



Supplementary Report to Cabinet

Date:	13 September 2021
Reference number:	NA
Title:	Adoption of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)
Cabinet Member(s):	Gareth Williams, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration
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Ward(s) affected:	Buckingham East, Buckingham West, Winslow, Grendon Underwood, Great Brickhill, Stone and Waddesdon, Wing, Ivinghoe, Bernwood, Aston Clinton and Berton, Wendover, Aylesbury East, Aylesbury South East, Aylesbury South West, Aylesbury West, Aylesbury North West and Aylesbury North.
Recommendations:	<p>That, in addition to the recommendations in the substantive report, Cabinet is asked to recommend to full Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Amend a minor error regarding a site area referred to in paragraph 2.1 of this supplemental report,ii) Delegate authority to make further minor amendments that will not alter the implementation of the plan to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Service Director Planning and Environment andiii) note the final Sustainability Assessment Report (as attached)
Reason for decision:	To address minor errors in the VALP and ensure that the Sustainability Appraisal Report is taken into account at the point of adoption

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The council has been made aware of a minor error in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) regarding a site area which needs to be amended to reflect the correct area as shown on the Proposals Map. To address any further such minor errors in the document as may come light it is also recommended that delegated authority be given as described to allow for their correction without resort to Council.
- 1.2 The final Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report is also being circulated with this supplementary report so that it can be so taken into account at the point of adoption.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) 2013-2033 allocates a site at Fremantle Court to the south of Stoke Mandeville for C2 development or Extra Care Housing. The site area shown on the Aylesbury Inset Map is correct, but the area of the site is not correctly stipulated in the associated text of policy H6b. The policy indicates that the site area is 0.38ha when the actual site area equates to 4.8 hectares. It is therefore necessary to correct this figure for accuracy. This will not affect the implementation of the policy or the allocation as the site are is correctly shown on the relevant inset map.
- 2.2 It is permissible for the Council to make amendments to minor errors post-adoption where those amendments will not affect the implementation of the plan. It is therefore suggested that the power to make such changes should be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Service Director Planning and Environment.
- 2.3 The VALP has been subject to a Sustainability Assessment process during its production and in his report the Inspector has confirmed that the council has met the legal requirement to carry out such an assessment. When the plan is to be adopted it is a legislative requirement that a final Sustainability Assessment (SA) Report is published alongside the plan. The final SA Report for VALP is therefore attached for member's consideration as part of the VALP adoption process.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 It is not considered that there are other options besides those covered in the report and its recommendations

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 Proceeding with minor inaccuracies in the VALP would be unlikely to have legal implications, but the change will ensure the small risk from such a situation is negated. The same can be said of the recommendation for a delegation. Adherence to the Regulations associated with the SA report is essential to avoid the risk of legal challenge on the basis of improper process.
- 4.2 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 There are no corporate implications apart from those already set out in the main report.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 No consultation has been carried out with local Councillors or Community Boards on this final stage because of the nature of the decision required. However local Councillors have been closely involved in the preparation of the Plan at earlier stages.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 No further consultation or engagement has been carried out on this matter.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 Following adoption, the VALP will form the basis for planning decisions in the plan area. It will also serve as the strategic policy context for neighbourhood plans. It will be replaced by the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan once it is finalised. It should be noted that the Buckinghamshire Local Plan is still in its early stages and is projected to be adopted in 2025.

9. Background papers

- 9.1 The documentation associated with the preparation of VALP and its Examination can be seen via the following link: [Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan \(VALP\) 2013-2033 | Buckinghamshire Council | Aylesbury Vale Area \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/valp-2013-2033)
- 9.2 The full text of the SA Report is out at Appendix A of this report.

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

