

Appendix 2: Proposed amendment to the Local Development Scheme

LDD PROFILE

Document Title	Northern Gateway AAP		
Lead Section	Planning Policy team		
Scope	Area based	Status	DPD
Priority	High		
Synopsis	<p>A document that sets out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a vision for the land at the Northern Gateway 2. a series of principles and concepts to guide development 3. specific policies and infrastructure requirements; 4. identifies timing and delivery mechanisms for site-specific proposals; 5. updates the Proposals Map 		
Timetable			
Key Milestones		Timescale	
Commencement. Evidence gathering and pre-production including early stakeholder & community engagement		September 2013	
Publish options document		February 2014	
Publication of Proposed Submission		July 2014	
Submission of DPD to Secretary of State		September 2014	
Pre-hearing meeting		November 2014	
Hearing sessions		January 2015	
Receipt of final Inspector's report		May 2015	
Estimated date of adoption and publication		May 2015	
Management arrangements	Head of City Development → Board Member → City Executive Board → Council		
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Internal: The Planning Policy team (excludes time devoted to other team core activities). ▪ Also internal administration and technical support. ▪ LDF budget to cover consultation, printing and design costs, examination costs. ▪ Other City Council officers and members time and input. ▪ External resources: Specific LDF budget allows for possible use of consultants for other aspects of preparation. ▪ Stakeholder Resources: ▪ Representatives of stakeholder groups to attend meetings, contribute to preparation etc. ▪ Development Industry expertise. 		
Approach to involving stakeholders and community	Wide stakeholder and community involvement using a range of consultation methods as described in the adopted SCI.		

Appendix 3: Risk Register

Risk ID	Risk						Corporate Objective	Gross Risk		Residual Risk		Current Risk		Owner	Date Risk Reviewed	Proximity of Risk (Projects/ Contracts Only)
Category-000-Service Area Code	Risk Title	Opportunity/Threat	Risk Description	Risk Cause	Consequence	Date raised	1 to 6	I	P	I	P	I	P			
CEB-001-CD	Option not tested	Options Document doesn't contain an option for the final policy	Options Document does not contain options that will eventually be taken forward	Final policy approach was not identified as a potential option at this stage	May need to re-run part of the options testing process including Sustainability Appraisal if not already covered	9.12.13	3 and 1	4	3	4	2	4	2	Michael Crofton Briggs		
CEB-002-CD	Delays	Delays to process	The timetable for the AAP production is very tight – any delay may have knock-on consequences	Delays could result from lack of access to evidence, delay to input from outside bodies	If delay cannot be absorbed, may need to review the timetable moving forward	9.12.13	3 and 1	3	3	3	2	3	2	Michael Crofton Briggs		

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Risk ID	Risk Title	Action Owner	Accept, Contingency, Transfer, Reduce or Avoid	Details of Action	Key Milestone	Milestone Delivery Date	%Action Complete	Date Reviewed
CEB-001-CD	Option not tested	Michael Crofton Briggs	Reduce	Reduced risk by taking team approach to identifying options and using the SA process as further check. Close working with key stakeholders to sense check options				
CEB-002-CD	Delays	Michael Crofton Briggs	Reduce	Make all parties aware of timetable and key dates well in advance and monitor progress				

Appendix 4: Initial screening EqIA

1. Within the aims and objectives of the policy or strategy which group (s) of people has been identified as being potentially disadvantaged by your proposals? What are the equality impacts?

The Northern Gateway site is already allocated in City Council policy (Core Strategy – adopted March 2011) for an employment-led site with supporting infrastructure and complementary amenities. The Core Strategy policy envisages the site being developed to provide employment floorspace to support Oxford's knowledge economy with any of the following: housing, emergency services centre, small retail units, hotel.

The Core Strategy makes provision for an Area Action Plan (AAP) to add further detail to that policy and provide a framework for the masterplanning of the area. The AAP will set out matters such as the mix of uses and the form and layout of the development. It will also address issues such as the delivery of the required infrastructure and mitigation measures.

At this stage of the AAP production process an Options Document has been produced to identify the possible options for the site. These options are published for public consultation so that stakeholder and public comments can be used to inform the choice of draft policies at the next stage.

The AAP provides opportunities to provide environmental, social and economic benefits to this part of the city and the area more widely. The following elements of the Options Document illustrate this:

1. Provision of new job opportunities in the long-term through development of employment space and in the shorter term through construction for example. This will help those economically disadvantaged either directly through job opportunities or indirectly through growth of the city more generally.
2. Provision of new housing. The City Council's normal requirement for 50% on site affordable housing will be expected. In addition all the proposed new dwellings will be expected to meet the Lifetime Homes standard, and at least 5% of all new dwellings must be either fully wheelchair accessible or easily adapted for full wheelchair use. Deviation from this would have led to the potential for people on the housing register and for people with disabilities to have been disadvantaged.
3. Provision of a package of access and highways measures to mitigate the development and help mitigate existing problems in the area. This will help to address the concerns of local people and road users in the area.
4. Provision of public transport and pedestrian and cycle improvements to help with accessibility. Provision of good alternatives to car travel will help make this a sustainable development.
5. Ensuring that there is a good quality living environment for new and existing residents (e.g. noise and air quality). This will ensure that new residents are not disadvantaged in living in the new development.

As the project progresses detailed policies will be drafted to ensure that the benefits are secured for the community as a whole.

2. In brief, what changes are you planning to make to your current or proposed new or changed policy, strategy, procedure, project or service to minimise or eliminate the adverse equality impacts?

Please provide further details of the proposed actions, timetable for making the changes and the person(s) responsible for making the changes on the resultant action plan

No further changes are required at this stage. Equalities issues will also be considered at the next stage of the AAP process.

3. Please provide details of whom you will consult on the proposed changes and if you do not plan to consult, please provide the rationale behind that decision.

Please note that you are required to involve disabled people in decisions that impact on them

There will be a wide and open public consultation period for people to comment on the options. These will then be collated and used to inform the draft policies at the next stage.

4. Can the adverse impacts you identified during the initial screening be justified without making any adjustments to the existing or new policy, strategy, procedure, project or service?

Please set out the basis on which you justify making no adjustments

N/A

5. You are legally required to monitor and review the proposed changes after implementation to check they work as planned and to screen for unexpected equality impacts.

Please provide details of how you will monitor/evaluate or review your proposals and when the review will take place

The effectiveness of the final policies of the AAP will be monitored as part of the Local Plan monitoring regime.

Lead officer responsible for signing off the EqIA: Rachel Williams

Role: Principal Planning Officer

Date: 9.12.2013