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Insert any general comments that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording. If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

Would be helpful for quick reference to have a contents page for policies rather than scrolling through each chapter.

Document feels a little dated in style and layout, would advise taking a look at the joint plan submitted by the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire.

We are now refereed to as a National Landscape but would advise having AONB in brackets afterwards for the public to to understand the change.

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Insert any specific comments in the general comments box below, indicating which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.

Figure 3 pg 33 'Downs' is missing from our name

Page 36 Agree with Hatherden having its settlement boundary removed.

Policy SS2 Development in the Countryside - given part of the area is in a protected landscape the policy appears loose and needs to be laid out clearly rather than simply referring to other policies in the plan.

Policy NA7 Northern Area Policy - Land to the East of Ludgershall - 350 dwellings

- concerns given the site abuts the National Landscape (AONB) and will have an impact
- needs to be landscape led, a landscape sensitivity assessment should have been carried out and form part of the evidence base for the allocation.
- LVIA and lighting assessment required as part of any application and should be included in the policy

Policy NA8 Northern Area Policy - Land to SE Ludgershall

- major development potential to impact the setting of the AONB, building heights and materials will be key
- a joint masterplan with Wiltshire would be advised to set the scene.

Policy CL1 Countering climate change - Very loose and open to interpretation, better targets should be set

Policy CL4 Water Use and management - should encourage grey water recycling as part of major applications

Policy ENV3 Landscape Character - Open to interpretation not adequate for National Landscape (AONB) part b) is a little watery and part e) very weak, needs to be strengthened. Strongly advise taking a look at West Berkshires Draft Local Plan and The Joint Local Plan for Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire, both of which are landscape led and provide a more robust platform on which a landscape policy has been built.

The purpose of the AONB is to conserve AND enhance rather than OR as stated in your policy

Policy ENV6 Lighting - great to include but for the National Landscape it needs to go a step further and encourage proposals to support the restoration and improvement of areas to enhance and or extend dark skies, to encourage the upgrade of existing sources of light to meet the NWD good lighting guide. Should also address internal lighting as this causes significant light spill in rural areas, encourage low transmittance glass.

Policy BIO3 Biodiversity Net Gain - 10% basic level should encourage higher in National Landscape 15% is an achievable and realistic target.

Policy EC2 part d) Typo as "local building styles and materials" is repeated.