

Modification Statement for Regulation 16 Consultation

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 require that -

14(a) (v): in relation to a modification proposal, a statement setting out whether or not the qualifying body consider that the modifications contained in the modification proposal are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the modification proposal would modify, giving reasons for why the qualifying body is of this opinion;

Statement

We, the qualifying body for the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan, consider that the draft documents which are the subject of the Reg 14 Pre-Submission Consultation are a significant modification of the existing Neighbourhood Plan for the following reasons:

- They now include site allocations for housing on five sites, across four villages. There were no site allocations in the original Plan policies
- They include several other new policies which were absent from the original Plan
- There are substantial changes to some of the existing policies, such as the addition of more Local Gaps, further Local Green Spaces and further protected Views.

As a result, we anticipate that the draft Plan will require to go through Examination and Referendum stages before adoption.

Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council, Qualifying Body for the MCNP

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