

Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Oxford's Unmet Housing Needs

Proposed Submission Plan

**Addendum to Habitat Regulations
Assessment Screening Report to
accompany Focused Changes and Minor
Modifications**

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1. Introduction and Background

The Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) was adopted in July 2015. The Council is undertaking a Partial Review of the adopted Local Plan to address Oxford's unmet housing need, and published an Options Consultation document, including the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Stage 1 Screening Assessment, in November 2016, to seek views on how the unmet housing need should be addressed. The Council published the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Partial Review - Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan for consultation in July 2017. The Proposed Submission Plan was also accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Screening Report.

Following consultation on the Proposed Submission Plan the Council is now proposing a number of focused changes and minor modifications to the Plan proposals, to be submitted - alongside the Submission draft of the Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 - to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination. This HRA Addendum considers the focused changes and minor modifications proposed to assess whether the findings of the HRA are still pertinent.

2. Findings

The proposed amendments to the Partial Review Proposed Submission Plan were sent in tabular form to Atkins to make clear the proposed amendments. Each proposed amendment was then checked to assess whether the amendments would change the findings of the June 2017 HRA report. The findings of this process can be found in Table 1 below.

Overall, the amendments relate to minor changes in text and additional paragraphs, where required, to clarify any policy wording. There is no significant change in the themes of the Plan, nor are there any significant changes in the housing or employment allocations in terms of size, location and type. The amendments do not change the use or distribution of infrastructure. This means that the traffic study relating to the effects of the Local Plan on the Oxford Meadows Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is still relevant and the findings of 'no likely significant effects' are still pertinent.

3. Conclusion

The June 2017 HRA of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Partial Review - Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan concluded that there would be 'no likely significant effects' on any Natura 2000 Sites as a result of the proposals within the Plan. Following a review of the February 2018 amendments to the Plan, it is concluded that this HRA and its conclusions still apply.

Table 1. Summary of Amendments in relation to Proposed Focused Changes and Minor Modifications February 2018

Ref. No.	Plan Section	Change	Comment	Change to HRA Findings
MM01	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM02	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM03	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM04	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

MM05	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM06	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM07	Whole Plan	Comprises re-dating and renaming Plan as Submission Plan	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM08	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM09	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM10	All relevant maps	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM11	Plan text and footnotes	Minor update	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC01, FC02, MM12	Executive Summary (page 9)	Minor text additions and amendments	There have been changes to housing numbers (discussed below). Whilst there is a change in housing numbers the overall amount of housing and the allocations remain the same.	No
MM13	Table 3 (page 21)	Change in number from 200 to 2200	This is the correction of a typing error only.	No
MM14	Text Box (Memorandum of Cooperation, November 2016) (page 21)	Minor text amendment	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM15, MM16, MM17	Various changes to footnotes (pages 24 and 29)	Amendments to references in footnotes	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM18	Paragraph 3.17 (page 35)	Minor text amendment	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC03	Paragraph 3.57 (page 49)	Minor text amendment	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC04	Paragraph 3.66 (page 53)	Minor text amendment	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC05	Paragraph 3.73 (page 54)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC06	Paragraph 3.76 (page 54)	Text change is for a reduction from 33,000 to 30,000 homes in Aylesbury Vale	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC07	Table 4 (page 64)	Reduction in housing allocation from	Refer to PR9 below	No

		530 to 440 for PR9		
FC08	Table 4 (page 64)	Increase in housing from 410 to 500 for PR10	Refer to PR10 below	No
MM19	Figure 10 Key Diagram (page 65)	Minor changes for clarification	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	
MM20	Paragraph 5.17 (page 66)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC09	Policy PR1 - Achieving Sustainable Development for Oxford's Needs, Point (a) (page 69)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC10	Paragraph 5.39: PR3 (a) (page 77)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM21	Policy PR3: The Oxford Green Belt (b) (page 78)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM22	Policy PR3: The Oxford Green Belt (c) (page 78)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM23	Policy PR3: The Oxford Green Belt (d) (page 78)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM24	Policy PR3: The Oxford Green Belt (e) (page 78)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM25	Paragraph 5.57 2 nd sentence (page 80)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC11	Paragraph 5.67 point 5 (page 85)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC12	Paragraph 5.69 New point (page 86)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC13	Policy PR5: Green Infrastructure (point 1) (page 86)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC14	Policy PR5: Green Infrastructure (point 8) (page 86)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC15	Policy PR5: Green Infrastructure (point 9) (page 86)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

MM26	Paragraph 5.78 (line 3) (page 88)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC16	Paragraph 5.85 2 nd sentence (page 88)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC17, MM27	Policy PR6a – Policies Map (page 89)	Amendment to plan	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC18	Policy PR6a (point 1) (page 90)	Change relates to density of buildings	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC19	Policy PR6a (point 3) (page 90)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC20	Policy PR6a (point 7) (page 90)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC21	Policy PR6a (point 10(b)) (page 91)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC22	Policy PR6a (point 10(c)) (page 91)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC23	Policy PR6a (point 13) (page 92)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC24	Policy PR6a (point 15) (page 92)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC25	Policy PR6a (point 17) (page 92)	Text amended to say that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that an agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage network	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that the policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC26	Policy PR6a (point 18)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

	(page 93)		HRA.	
FC27	Policy PR6a (new point) (page 93)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC28	Policy PR6a (point 28) (page 94)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM28	Policies Map PR6b (page 95)	Minor map change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC29	Policy PR6b (point 1) (page 96)	Change relates to density of building	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC30	Policy PR6b (point 8(b)) (page 96)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC31	Policy PR6b (point 10(j)) (page 98)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC32	Policy PR6b (point 11) (page 98)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC33	Policy PR6b (point 13) (page 98)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC34	Policy PR6b (point 15) (page 98)	Text amended to say that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage network	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that the policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC35	Policy PR6b (new point) (page 98)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM29	Policies Map PR6c (page 100)	Minor map change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

FC 36	Policy PR6c (page 101)	The original policy required a development brief to be produced. The amended text provides the detail of what the brief and the planning application should include	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM30	Paragraph 5.87 (2 nd sentence) (page 103)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC37	Paragraph 5.96 (new point and points 5 to 8) (pages 104/105)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM31	Paragraph 5.96 (point 7) (page 105)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM32	Paragraph 5.697 (page 105)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC38	Policy PR7a (point 1) (page 107)	Change relates to density of building	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC39	Policy PR7a (point 12) (page 109)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC40	Policy PR7a (point 14) (page 109)	Text amended to say that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that an agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage network	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC41	Policy PR7a (point 16) (page 109)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

FC42	Policy PR7a (new point) (page 109)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM33	Policy PR7b – Policies Map (page 111)	Presentational correction	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC43	Policy PR7b (point 1) (page 112)	Change relates to density of building	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM34	Policy PR7b (point 7) (page 112)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM35	Policy PR7b (point 8) (page 112)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA	No
FC44	Policy PR7b (point 9) (page 112)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC45, MM36	Policy PR7b (point 13) (page 114)	Minor text changes	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC46	Policy PR7b (point 16) (page 115)	Text amended to say that that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that an agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage network	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC47	Policy PR7b (point 17) (page 115)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC48	Policy PR7b (point 18) (page 115)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC49	Policy PR7b (new point) (page 115)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM37	Policy PR7b (point 24)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the	No

			HRA.	
MM38	Policy PR7b (point 26)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC50	Policy PR8 (point 1) (page 121)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	
FC51	Policy PR8 (point 4) (page 121)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC52	Policy PR8 (point 5) (page 121)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC53	Policy PR8 (point 17) (page 122)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC54	Policy PR8 (point 18(b)) (page 122)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC55	Policy PR8 (point 18(f)) (page 123)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC56	Policy PR8 (point 19) (page 123)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC57	Policy PR8 (point 21) (page 124)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC58	Policy PR8 (point 22) (page 124)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC59	Policy PR8 (point 23) (page 125)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC60	Policy PR8 (point 24) (page 125)	Text amended to say that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that an agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

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FC61	Policy PR8 (point 25) (page 125)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC62	Policy PR8 (point 26) (page 125)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	
FC63	Policy PR8 (new point) (page 125)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM39	Paragraph 5.118 (page 127)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC64	Policy PR9 (point 1) (page 130)	The change relates to the number of houses reducing from 530 to 440	The HRA did not identify any likely significant effects as a result of development for PR9. As the change will result in a reduction in housing any change could only lead to a reduction in impacts.	No
FC65	Policy PR9 (point 8(b)) (page 130)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM40	Policy PR9 (point 10(d)) (page 131)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC66	Policy PR9 (point 11) (page 132)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC67	Policy PR9 (point 14) (page 132)	Text amended to say that Thames Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England have been consulted regarding wastewater treatment capacity, and that an agreement has been reached in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into the drainage network	The previous iteration assessed in the HRA was that <i>'the application should demonstrate that Thames Water has agreed in principle that foul drainage from the site will be accepted into its network'</i> . The original HRA assessment found that policy would have no likely significant effect. The amendment to the text provides additional protection, therefore this amendment does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC68	Policy PR9 (point 15) (page 132)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC69	Policy PR9 (point 16) (page 132)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

FC70	Policy PR9 (new point) (page 132)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM41	Paragraph 5.137 Point 6 (page 137)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC71	Paragraph 5.138 (page 137)	Change of 410 houses to 500 houses and other minor text changes	Refer to PR9 below	No
MM42	Paragraph 5.139 (page 137)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC72	PR10 Policies Map (page 138)	Change relates to extent of allocation	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC73	PR10 (point 1) (page 139)	Text amended to show 500 dwellings on 16.3 hectares of land from a density of 30 dwellings per hectare	Although there is an increase in the number of dwellings from that assessed it is not considered to have any effect on the assessment undertaken for the HRA. In addition, the increase in dwelling numbers at this location is offset by a reduction in other policies which are closer to the Oxford Meadows SAC.	No
FC74	PR10 (point 3) (page 139)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC75	Policy PR10 (point 5) (page 139)	Removal of reference to formal sports facilities within the development area	The requirement for formal sports facilities remains, only the specification of it being within the developable area has been removed. Therefore, the facilities will be provided but they may be elsewhere. As the site is over 5 km from the Oxford Meadows SAC this amendment does not affect the findings of the HRA.	No
FC76	Policy PR10 (point 6) (page 139)	Text amended to read 'Creation of green space including a community woodland' from the retention of land in agricultural use	This amendment seeks to provide improvements which have no change on the HRA findings.	No
FC77	Policy PR10 (point 10(a)) (page 139)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC78	Policy PR10 (point 10(b)) (page 140)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC79	Policy PR10 (point	Minor text	Does not change the findings of the	No

	13) (page 141)	change	HRA.	
FC80	Policy PR10 (point 14) (page 141)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC81	Policy PR10 (point 17) (page 141)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC82	Policy PR10 (point 18) (page 141)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC83	Policy PR10 (new point) (page 141)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC84	Policy PR10 (point 24) (page 142)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC85	Paragraph 5.143 (page 145)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC86	Policy PR11 (point 1(a)) (page 147)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM43	Policy PR11 – Infrastructure Delivery (point 2) (page 148)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC87	Policy PR11 – Infrastructure Delivery (point 3) (page 148)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM44	Paragraph 5.157 1 st sentence (page 149)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC88	Policy PR12a - Delivering Sites and Maintaining Housing Supply (3 rd paragraph) (page 150)	Minor text amendment relating to number of dwellings at PR10	Refer to PR10	No
FC89	Policy PR12a (5 th paragraph) (page 150)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC90	Policy PR12b - Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review (point 3) (page 151)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC91	Policy PR12b - Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review (point 5(a)) (page 151)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

FC92	Policy PR12b - Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review (point 5(h)) (page 152)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC93	Policy PR12b - Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review (point 5(j)) (page 152)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC94	Policy PR12b – Sites Not Allocated in the Partial Review (new point) (page 152)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC95	Policy PR13 – Monitoring and Securing Delivery (3 rd paragraph) (page 155)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM45	Policy PR13 – Monitoring and Securing Delivery (final paragraph) (page 155)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM46	Appendix 1 – Policies Map (page 158)	Updating to reflect changes to other Policies Maps	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM47	Appendix 2 (page 160)	Presentational: labelling of sites	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM48	Appendix 3 – Housing Trajectory (page 162)	Minor text change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
FC96	Appendix 3 – Housing Trajectory (page 162)	Reduction in dwelling numbers from 530 to 440	Refer to PR9	No
FC97	Appendix 3 – Housing Trajectory (page 162)	Increase in dwelling numbers from 410 to 500	Refer to PR10	No
FC98	Appendix 4 (pages 163-182)	Minor text changes	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No
MM49	Appendix 6 – Thematic Maps (pages 190-191)	Minor change	Does not change the findings of the HRA.	No

Footnote

Following its representation submitted in response to the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1): Partial Review - Oxford's Unmet Housing Need Proposed Submission Plan, Natural England has requested that consideration be given to the in-combination outputs of Cherwell's HRA and Vale of White Horse District Council's HRA of its emerging Local Plan Part 2. Discussion between the two Councils and Natural England is ongoing at the time of writing this Addendum.

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