

Delegated authority officer decision notice

Decision made by	Tim Oruye - Head of Policy and Programmes
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Decision	To approve the modifications to the Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review, detailed in Table 1, to correct spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors, together with improvements from a presentational perspective.
Key decision?	No
If key decision, has call-in been waived by the Scrutiny Committee chair(s)?	N/A
Confidential decision, and if so under which exempt category?	No
Delegated authority reference from the constitution	At its Council meeting on 13 February 2025, South Oxfordshire District Council resolved to delegate to the Head of Policy and Programmes, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, Wallingford Town Council, the making of minor (non-material) modifications, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.
Risks	The council is required to publish the final made version of a neighbourhood plan as soon as reasonably practicable. The modification in this decision is necessary in the preparation of the made version of the plan in order to make minor (non-material) modifications and to correct any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors in previous iterations. The council's decision to make modifications to the plan could be challenged, however, the council has followed all appropriate processes and the nature and scale of the changes are very limited, making any challenge unlikely.
Reasons for decision	Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ("the Regulations") allows the Council to modify a neighbourhood development plan to correct errors with the permission of the Qualifying Body. The Council brought the Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan into legal force on 13 February 2025; and delegated to the Head of Policy and

Programmes, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and in agreement with the Qualifying Body, Wallingford Town Council, the making of minor (non-material) modifications, the correction of any spelling, grammatical, typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.

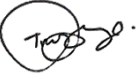
The Qualifying Body – Wallingford Town Council - asked the Council to make the following modifications:

Please note that new text is shown in bold and deleted text as struck through.

Table 1		
Section	Proposed Change	Reason/Justification
Front Cover	Delete 'Referendum' and replace with ' Made '.	Factual correction.
Footers	Delete 'Referendum' and replace with ' Made '	Factual correction.
Page 2, para 1.1.2	Amend the following sentence: 'The Town Council acknowledges that the Joint Local Plan was will be submitted for its own examination at the end of last later this year.	Factual correction.
Page 7	February 2025 Amend the following: 'Referendum to be organised by SODC. If the Plan is was successful at Referendum and SODC made will make the plan and it will become became part of the Development Plan for the Wallingford area.'	Factual corrections.
Page 88	Replace picture of 'splash and outdoor swimming pools, Riverside Meadows'	Presentational improvement.
Page 113	Replace picture of 'Tennis courts and Multi-use games area (MUGA) in the Bull Croft'	Presentational improvement.

The Council considers the modifications proposed by Wallingford Town Council necessary for the purposes of making minor (non-material) modifications, correcting spelling, grammatical and typographical or factual errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective. These modifications have been incorporated into the made version of the Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review.

In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012, a copy of this Decision Notice will be available to view on the council's website

	<p>(https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/wallingford-neighbourhood-plan/) and at the location set out at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The made version of the Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review is available at Appendix 2.</p>			
Alternative options rejected	N/A			
Implications (Climate & Ecological, Legal, Financial, Procurement, Other).	The Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review was adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council on 13 February 2025: there are no further implications to highlight.			
Background papers considered	N/A			
Declarations/ conflict of interest?	No			
Consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Relevant Cabinet member	Councillor Anne Marie Simpson	Support	12/02/2025
Decision maker's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	<p>Signature: </p> <p>Date: 14/02/2025</p>			

Appendices

Appendix 1

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

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

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

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

Appendix 2

The Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – adopted 13 February 2025.