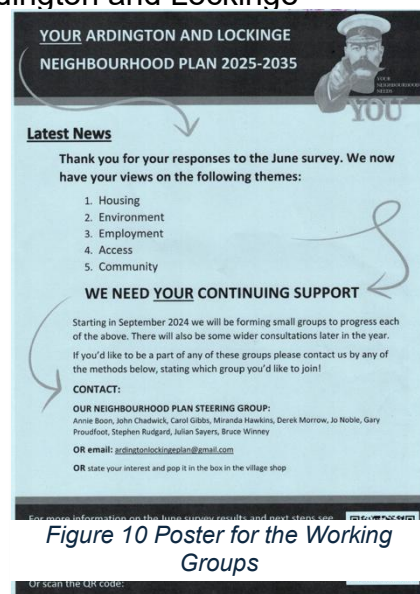
Figure 9. Announcement for Business Breakfast

of the issues raised in the survey, to which all 27 businesses were invited and 5 attended (19%). Greater detail was obtained on the issues related to housing for employees and the needs for business premises.

7.5 The Steering Group analysed the feedback and prepared the report which was finalised on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and made available on the Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council website. The findings of the survey and Breakfast are provided in the Evidence Base document.

## 8. WORKSHOPS AND WORKING GROUPS

8.1 In November 2024 and in March 2025, the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group organised participatory community workshops to gather residents' views on key topics that were identified in the surveys, and to gather detail on particular aspects to inform the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and the scope of the Design Code.



### Workshop Themes and Format

8.2 The Steering Group issued a call for volunteers to participate in working groups specifically for development of the agenda for each of three workshops and analysis of the findings, and terms of reference were developed for each. The working groups comprised 5-7 people, including at least two members of the Steering Group, and the other members were residents recruited through a specific announcement promoted through the usual channels (see 8.9), thereby increasing the number of people directly involved in the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

8.3 The purpose of the three workshops held was to capture community knowledge and appreciation of five key topics, and the workshops were held in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington as follows:

- Housing – held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024;
- Environment – held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024; and
- Access, Community and Employment (“the Village Chat workshop”) –

held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.



Figure 11. Posters for the Workshops

- 8.4 Resource materials on the five specific subject areas were prepared for each workshop for residents to study and comment on.
- 8.5 Between 40 and 60 residents attended each of the workshops. After a few introductory remarks at the start of the workshops, residents were free to circulate around the displays and were asked to identify their preferences and opinions on aspects of the main topics.
- 8.6 Members of the Steering Group were present at the workshops to give introductory remarks, provide residents with background information and to answer questions.
- 8.7 In addition, staff of Bluestone Planning acted as resource persons for the Housing and Environment workshops to support the Steering Group, providing



Figure 12 Participants at Housing Workshop



Figure 13 Participants at Environment Workshop

guidance for the planning, inputs to the preparation of resource materials, introductory presentations at the start of the workshops and answers to residents' questions on technical aspects.

## **Publicity and Promotion**

8.8 The working groups were established based on an announcement made to communities.

8.9 The workshops were publicised to ensure broad awareness and participation, including through:

- the Lockinge Estate Christmas Newsletter;
- "The Trumpeter" electronic newsletter;
- posters displayed on noticeboards in Ardington, Lockinge, and West Ginge and on the entrance door to the Ardington shop; and
- announcements on the WhatsApp groups for Ardington and Lockinge.

## **Sharing Results and Next Steps**

8.10 After each workshop, residents' comments and observations were published on the Parish Council website, collated and analysed by the members of each Working Group, and reports were prepared as part of the Evidence Base. The findings were used to provide evidence to support the scope and nature of policies in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Code.

8.11 The results were presented at the final residents' community engagement event, held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 in the Loyd Lindsay rooms in Ardington, which was titled the "Residents Pre-Consultation Workshop".

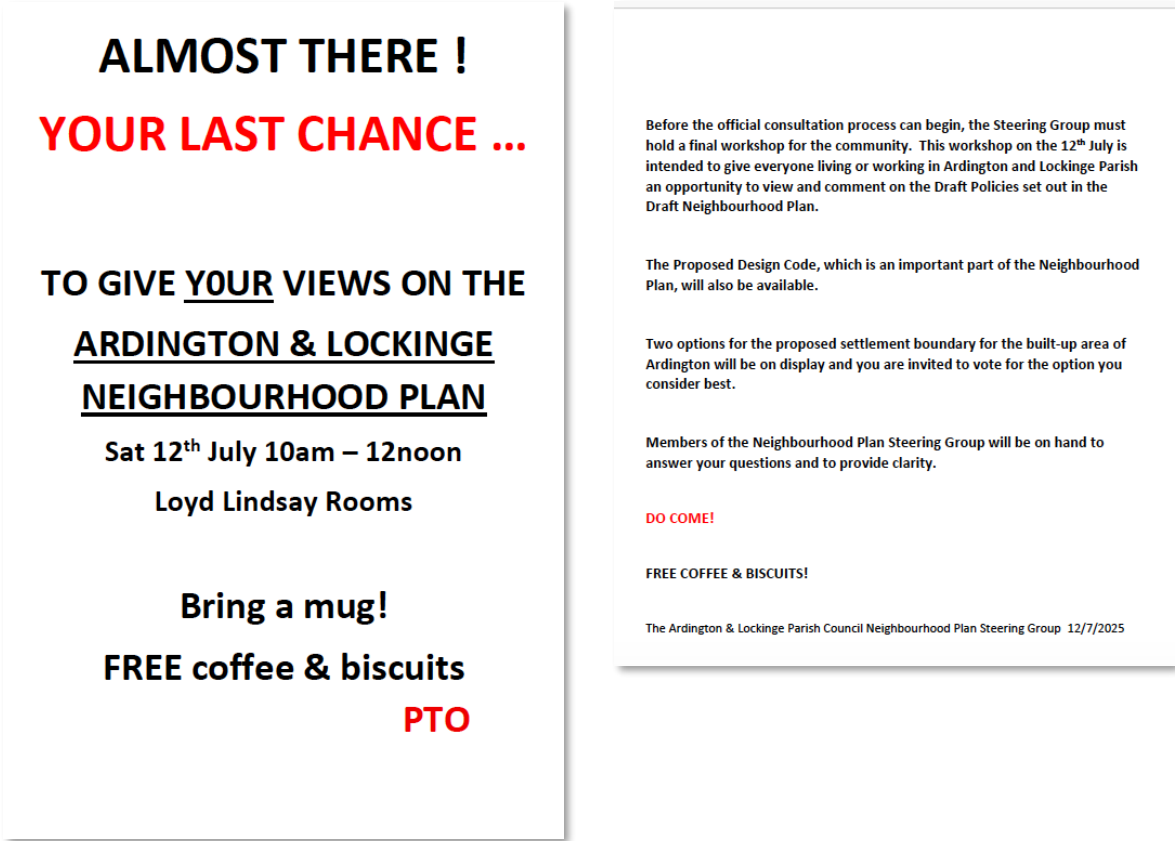
8.12 The workshop was publicised to ensure awareness and participation, through a flyer distributed to all households, through posters, and through the usual electronic channels.

8.13 At this event:

- exhibition boards were used to display the draft policies from the Neighbourhood Plan and the draft codes from the Design Code;
- supporting explanations for the definition of a Settlement Boundary for Ardington were provided along with the two proposed options on which residents were asked to vote.

8.14 Residents were invited to review the materials on display (including drafts of

the whole Plan) and comment on key topics as well as the overall Plan. The feedback helped inform the development of next versions of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Code.



**ALMOST THERE !**  
**YOUR LAST CHANCE ...**

**TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE  
ARDINGTON & LOCKINGE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 12noon**  
**Loyd Lindsay Rooms**

**Bring a mug!**  
**FREE coffee & biscuits**  
**PTO**

Before the official consultation process can begin, the Steering Group must hold a final workshop for the community. This workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> July is intended to give everyone living or working in Ardington and Lockinge Parish an opportunity to view and comment on the Draft Policies set out in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The Proposed Design Code, which is an important part of the Neighbourhood Plan, will also be available.

Two options for the proposed settlement boundary for the built-up area of Ardington will be on display and you are invited to vote for the option you consider best.

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be on hand to answer your questions and to provide clarity.

**DO COME!**

**FREE COFFEE & BISCUITS!**

The Ardington & Lockinge Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 12/7/2025

Figure 12. Flyer for the Final Workshop

## 9. REGULATION 14 – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

9.1 In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Steering Group conducted a formal pre-submission consultation and publicity on the draft Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting document the Design Code over a six-week period, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> November and ending on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025. This period was extended to 9<sup>th</sup> January at the request of the Vale of White Horse District Council to allow them to submit their response.

9.2 The purpose of this consultation was to give residents, statutory consultees and other stakeholders the opportunity to review the draft Neighbourhood Plan and draft Design Code in full and provide formal feedback before it was submitted for independent examination.

### Publicity and Promotion

9.3 To raise awareness of the consultation and encourage participation, the Steering Group undertook a range of publicity activities, including:

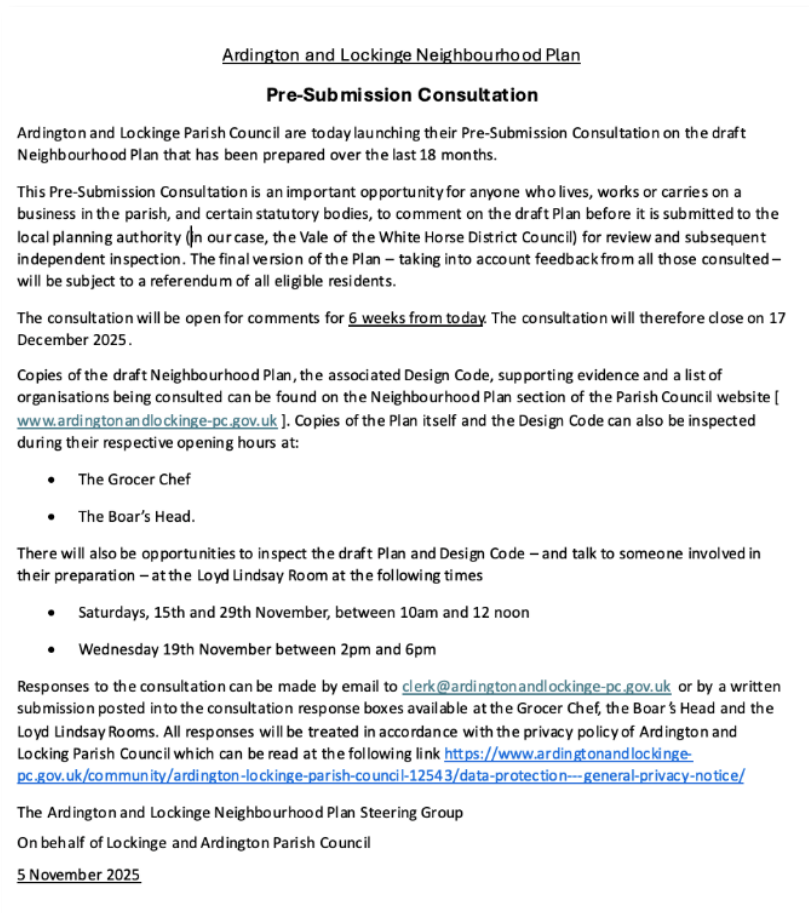


Figure 13. Announcement for Pre-Submission Consultation

- a flyer/poster distributed to all households and displayed on all noticeboards across Ardington and Lockinge Parish;
- a promotional campaign using the WhatsApp groups for Ardington and Lockinge, “The Trumpeter” electronic newsletter, and the Ardington Lockinge Parish Council website; and
- direct contact with statutory consultees, who were notified via email at the start of the consultation period.

**Ardington & Lockinge**  
**Residents**  
You've been **stars** so far!  
So helpful  
So thoughtful  
So supportive  
So committed  
**SO.....**

**WHAT NEXT?**  
**Your Opportunity to:**  
Respond to the Pre-submission Draft of  
**YOUR** Neighbourhood Plan  
Why not bring a neighbour & do it together over a cuppa, a pint or a glass of vino?  
**Paper** copies AVAILABLE AT:  
- The Boar's Head from 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  
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**Also electronically** via the Parish Council website:  
[www.ardingtonandlockinge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ardingtonandlockinge-pc.gov.uk)  
**ALSO** a member of the Steering Group will be at the **Loyd Lindsay Rooms** on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov from 2 – 6pm & **Sats** 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10am – 12 noon  
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clerk@ardingtonandlockinge-pc.gov.uk

Figure 14. Flyer/Poster for Pre-Submission Consultation

and stakeholders to access, and printed copies were made available at the Ardington shop and the Boars Head pub.

9.6 Responses could be submitted in several ways:

- using printed response forms available at the Ardington shop and Boars Head pub;
- using a downloadable Word response form, which could be returned by email or delivered in person to collection boxes at the Ardington shop and Boars Head pub; and
- attendance in person at three drop-in sessions held on 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington at which two members of the Steering Group were present with printed copies of the

9.4 A full list of statutory consultees contacted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation process is provided in Appendix 2.

9.5 The two consultation documents were made available in electronic format on the Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council website for residents

ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION  
RESPONSE FORM

Do you live, work or carry on business in the Neighbourhood Plan area being the Parish of Ardington and Lockinge.

Yes  
 No

Comments in response to the Neighbourhood Plan:

Comments in response to the Design Code:

Please note no personal information has or will be released by the NP Steering Group apart from the Group Members themselves. Any identifiable individual in photography used in the final submission will have expressly been given their permission for their image to be used for this purpose.  
Responses directly by email are also perfectly acceptable. All responses will be treated in accordance with the privacy policy of Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council which can be read on the Parish Council website.

Figure 15. Response Form for Pre-Submission Consultation

Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Code to answer questions from members of the community.

## Review and Response to Consultation Feedback

9.7 All responses received during the consultation were systematically recorded in a central response log maintained by the Steering Group. This spreadsheet captured each individual comment, the Steering Group's response and any resulting amendments to the draft Plan and Design Code.

9.8 Each comment was reviewed and categorised in line with a decision-making framework previously agreed with the Vale of White Horse District Council:

- Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
- We have chosen TO implement because: (a) the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion; (b) it clarifies the intent of the original statement; (c) this is new information; (d) it is authoritative advice.
- We have chosen TO take this comment into account – with a description of the action taken.
- We have chosen to REJECT the proposed change – with a reason given.

9.9 This structured approach ensured transparency, accountability and a clear audit trail of how community and stakeholder input shaped the plan.

9.10 A poster was put up on noticeboards thanking the community for its contributions.

9.11 A full summary of the comments received, alongside the Steering Group's response and details of any amendments to the draft plan, is included in Appendix 3.



Figure 16 Poster of Thanks

## 10. MEETING THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

10.1 This consultation statement has been prepared by the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of the Ardington and Lockinge

Parish Council, with support from Vale of White Horse District Council and Bluestone Planning.

10.2 This consultation statement has been prepared in accordance with the legal obligations set out in Part 5, Section 15(2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). It demonstrates how the statutory requirements for consultation have been met throughout the development of the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan.

10.3 In compliance with Section 15(2), this Consultation Statement:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.;*
- b) explains how they were consulted;*
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.*

10.4 In accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), specific consideration was given to the requirement to consult the following where they exercise functions in the Neighbourhood Plan area:

- a) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;*
- b) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;*
- c) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;*
- d) bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area; and*
- e) bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area.*

10.5 To meet these requirements, the Steering Group undertook an equalities check to ensure that no groups were excluded. Evidence was sought from residents and local businesses represented on the Steering Group to identify whether such organisations were active in Ardington and Lockinge, including enquiries relating to local businesses, community organisations and care

providers.

- 10.6 Consultation activities were carefully designed to ensure that no groups were excluded from contributing to the development of the Plan. The various communication media and channels used are described above.
- 10.7 This process ensured that all local businesses, voluntary organisations, faith groups and residents with different communication preferences were able to engage with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan

## **11. Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment**

- 11.1 During preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, the requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) must be considered by the Local Planning Authority, Vale of White Horse District Council. This process, known as screening, determines whether the plan is likely to give rise to significant environmental effects or impacts on protected habitats.
- 11.2 To assist with this assessment, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group produced a screening report setting out the relevant environmental information and evidence gathered during the development of the Plan. This included mapped environmental constraints and a summary of key considerations. The report is available to view on the Ardington and Lockinge Parish website.
- 11.3 Following review of the submitted information, Vale of White Horse District Council issued a screening determination on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 confirming that the preparation of a SEA or a HRA was not necessary.

## 12. APPENDICES

### APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

No.	Date	Activity/Event
1	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Introductory Community Meeting - an in-person meeting to explain the context and process of development of a Neighbourhood Plan was held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington.
2	13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Initial Residents' Survey - the first community-wide survey, inviting residents to identify what aspects [e.g., housing, transport, heritage, environment, facilities etc.] they valued and disliked about living in Ardington and Lockinge. Responses were collected via forms hand-delivered to the c.200 households.
3	10 <sup>th</sup> May – 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Residents' Survey - a second, more detailed survey was presented to the c.200 households in the Parish, through an online and a paper-based questionnaire. It posed questions on housing needs, employment, transport, environment, and heritage over the next 10 years, to generate evidence for policies in those areas. Responses were collected through an online survey system and hard copy responses.
4	23 <sup>rd</sup> May – 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Business Survey - a second, more detailed survey was presented to the c.30 businesses in the Parish, through a digital-format questionnaire distributed through email. It posed questions on business prospects, housing needs, and transport/access over the next 10 years, to generate evidence for policies in those areas. Responses were collected through email.
5	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Business Breakfast Meeting – businesses based in the Parish were invited to a meeting held in the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington to discuss with members of the Steering Group issues of importance to them that had emerged from the Business Survey.
5	August	Survey Results – the results of the second Household and the

	2024	Business surveys were provided to residents and businesses through the Parish Council website and summaries were placed on village noticeboards, with alerts distributed through social media.
<b>6</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Housing Workshop - residents were invited to a workshop held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington to discuss the results of the surveys, and comment on key aspects of housing including potential development sites and building designs, and environmental impacts of housing. Results informed potential housing policies and the Design Code.
<b>7</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Environment Workshop - residents were invited to a workshop held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington to discuss the results of the surveys, and identify key views, key aspects related to biodiversity and habitats of wildlife value, and locally important but unlisted heritage features such as buildings, landmarks and distinctive features. Results informed potential environment policies and the Design Code.
<b>8</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Facilities/Access/Employment Workshop – residents were invited to a workshop held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington to discuss the results of the surveys, and to identify important aspects of community facilities and recreation, access and transport, and local business and employment. Results informed potential policies in those areas.
<b>9</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Community Engagement Event - residents were invited to a workshop held at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in Ardington to review the draft vision, objectives and policies to generate feedback, as well as give their opinions on two options for a settlement boundary for Ardington. Results informed all of the draft policies.
<b>10</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 - 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation - a full draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Statutory consultees, residents and stakeholders were invited to provide feedback.

## APPENDIX 2: REGULATION 14 – STATUTORY CONSULTEES

Organisation	Contacted	Responded
<b>Parish/Town Councils</b>		
Wantage Town Council	Y	N
East Hanney	Y	N
Farnborough	Y	N
Grove	Y	N
Steventon	Y	N
West Hendred	Y	N
West Ilsley	Y	N
<b>Local Authority Districts and Unitary Councils</b>		
Vale of the White Horse District Council	Y	Y
<b>County Councils</b>		
Oxfordshire County Council	Y	Y
<b>Utilities</b>		
BT	Y	N
EE	Y	N
Three	Y	N
EMF (O2 and Vodaphone)	Y	N
Gigaclear	Y	N
Airband	Y	N
National Grid (Avison Young – Transmission)	Y	N
Network Rail	Y	Y
Scottish and Southern Energy	Y	N
Thames Water (Planning Policy & Sewage)	Y	Y
National Gas (Avison Young - Transmission)	Y	Y
Marine Management Organisation	Y	N
UK Power Networks	Y	N
Office for Nuclear Regulation	Y	N
<b>Central and Local Government Agencies</b>		
Environment Agency	Y	Y
Highways England	Y	N
Historic England	Y	Y
English Heritage	Y	N
Homes England	Y	N
Natural England	Y	Y
NHS England	Y	N
North Wessex Downs National Landscape	Y	Y
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group	Y	N
Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board	Y	N
Bath and North-east Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board	Y	N

<b>NGOs and Other Campaigning Groups<sup>2</sup></b>		
Lockinge Trust (Water supply)	Y	Y
Village Housing Charitable Trust	Y	N
Ardington & Lockinge Sports Club	Y	N
Country Building Protection Trust	Y	N
Ardington & Lockinge Relief in Need Charity	Y	N
Parkinson Me	Y	N
Wantage Downs Benefice	Y	N

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that these are not statutory consultees.

## APPENDIX 3: REGULATION 14 RESPONSES

### Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan

Source of Feedback	Document reference	Feedback reference	Comments	Steering Group Responses and Changes to be made
<b>Supportive statements</b>				
Parish resident	General	CR1.1	Congratulations to the NPSG for producing a comprehensive and professional document. No further comment.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR2.1	Satisfied	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR3.1	The Plan seems OK.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR4.1	In fact I have very little indeed to comment on, beyond praising the NP sub-committee for their tremendously thorough work. The Plan document is indeed comprehensive and very informative.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General & Policy AL9	CR5.1	Well structured, strong sense of community and environment. Welcome the inclusion of dark skies.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Lockinge Estate	General	CB.1	The Trustees of the Lockinge Trust appreciate the work which has been undertaken by the Steering Group in drafting the documents and are supportive of both the Ardington & Lockinge Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2041 Pre-Submission Consultation Draft, and believe the Neighbourhood Plan will allow the Estate to evolve as it has since the mid 1800's thus ensuring a sustainable future whilst continuing to enhance the local community and the surrounding environment.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Sarah James (District Councillor)	General	CC1.1	I am pleased to see this Plan come forward. It is clear with good involvement of local residents. I think it will be very helpful to have for planning decisions in Ardington and Lockinge. I don't wish to comment on specific policies because I do find them clear and they express the views of residents.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.

Oxfordshire County Council	General	CC3.1	We note that the policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan restrict the types of development that can be accepted given the rural nature of the area. This also has a bearing in the lack of allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome the references to both the adopted Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan and the emerging South and Vale Joint Local Plan. Both of these plans acknowledge that most types of development would be “inappropriate” given the rural nature of the area.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
	Objective 5 & Appendix 2	CC3.2	It is possible that OCC will seek to investigate upgrades to the Icknield Way running from Harwell Campus to Wantage via Ardington and Lockinge in the future. Whilst this work hasn't begun yet, the aspiration is that we will be able to improve active travel provision in this area for residents and commuters to Harwell Campus. We are therefore very supportive of objective 5 where the Neighbourhood Plan seeks improve the existing network of cycling and walking routes. Furthermore, improvements to signage of the existing Public Rights of Way as discussed in Appendix 2 is in principle something that could be investigated as part of the above work as appropriate. Regarding surfacing, any improvements made in the local area will need to be investigated thoroughly to establish which materials are deemed most appropriate. OCC will ensure any improvements including changes to surfacing are discussed with relevant groups including the Parish Council before progressing to delivery. OCC will seek to provide surfacing that will deliver high quality active travel connections between destinations whilst respecting local settlements and the environment. Whilst there is a desire not to use concrete, tarmac or paving these surfaces may be appropriate in areas where the design dictates due to environmental issues such as ponding or flooding for example.	Response requires NO action. We note OCC's potential plans for the Icknield Way.
National Gas	General	CE1.1	National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	Response requires NO action because there are no assets.
Historic England	General	CE2.1	We welcome the production of this Neighbourhood Plan, but do not consider it necessary for Historic England to be involved in the detailed development of your strategy at this time.	Response requires NO action because Historic England state that they do not need to be involved at this time.
Natural England	General	CE3.1	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft Neighbourhood Plan.	Response requires NO action because there is no points raised.

Network Rail	General	CE4.1	No policies within the Plan look to impact on the operational railway however the Council have a statutory responsibility under planning legislation to consult the statutory rail undertaker where a proposal for development is likely to result in a material increase in the rail volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway.	Response requires NO action because there is no impact on the railway. There are no current proposals for development that would affect rail volume.
<b>Substantive amendments</b>				
Parish resident	Policy AL11	CR6.1	Define types of new leisure facilities that could be foreseen	We have chosen to REJECT because the policy will cover any sort of new facility that is proposed.
Parish resident	Policy AL4	CR7.1	As the Parish is reliant on a private water supplier, will the recent 35% increase in price per unit of water be reflected with investment in the water infrastructure and water quality?	Response requires NO action because the pricing of water is not in the remit of the NP. Available capacity is within the remit and is addressed.
Parish resident	Policy AL2	CR8.1	'affordable <b>rental</b> accommodation' to be added.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Parish resident	Section 2.4	CR5.2	The North Wessex Downs has a new Management plan, so reference to particular policies will need to be updated/reviewed as a number of changes have been made. The Landscape Character Assessment has also been updated and includes valued qualities, the Plan may draw on some of these.	We have chosen TO implement because the NWDNL Management Plan is now published.
Parish resident	Appendix 2	CR9.1	Replace text for 'Small Shops and Businesses' with the following: ' <i>Proposals for the development, relocation or extension of small businesses in Ardington designed to meet the day-to-day needs of the local population may be supported provided that the location is within the Ardington village boundary, that the residential or visual amenity is not affected, and if traffic problems are unlikely to arise. Policy AL12 refers.</i> '	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.

Sarah James (District Councillor)	Para. 2.3.7	CC1.2	This paragraph should be corrected as the draft Joint Local Plan has not been rejected. The district councils (Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire) were advised to withdraw the plan as the inspectors found it didn't meet the Duty to Cooperate requirement. However that advice doesn't change the status of the Plan, it is still at examination unless the councils do decide to withdraw it. For information: Since then, the Government has announced that it intends to remove the Duty to Cooperate early in 2026 and that this will apply to plans currently in the examination process. As a result, the councils have said that they would like the examination to proceed.	We have chosen TO implement because this is new information.
	Policy AL5	CC1.3	Suggestion for clarity: Policy AL5 - Thermal Efficiency - is Thermal Efficiency the right headline? The policy includes good thermal efficiency, but also renewable energy sources. Energy Efficiency would be a better term to encompass both of these.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Oxfordshire County Council	Policy AL4	CC3.3	This policy seeks to ensure the sustainability of new developments and makes specific requirements about car and cycle parking standards. As such, this policy would benefit from referencing OCC's Parking Standards for New Developments Policy which can be found here: Parking standards for new developments- this policy will be updated on 16th of December.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
	Para. 6.4.4, Policy AL12 & AL13	CC3.4	6.4.4, Policy AL12 and Policy AL13 refer to "appropriate levels of parking" or "car parking arrangements". Where appropriate these should be updated to reflect that any parking for new developments must be in line with Oxfordshire's Parking Standards for New Developments referenced earlier in the Neighbourhood Plan.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
	Policy AL6 & AL8	CC3.5	Viewpoints 1 and 2 overlook the boundary of the currently proposed South Eastern Strategic Reservoir Option. The location of SESRO may impact on the amenity of these recommended viewpoints as the building of the reservoir could have significant landscape impacts. Additionally, several of the woodlands mentioned in Policy AL8 are within the boundary for the SESRO project which may lead to the removal of some of these trees as part of its construction. It would be beneficial for the Neighbourhood Planning Forum to consider the SESRO project, and its potential impacts on the Planning Area. The most detailed information of the project is available here: South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) - Statutory Consultation 2025. Note that the project is currently under public consultation, which could benefit from your inputs, the statutory consultation closing date is the 13th of January 2026.	We have chosen TO take this comment into account as we revise the Plan because we now know that the latest proposal for SESRO will impact the Parish directly.

	Policy AL8	CC3.6	Policy AL8 regarding the conservation of habitats is welcomed. A key consideration for this policy is Oxfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)   Oxfordshire County Council) which is recommended to be used to help define the habitats referred to and help identify priority measures for enhancing and creating habitats beyond conserving them. Oxfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy also includes priority measures regarding particular species and this should be carefully considered when designing policy AL8.	We have chosen TO take this comment into account and include reference to the LNRS in the policy.
	Policy AL9	CC3.7	This policy considers the impacts of street lights on both the amenity of the area and on biodiversity. The Parish Councils for the area could consider implementing a part-night lighting scheme under the OCC Street Lighting and Illuminated Assets Policy, which has recently been approved by our cabinet. This policy allows Parish Councils to apply for Part-Night Lighting within their area between certain hours.	We have chosen to REJECT because it is not viable in Ardington and Lockinge because many are connected to individual dwellings.
Thames Water	Policy AL4	CE5.1	<u>Water Supply and Wastewater/Sewerage Infrastructure - proposed new text:</u>  <i>"Where appropriate, planning permission for developments which result in the need for off-site upgrades, will be subject to conditions to ensure the occupation is aligned with the delivery of necessary infrastructure upgrades. The Local Authority will seek to ensure that there is adequate water and wastewater infrastructure to serve all new developments. Developers are encouraged to contact the water/waste water company as early as possible to discuss their development proposals and intended delivery programme to assist with identifying any potential water and wastewater network reinforcement requirements. Where there is a capacity constraint the Local Planning Authority will, where appropriate, apply phasing conditions to any approval to ensure that any necessary infrastructure upgrades are delivered ahead of the occupation of the relevant phase of development."</i>	We have chosen to REJECT the proposed new text because it is a generic statement that does not recognise that the majority of the parish is served by a private water supply and the Plan already references the (in)adequacy of the resources serving the community. We will reconsider some of the wording in the Plan referencing waste water.
	Policy AL4	CE5.2	<u>Water Efficiency/Sustainable Design - proposed policy text:</u>	We have chosen to REJECT because the

			<i>“Development must be designed to be water efficient and reduce water consumption. Refurbishments and other non-domestic development will be expected to meet BREEAM water-efficiency credits. Residential development must not exceed a maximum water use of 105 litres per head per day (excluding the allowance of up to 5 litres for external water consumption) using the ‘Fittings Approach’ in Table 2.2 of Part G of Building Regulations. Planning conditions will be applied to new residential development to ensure that the water efficiency standards are met.”</i>	plan already references the (in)adequacy of the private water supply serving the community. We will reconsider some of the wording referencing waste water.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 1.9.4	CC2.2	Paragraph 1.9.4. states that “The Examiner will then decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan can proceed to a Referendum...” However, it should be noted that it is the role of the district council to decide what action to take in response to the independent examiner’s recommendations and whether the plan should progress to referendum, having regard to the examiner’s report.	We have chosen TO take this comment into account and edit this paragraph to reflect the role of the District Council.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 2.1.1	CC2.3	Paragraph 2.1.1 states that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published by the Government in 2018. The NPPF was originally published in March 2012 and has been revised several times since. The Government is also currently consulting on further revisions. To simplify the wording and ensure accuracy, we recommend referring more generally to the NPPF in force at the time the neighbourhood plan is prepared. This reference may need to be updated if the NPPF is further revised prior to submission of the plan to the district council or its formal adoption by the district council.	We have chosen TO take this comment into account.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 2.2.1	CC2.4	We recommend replacing the sentence “The Neighbourhood Plan in Ardington and Lockinge therefore also complies with the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1 –” with the following wording, and relocating it to the end of the paragraph: “The Neighbourhood Plan in Ardington and Lockinge does not deal with excluded development. This includes development that constitutes a county matter, such as minerals and waste.” Legislation prohibits neighbourhood plans from dealing with certain forms of development. The recommended modification clarifies that the plan does not deal with excluded development.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it is authoritative advice.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Page 13 Figure 3	CC2.5	Figure 3’s key requires updating, as references to items not shown on the map may be confusing for the reader.	We have chosen to REJECT this suggestion because we have decided to remove the figure as it is unnecessary.

Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 2.3.6	CC2.6	We recommend the following changes are made to the second sentence to ensure it accurately reflects the statutory process: Once 'made' (i.e. approved following at referendum), this Neighbourhood Plan will also form a part of the Local Development Plan. There will be a monitoring and review process to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan remains effective and responds appropriately to any significant changes in National and local planning policy in general conformity with the strategic policies in whichever Local Development Plan is applicable (see section 10).	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Page 20 The Aim	CC2.7	There is no requirement for a neighbourhood plan to comply with the strategic policies of a neighbouring district. We believe the intent here was to make reference to emerging policies in our Joint Local Plan. To avoid any confusion and to align the text more closely with the Basic Conditions we recommend the text is modified as follows: "To create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Ardington and Lockinge that includes policies based on the outcomes of community engagement and consultation, is in general conformity with strategic policies in the Development Plan for the district, and has regard to National planning policies and guidance. Compliance with the core strategies set out in the relevant South and Vale Joint Local Development Plan.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 5.2.1	CC2.8	For clarity we recommend deleting the word 'options' and replacing 'policy' with 'policies. In addition, our Development Management Team have advised that the use of hyperlinks between the "List of Policies" on p22 and the specific sections of the plan, would be really useful.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Page 23 6. Policy Theme Housing	CC2.9	Neighbourhood planning groups are free to choose the topics they wish to cover in their neighbourhood plans. However, we encourage the inclusion of a factual section that discusses any local housing need and housing development expectations set out in the Development Plan. This helps to clarify which issues the neighbourhood plan is seeking to address within the appropriate policy context. We would be happy to provide suggested wording should you wish to take this approach and require further assistance.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it is authoritative advice. We are happy to do this ourselves.

Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 6.2.1	CC2.10	Paragraph 6.2.1. states that “According to the Parish Household survey of 2024, the majority of the respondents considered that there was either no need for additional housing in the Plan Area or that only a small number of new houses close to existing developed areas would be appropriate”. Policies in neighbourhood plans must be supported by evidence. It is important to distinguish clearly between evidence and opinion, and to present this accurately. In this context, it is helpful to consider whether residents were asked whether they had, or were likely to have, a need for housing over a defined period of time, which would help to identify and evidence a local housing need, or whether they were asked whether they felt there was a general need for housing locally, which would elicit opinion rather than evidence. We therefore recommend that this paragraph is revised to present the findings of the householder survey more clearly and accurately.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement and we will add additional text as recommended.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 6.2.5	CC2.11	We recommend replacing the word ‘available’ with ‘appropriate’ as we believe it captures your intent with more precision. We also recommend replacing ‘acceptable’ with ‘appropriate’ as it reflects the role of the neighbourhood plan with more clarity and precision. It would be helpful if the plan could clarify what is meant by: “Provision for affordable housing for owner occupation will be particularly welcomed”.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraphs 6.2.6 to 6.2.8	CC2.12	For clarity and precision and to reflect the role of the design code more accurately we recommend this paragraph is amended as follows: “Any residential extensions or similar types of development proposed within the designated settlement boundary that do not benefit from Permitted Development Rights will also need to accord with must take account and reflect the recommendations set out in the Ardington and Lockinge Design Code and Joint Design Guide”. This modification renders paragraph 6.2.8 unnecessary and therefore we recommend it is deleted.	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement and we will amend the text as recommended
			You should also revise paragraph 6.2.7 to present the information as what the design code is trying to achieve. You could replace paragraph 6.2.7 with: "The design code seeks to ensure that residential extensions are subordinate to the primary dwelling in terms of scale and design, avoid unsatisfactory visual relationships with surrounding buildings when viewed from public vantage points, and protect the amenity and privacy of existing residents. It also aims to ensure that extensions do not introduce features that would appear out of character with the surrounding area."	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement and we will amend the text as recommended
	Figure 7	CC2.13	As the plan currently stands, we cannot see what methodology has been used to draw the settlement boundary. We would therefore recommend	We have chosen TO implement this suggestion

Vale of White Horse District Council			<p>providing this as an appendix to the plan or as part of the supporting text. The Lewknor adopted NDP has a separate document to justify their boundary which can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>because it was already included as a supporting document, which will be appended to the final plan.</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council			<p>From observing the boundary as drawn, without the methodology, we consider it could be tightened in a few places, specifically the larger areas of land within the settlement boundary. We have included some examples below identified by the blue arrows added to Figure 7. Without a methodology/justification for these areas it is unclear why they are included within the settlement boundary. The base map used also makes it hard to identify individual parcels of land and the relationship between buildings and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The inclusion of these areas within the boundary could suggest that new development on these sites may be acceptable and this may not be the neighbourhood plan's intention. There would be other considerations and constraints to be taken into account when determining a planning application but if the boundary was amended to be tighter it would provide a more accurate representation of the extent of the built area and its distinction to the open countryside.</p>	<p>We have chosen to REJECT this proposal because the community has already considered and rejected a very similar option (see evidence base).</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL2- Ardington Settlement Boundary	CC2.14	<p>Policy AL2 identifies the proposed settlement boundary but does not clearly set out its effect. For example, paragraph 6.2.5 states that small scale infill development and redevelopment of brownfield is appropriate, but the policy does not actually deliver on this. It merely requires development to consider the points set out in the criteria. On this latter point, it is important to review whether you have expressed your intent clearly. As currently written, the policy only asks proposals to demonstrate how careful consideration has been given it does not ask development to incorporate or respond in a particular way.</p> <p>Some of the criteria in Policy AL2 are overly restrictive, specifically criterion d), and criteria e) and f) lack sufficient clarity.</p> <p>Within this context we recommend part 2 of policy AL2 is replaced with:</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement and we will amend the text as recommended</p>

			<p>Development proposals within the settlement boundary will be supported provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It constitutes infill or redevelopment of a previously developed site;</li> <li>b) It achieves high quality design reflecting the recommendations of the Ardington and Lockinge Design Code and the district councils Joint Design Guide;</li> <li>c) It is in accordance with relevant policies in the development plan.</li> </ul> <p>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals within the settlement boundary should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) reflect the character of the built environment in relation to height, scale and mass of the proposed building, which should be proportionate and sympathetic to the scale of neighbouring buildings;</li> <li>b) conserve the significance of heritage assets and their wider setting;</li> <li>c) not unacceptably harm the existing amenity of neighbouring properties;</li> <li>d) not harm the quality of the local environment; and</li> <li>e) take account of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan;</li> </ul>	
			<p>Our Development Management Team also suggested that a hyperlink to the design code would be really useful.</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Paragraph 6.3.1	CC2.15	<p>We recommend replacing 'will be resisted' with 'will not be supported' and 'it is allocated in the Local Development Plan or meets one of the exceptions described in paragraph 84 of the NPPF' with 'It is supported by policies in the Development Plan or National planning policy'. This would reflect the role of the neighbourhood plan more clearly and future proof your plan against changes to paragraph numbers in the NPPF.</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL3: Outside the Ardington	CC2.16	<p>For clarity and to ensure the criteria is not unduly restrictive, we recommend amending the policy wording as follows:</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the</p>

	Settlement Boundary	<p>The area of land outside the Ardington Settlement Boundary as shown in Figure 7 is considered to be 'open countryside' and sensitive to development. Development in open countryside will not be appropriate unless specifically supported by other relevant policies as set out in the Development Plan or National policy.</p> <p><del>New Developments and replacements or alterations to existing buildings that</del> <b>is appropriate in</b> 'open countryside' will be supported where they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <del>are permitted under the Adopted Development Plan;</del></li> <li>b) do not adversely impact upon unacceptably harm the existing amenity of (including views from) other dwellings neighbouring properties;</li> <li>c) <del>demonstrate how careful consideration has been given to the Parish Design Code</del> achieve high quality design reflecting the recommendations of the Ardington and Lockinge Design Code and the district councils Joint Design Guide;</li> <li>d) conserve the significance of heritage assets and their wider setting;</li> <li>e) <b>not harm</b> the quality of the local environment; and</li> <li>f) take account of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan;</li> <li>g) <del>Maintain the settlement boundary of Ardington as defined.</del></li> <li><b>h) Do not cause the loss of Best and Most Versatile agricultural land</b></li> </ul> <p>Alternatively, you may wish to consider merging Policies AL2 and AL3 so that they deal solely with the distinction between the built-up area and the open countryside. A separate policy could then be introduced to address the development principles currently presented in a repetitive manner, or Policy AL1 could be expanded to cover both general development principles and the separation of settlements. A revised approach to the presentation of these policies could achieve greater clarity and precision. We would be happy to assist you further in exploring and developing a clearer approach.</p> <p>If you chose to keep the policies separate, we would recommend including an additional figure showing the extent of open countryside within the neighbourhood area as figure 7 focuses mostly on the settlement boundary.</p>	<p>intent of the original statement and we will amend the text as recommended</p> <p>We have chosen to REJECT this proposal as we have accepted the previously suggested alternative</p> <p>We have chosen TO implement this suggestion as it will help clarify the original intent</p>
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Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL4-Resources	CC2.17	<p>As worded, Policy AL4 currently lacks clarity. We therefore recommend replacing the policy wording with the following:</p> <p>As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Use natural resources, including water and energy,</li> <li>b) in the most sustainable practicable way during construction and the lifetime of the development.</li> <li>c) Provide access to high quality communications infrastructure</li> <li>d) Provide access to electric vehicle charging points provide appropriate levels of off-road parking for private vehicles which are integrated into the landscape, do not represent a hazard or nuisance to other members of the community, and do not reduce the existing car parking provision in the Parish.</li> </ul>	<p>We have chosen TO implement this suggestion because it clarifies the intent of the original statement and we will amend the text as recommended</p>
			<p>Our Development Management Team have identified that there could also be an opportunity to refer to off grid renewables within this policy.</p>	<p>We have decided to REJECT this because it already falls into Part A of this Policy and is addressed in the Design Code.</p>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL6-Key Views	CC2.18	<p>In the first sentence word 'in' appears twice before Figure 5. The second sentence is also missing the word 'view'.</p> <p>We therefore recommend amending the sentence to: 'Development proposals which would have a significant adverse impact on an identified important view.'</p> <p>We also think that the policy is missing the element that would guide planning decisions, we therefore recommend the final sentence is placed after the list of important views and modified as follows: 'Development proposals which would have an unacceptable impact on the local character of an identified important significant adverse impact on an identical important view (listed below) will not be supported.'</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.</p>
	Policy AL6-Key Views	CC2.19		<p>We have chosen TO implement because we do</p>

Vale of White Horse District Council			<p>The NDP says that the justification and photographs of these views referred to in Policy AL6 are within the evidence base but there are no links in appendix 1 and therefore the evidence base is currently not easy to find.</p> <p>We therefore recommend that there is a clear link to this particular evidence base within the policy wording as an Appendix. The policy itself also refers to Figure 5 but the document caption is Figure 8.</p> <p>The council's Heritage Team have also identified that whilst they support the identification of important views, it must be clearly evidenced, and they have been unable to find the key views assessment. They also strongly encourage the views plan to be a full page and higher resolution so that it can be zoomed as the version on page 33 is not very clear and makes it hard to determine exactly what the view cones take in.</p> <p>The Development Management Team have also highlighted within Figure 8 the map would be easier to see if it was a bit bigger and clearer.</p>	have the photographs and are planning to have a clear evidence section.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL7-Community Spaces and Landmarks	CC2.20	<p>Policy AL7 as currently written potentially could go further and protect against the loss of the spaces and facilities identified in the policy.</p> <p>We therefore recommend expanding the policy and including similar wording to some adopted NDP's who have a similar approach, we have detailed a couple of examples below:</p> <p>Blewbury NDP Policy P17: Community Assets: <i>'Where proposals are developed that involve a recognised community asset, there will be a presumption against any proposals that would lead to a loss of value to the community.'</i></p> <p>Warborough and Shillingford NDP: <i>'Policy C1-Community Infrastructure</i> A. <i>The provision of new community facilities will be supported.</i></p>	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.

			<p><i>B. Development proposals that will result in either the loss of or significant harm to a Community Facility as defined in Table 2: Community Facilities will not be supported, unless it can clearly be demonstrated that the operation of the asset, or the ongoing delivery of the community value of the asset, is no longer financially viable.</i></p> <p><i>Policy C2- Improvements to Community Assets</i></p> <p><i>Proposals for the extension, adaptation or redevelopment of the community facilities identified in Table 2 (Community Facilities) will be supported, provided the resulting improved facilities are appropriate in design terms and will not unacceptably impact the amenities of adjoining residential properties.'</i></p> <p>The development management team have also identified that the policy needs to protect against the loss of these spaces.</p>	
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL8- Conservation of Key Habitats	CC2.21	<p>The first sentence of the policy reads more as supporting text.</p> <p><i>'The key habitat assets of the Parish in the form of Chalk Springs and Watercourses, Chalk Grassland and Woodland lie in open countryside (as shown in Figure 10).'</i></p> <p>The policy is also missing wording that identifies that proposals that adversely impact their character and appearance 'will not be supported'.</p> <p>The development management team also have highlighted that it may be helpful to give distances for this policy as it includes references to both watercourses and woodlands. For example, Development Policy 30 of LPP2 makes reference to development which is "located within 20 metres of a watercourse" and that any "plans for development adjacent to or encompassing a watercourse should include a minimum 10 m buffer zone along both sides of the watercourse"</p> <p>We would be happy to assist you further in exploring and developing this approach.</p>	<p>We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion. We are happy to do this ourselves.</p>

Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL8- Conservation of Key Habitats	CC2.22	<p>The council's Ecology Team have identified that Policy AL8 of the draft plan identifies that certain habitats are of increased value to the local community and seeks to enhance the protection that those habitats benefit from. These habitats are: chalk streams, chalk grassland and woodland. Figure 10 depicts high level mapping of where those habitats are likely to be found. From an ecological perspective, the wording of the policy serves sufficiently well to protect the existing habitat resource but is not prescriptive as to how these habitat parcels could be enhanced. The policy could seek to see relevant habitat parcels (covered by the policy) enhanced in condition, increased in extent, or connected to other similar habitats nearby through new habitat creation to create new or improved wildlife corridors throughout the landscape.</p> <p>The policy could be worded: 'The key habitat assets of the Parish in the form of Chalk Springs and Watercourses, Chalk Grassland and Woodland lie in open countryside (as shown in Figure 10). Development proposals and management plans within or affecting these areas should not adversely impact their character and appearance as well as their geological and ecological significance, as defined by the Adopted Local Plan.</p> <p><i>Key habitat assets should be enhanced through new areas of habitat creation, improving habitat condition through positive management interventions, and improving habitat connectivity to form wildlife corridors. Further to this, the Neighbourhood Plan could require that new development provide ecological enhancements (e.g. bat boxes, bird boxes, etc.) in all new structures permitted within the neighbourhood plan area, or alternatively at a ratio of prescribed by the policy (e.g. 1:2, 1:3).'</i></p> <p>As mentioned in the comment above, we would be happy to assist you further in exploring and developing this approach.</p>	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion. We are happy to do this ourselves.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL9- Dark Night Skies	CC2.23	Our Development Management Team highlighted that it would be helpful for this policy to align and reflect the wording in our emerging Joint Local Plan.	We have chosen to REJECT because we are aligned to the current approved Local Plan.

			They have also highlighted that the policy should be amended to make more specific references to external lighting. It may be harder for officers to control internal lighting (although it's appreciated research has been done on the overspill effects of internal lighting where there are large amounts of glazing on a building)	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL10 - Impact on Leisure Facilities	CC2.24	Our comments in relation to Policy AL7 are also applicable to this policy. It is important to clarify the form of development to which this policy applies and to remove duplication with other policies in the neighbourhood plan, as duplication can give rise to inconsistency or conflict. In this instance, Policy AL10 implies that development is expected to maintain and enhance key views, whereas this is not a requirement of Policy AL6.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL12 - Commercial Development	CC2.25	We note criterion a is supportive of providing workspace for small scale business in use class E. It is not clear however what evidence is supporting the assessment of what would be appropriate <i>'to the identified local economy'</i> .	We have chosen TO partially implement and we will improve the wording of criterion A. There is also evidence to support the policy in the evidence base.
			Criterion g is overly restrictive as set out in previous comments. We recommend linking this point back to the Joint design guide amenity principles so as to not cause nuisance to adjoining residential properties.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
			Criterion h is currently in conflict with paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states: "Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network, following mitigation, would be severe, taking into account all reasonable future scenarios."	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion and will recognise it in our working
			The final part of the policy is overly restrictive and goes beyond the careful guidance provided in Policy AL9.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion and reword to refer to AL9.

Vale of White Horse District Council	Policy AL13-Business in Residential Properties	CC2.26	<p>Our Development Management Team have linking this policy back to the Joint design guide amenity principles so as to not cause nuisance to adjoining residential properties.</p> <p>We also recommend modifying criterion c as this is currently in conflict with paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states: "Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network, following mitigation, would be severe, taking into account all reasonable future scenarios."</p>	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Vale of White Horse District Council	General Comment	CC2.27	<p>The Development Management Team have highlighted:</p> <p>It may be helpful to have a hyperlink to the NWDNL Management Plan.</p>	We have chosen TO implement because the NWDNL Management Plan is now published.
Vale of White Horse District Council	General Comment	CC2.28	<p>Heritage Teams comment:</p> <p>There is no specific heritage policy within the plan. However, the Design Code is very heritage focussed with a good introduction on the settlement history and current heritage status of various elements including the listed buildings and designated Ardington and East Lockinge conservation area. The design code is a very thorough document which usefully characterises the settlement and will be a valuable tool to help inform design choices for new development. My only concern is the wording is quite strict and does not allow much in the way of contemporary responses. Whilst the design codes intention is to seek new development which reflects the settlements existing character, it is important that the document allows for some level of flexibility. It is also important to consider that sometimes a pastiche could be more harmful than something contemporary, especially when it could erode the legibility of original designs of the model village. It will be important that new development is considered on a case-by-case basis and that the design code is applied with balanced consideration.</p> <p>We therefore recommend including a policy similar to the one found in the adopted Beckley and Stowood NDP with the inclusion of a reference to the design code:</p>	We have chosen to REJECT because Policy AL2 references the comprehensive Design Code.

			<p><b>'PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE</b></p> <p><i>The parish's designated historic heritage assets and their settings, both above and below ground including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas will be conserved and enhanced for their historic significance and their important contribution to local distinctiveness, character and sense of place.</i></p> <p><i>The effect of a development proposal on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining the planning application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be taken having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.</i></p> <p><i>Development proposals should have regard to the Development Plan, the Joint Design Code and the Ardington and Lockinge Design Code.'</i></p>	
Vale of White Horse District Council	General Comment	CC2.29	The Climate and Biodiversity Team note the Ardington and Lockinge Neighbourhood Plan draft has clear regard for climate change and nature recovery.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Vale of White Horse District Council	General Comment	CC2.30	Our Economic Development Team note the relatively large number of jobs within the parish, the support for the Lockinge Estate within the neighbourhood plan and the positive support for businesses and employment, including positive measures to attempt to alleviate concerns around impact of traffic on the local area.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
<b>Illustrations to be added</b>				
Bluestone Planning	Section 3.3.3	CB2.1	Add photo(s) of Mason's Court, Ardington	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Bluestone Planning	Section 6.1.3:	CB2.2	Add photo(s) to illustrate the Ardington settlement boundary	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.

Bluestone Planning	Policy AL10	CB2.3	Add map of existing leisure facilities	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
<b>Typographical/Factual errors</b>				
Parish resident	Section 1.1.1	CR10.1	'...ten miles southeast of Abingdon...' – should be southwest	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Sarah James (District Councillor)	Para. 2.4.3	CC1.4	For information: VOWHDC Cabinet adopted the NWDNL Management Plan on 10/10/2025	We have chosen TO implement because the NWDNL Management Plan is now published.
	Para. 3.6.1	CC1.5	Figure 4 has been flipped horizontally.	We have chosen TO correct this error.

### Comments on the Design Code

Source of Feedback	Document reference	Feedback reference	Comments	Steering Group Responses and Changes to be made
<b>Supportive statements</b>				
Parish resident	General	CR11.1	Excellent. Well expressed, easy to follow. Extremely useful.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR12.1	An excellent guide to future development. Interesting to see the change of approach in the last few years to the use of photovoltaic panels.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	Pages 7-8, and Code AL.05	CR13.1	Hipped roofs are good.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.

Parish resident	General	CR13.2	Great village to live in, Well Done.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR14.1	I like this.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR15.1	The Design Code covers - as far as I can see - all the relevant points in admirable detail. I am very glad to see the Design Code's very strong guidance for windows generally, in particular pointing out the dire effect of replacing traditional timber frames with plastic - which the Estate and some private owners have frequently done.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Parish resident	General	CR16.1	Detailed and clear for anyone to pick up and use. Balance the model village approach with the opportunity for contemporary sensitive schemes. Welcome dark skies and sensitive lighting and going beyond the standard design codes to include boundary treatments, outbuildings and garden size.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Lockinge Estate	General	CB1.2	In respect of the Design Code, this builds upon the Village Design Statement which was drawn up in 1997 and will assist the Estate in responding to requests for the approval of plans linked to covenants over properties which were formerly owned.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
Sarah James (District Councillor)	General	CC1.6	No comments on the Design Code. Again I found it a clear expression of residents views that was easy to follow and use.	Response requires NO action because it is supportive.
<b>Substantive amendments</b>				
Parish resident	Page 39	CR17.1	Proposed new paragraph 3: "Notwithstanding those considerations, it is conceivable that a future Local Plan or developer may propose an exception for affordable housing sites that sit outside of, but adjacent to, the settlement boundary of Ardington. It should be said that any such proposal would need to include a clear rationale for why developing open countryside, rather than infill or brownfield sites, would best meet its stated needs, in order to justify departing from the existing principles and to mitigate the loss of greenfield space. No such plans are proposed at this time."	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Parish resident	Unclear	CR18.1	No all-glass structures	We have chosen to REJECT because the Design Code provides detailed advice on all aspects.

Parish resident	Code AL.04.c	CR19.1	The majority of residents are dog owners. Post-and-wire and post-and-rail fences are inadequate. Other suitable suggestions should be made.	We have chosen to REJECT because the Design Code provides detailed advice on all aspects.
Parish resident	Code AL.05.k	CR13.3	Propose using powder-coated aluminium windows.	We have chosen to REJECT because the Design Code provides detailed advice on all aspects. This point is too specific for the Design Code.
	Code AL.05.a	CR13.4	Timber sash windows are difficult to clean, they rot, and sash ropes break	We have chosen to REJECT because the Design Code provides detailed advice on all aspects. This point is too specific for the Design Code.
Parish resident	Code AL.04.b	CR13.5	Fencing around houses and paddocks should be muntjac-proof.	Response requires NO action because it is outside the remit of the Plan.
Parish resident	Code AL.LS04	CR20.1	Include reference to line-of-sight for traffic at junctions and exit gates etc.	Response requires NO action because it is considered as part of a planning application.
Parish resident	Page 10 and Code AL.03	CR4.2	I have only one small thing to add, which is that in my view the arbitrary and unhistorical change from black and white to brown and cream paint as the Lockinge Estate livery is wholly regrettable. I can't remember exactly when this happened, but it was certainly after 1977. In fact one of the conditions of our purchase of the house was that we should always maintain the black and white livery then in use throughout the parish. The plague of brown windows and doors that descended as a result is really sad. One only has to look at the two semi-detached houses in School Road, opposite the entrance to the Estate Office (one on the left with white windows, the other on the right with brown) to see the deadening effect of this change.	We have chosen to REJECT because the colour scheme is defined in deeds for individual properties.
	Design Code	CC2.31	The VOWHDC Urban Design Team have highlighted the following:	

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<p>The Neighbourhood Plan reverts to the Design Code for all detailed design aspects. A very comprehensive Design Code with a strong section on heritage and character assessment of the parish.</p> <p>We welcome the order of the sections starting off with wide design code requirements before delving into different types of development and their requirements.</p> <p>It is encouraging to see that sustainable development is at the forefront of the document.</p> <p>The code complements and is not in conflict with the district's Joint Design Guide.</p> <p>The introduction around how to use and Navigate through the document are useful together with the explanation on how the document sits within Planning.</p> <p>The code is illustrated with numerous visuals and diagrams which complements the supporting text as a code should.</p>	<p>Response requires NO action because it is supportive.</p>
<p>In some sections, the code might want to be more prescriptive than in other sections. We therefore recommend checking the language used throughout the code, having in mind what should definitely be a 'must' and a 'should'.</p>	<p>We have chosen to REJECT this because as part of the process we assessed this issue in consultation with Bluestone Planning, including an analysis of verb usage, and specific examples of what might be changed have not been provided.</p>
<p>We echo what the Heritage Officer has mentioned around the 'wording is quite strict and does not allow much in the way of contemporary responses. Whilst the design code's intention is to seek new development which reflects the settlement's existing character, it is important that the document allows for some level of flexibility. It is also important to consider that sometimes a pastiche could be more harmful than something contemporary, especially when it could erode the legibility of original designs of the model village.</p>	<p>We have decided to REJECT this recommendation as it requires wholesale revisions to a Design Code that has received strong support from the community.</p>

Thames Water	Code AL.SD05	CE5.2	<p>Comments in relation to Flood Risk and SUDS: The Neighbourhood Plan should include a specific policy on SUDS in line with the following hierarchy:</p> <p><i>“Developers should ensure that surface water run-off is managed as close to source as possible in line with the following drainage hierarchy:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>store rainwater for later use</i></li> <li>2. <i>rainwater infiltration to ground at or close to source</i></li> <li>3. <i>rainwater attenuation in green infrastructure features for gradual release (for example green roofs, rain gardens)</i></li> <li>4. <i>discharge rainwater direct to a watercourse</i></li> <li>5. <i>controlled rainwater discharge to a surface water sewer/drain</i></li> <li>6. <i>controlled rainwater discharge to a combined sewer</i></li> </ol> <p><i>It is the responsibility of a developer to make proper provision for surface water drainage to ground, water courses or surface water sewer. It must not be allowed to rain to the foul sewer, as this is the major contributor to sewer flooding.”</i></p>	<p>We have chosen to REJECT because the colour scheme is defined in deeds for individual properties.</p>
<b>Illustrations to be added</b>				
Parish resident	page 10	CR21.1	Suggest including photos of examples of acceptable chimneys.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
<b>Typographical/Factual errors</b>				
Parish resident	Page 39 Paragraph 1	CR22.1	Error: Larger developments might be foreseen permitted under a future Local Plan.	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.
Parish resident	Page 43	CR22.2	Error in legend for photo top right: araea should be areas	We have chosen TO implement because the majority of the Steering Group agree that it is an appropriate suggestion.

## APPENDIX 4: PRIVACY STATEMENT

### Data Protection

This policy sets out the Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council's rules on data protection and the legal conditions that must be satisfied in relation to the obtaining, handling, processing, storage, transportation, and destruction of personal information. Everyone has rights as to how their personal information is handled. These are contained within the Data Protection Regulations which come into effect from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 which supersedes the Data Protection Act 1998. The Parish Council will collect, store and process personal information about its staff, councillors, contractors, and residents, and will treat it in an appropriate and lawful manner.

### Data Held By the Council

- **Officers:** Address, telephone, email address, PAYE, pension, CV, application form, references
- **Councillors and members of sub-committees:** Address, telephone, email address, declarations of interests and in the case of applications, for co-option forms
- **Contact by parishioners:** Address, telephone, email address, letters and emails  
Parishioners who request copy agendas, minutes or accounting records: address, email
- **Contractors:** Address, telephone, letters, email address, emails, references, quotations, contracts, insurance
- **Minutes:** Information may be contained within the minutes. These are publicly available.
- **Electoral Roll:** As supplied by the Vale of White Horse District Council. The data is password protected
- **Properties with street light connections:** Address, email address, bank account details
- **Photography:** Photography at Parish Council meetings or Neighbourhood Plan workshops requires express consent before use.

The data is held for contract purposes, for carrying out of a public task, and for legitimate interest. Where data is held of parishioners requesting copies of agendas and minutes, it is held by consent.

The data will not be kept longer than it is needed for its original purpose or anticipated needs. Data will be monitored so that only the data that is needed will be held.

Ardington and Lockinge Parish Council does not normally share data with any other organisation or individual, except in legitimate circumstances for the carrying out of its functions as a local authority.

Data and records may be shared with Auditors, HMRC, Oxfordshire County Council and pension services, or other authorities such as a District Council, County Council, or their elected members. The Council may share data it holds with other organisations in the case of suspected wrong doing or non-payment of any debt owed to the Council. All other organisations must hold the data securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

### Subject Access Requests

A formal request from a data subject for information that the Parish Council holds about them must be made in writing. Any member who receives a written request should forward it to the Clerk. When someone makes a Subject Access Request they must prove they are that person or can legally act on their behalf. Two proofs of identify (one photographic) in the form of a passport, driving licence, utility bill, bank statement or similar should be provided.

## Data Security

The Council will ensure that appropriate security measures are taken to protect data held, both paper and electronic. The website host will hold data and information lodged regarding enquiries made via the website securely. An SSL Certificate will be required. Only the Proper Officer of the Council will have access to the data should it not be generally available, elsewhere. The Council is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office: registration reference number **ZB664801**.

## Data Breaches

A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This includes breaches that are the result of both accidental and deliberate causes. The data held by the Council is in electronic and paper form. If anyone suspects that there has been a breach of data rules and regulations, they should report it to the Clerk. They will assess whether a breach has occurred, and if it has, whether the breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of the data subject. Appropriate action will be taken according to the subject.

## Privacy Notice

A Privacy Notice as required