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Memorandum of Understanding between Aylesbury Vale District Council and Cherwell District Council

Position regarding current and future working arrangements on strategic cross border planning issues between Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Cherwell District Council (CDC)

Context

AVDC have produced a proposed submission Local Plan (The Plan) which will be placed on deposit under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Plan was approved by Council on Wednesday 18 October and underwent a statutory 6 week consultation from Thursday 2 November – Thursday 14 December 2017. Following this, responses were collated and will be submitted along with the Plan and supporting documents including this Memorandum of Understanding MoU for examination by an independent planning inspector.

The Plan will help to accommodate national housing growth demand and bring more investment, employment and opportunity, thus helping the district to thrive. It meets the need for over 27,000 new homes in the Vale by 2033, half of which are either already built or have planning permission.

CDC are preparing a Part 2 to the Adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1) which will contain non-strategic site allocations, development management policies and specific development proposals for helping to meet Oxford's housing needs..

Previous, CDC consulted on Part 2 from 29 January - 11 March 2016 and reports on the Partial Review of Cherwell Local Plan are being presented to Executive and Council on 26 February 2018. These reports include consideration of the representations received in response to the consultation on the Proposed Submission Draft of the Plan (July 2017 to October 2017).

In Part 1 of the Local Plan (2011-2031), the Council committed to work which seeks to address the unmet objectively assessed housing need from elsewhere in the Oxfordshire Housing Market Area (HMA), particularly from Oxford City.

Area of Agreement

Following discussions under the Duty to Cooperate regarding the impacts of each council's developing local plans the two councils agree that the:

- Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan does not raise any significant strategic cross border planning issues with Cherwell which need to be addressed through the Duty to Cooperate
- Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 2) does not raise any significant strategic cross border planning issues with Aylesbury Vale which need to be addressed through the Duty to Cooperate

The two councils further agree that they will continue work cooperatively in relation to strategic cross border planning issues which arise in relation to committed development arising from existing local plans or planning permissions and in relation to relevant planning applications.

This MoU is not a legally binding agreement but a document setting out the current position on strategic issues in relation to the Duty to Co-operate on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, and identifies areas of agreement/outcomes resulting from that cooperation.

Signed by the following Council representatives

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For Aylesbury Vale District Council

Agreement Dated - 27/2/2018

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