Goring on Thames Neighbourhood Plan: Planning Application Assessment

GORING-ON-THAMES	Planning Committee Response
PARISH COUNCIL	26.08.20
Planning reference	P20/S24488/FUL
number	
Summary of application	GNP6 Full Planning Application

This form assesses the full planning application for GNP6 against the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. It provides a comprehensive assessment which can be attached to GPC's response to SODC. It will assist SODC to identify the areas of compliance and non-compliance and where additional information is required. It will also provide useful feedback for the applicant on where further evidence or changes are necessary.

Summary of assessment:

GNP6 is a site situated at the northern edge of the village and was allocated in the NP for approximately 46 new houses. However, the boundary of this planning application is significantly different to the site evaluated by the NP. It excludes two areas (the triangle and manège/traditional orchard) that were suitable for 8 of these houses.

Therefore, this application should be for 38 houses whereas it is for 52 including the redevelopment of No.43 Springhill Road. The consequence of this much higher number is that the development overflows the acceptable development area/height identified in the NP and is:

- at an unacceptable density and inappropriate for this location at the edge of the village
- harmful to the setting of the AONB and the surrounding landscape
- inconsistent with the scale, character and rural edge of the village
- non-conformant to several of the NP policies including several site-specific requirements
- non-conformant with the careful SSRs specified to protect Springhill Road residents.

While the development will provide much needed affordable houses and smaller properties as required by the NP, the balance of this proposal is much too heavily weighted in favour of dense development rather than the environment and consideration for local residents.

The Parish Council supports the development of GNP6 in line with the NP proposals, but **OBJECTS** to this planning application in its present form because it constitutes overdevelopment of the site.

A re-design should now take place with approximately 38 houses and compliance with the policies of the NP.

<u>Table 1 – Detailed assessment for conformance to NP Policies</u>

The following symbols signify the level of compliance of the planning application to each NP Policy:

Y = the application is compliant with the NP policy or sub-policy

N = the application is not compliant with the NP policy or sub-policy

? = more information is required to confirm the level of compliance

n/a = the policy or sub-policy is not applicable to this application

NP Policy Number	Compliance	Comment
Policy.01 Number of dwellings to be allocated New development in Goring will focus on the four proposed development sites which will deliver approximately 94 houses.	N	See extensive comments throughout this detailed assessment. Goring Parish Council OBJECTS to this planning application in its current form and it should be refused.
1) Is the development on one of the four sites allocated for housing development or the reserve site (GNP2, GNP3, GNP6, GNP10 or GNP8)	N	GPC supports the development of GNP6 in accordance with the policies of the NP but does not support this planning application in its current form for the reasons stated below against the various policies. Although the development is on GNP6 which is one of the sites allocated in the NP for approximately 46 houses, the site being proposed has a significantly different boundary to the north and to the west. The planning application states that the original northern site boundary was an arbitrary line whereas in fact the boundary and the accuracy and ownership of the site evaluated by the NP was confirmed by the developer as part of the site evaluation process. The site proposed excludes two areas (the manège/traditional orchard area and the 'triangle') with capacity for approximately 8 of the 46 houses proposed in the NP. It also includes an additional area at the top of the knoll of the hill and above the ridgeline which is unsuitable for either housing development or screening as confirmed in GNP Policy.08, site-specific requirement (SSR) 5 to protect the open hilltop in distant views from the north and to retain the open rolling characteristics of the landscape. Also, the higher up the slope that development extends, the more unacceptably visible the site becomes in long distance views from Lough Down and Lardon Chase. GNP6 was only allocated for development after agreement of stringent mitigation requirements due to the sensitive nature of its location and the potential
		for visual impact. These are defined in detail in the NP and an analysis follows below of conformance and non-conformance against each policy.

2) Is the proposal one of the sites		
considered and rejected by the	n/a	
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Neighbourhood Plan? 3) Does the development reflect the scale and character of the village?	N	The proposed development does not reflect the scale and character of the village. The number of houses and hence the density proposed on the developable area of the site is significantly greater than defined in the NP. The site proposed excludes two areas (the manège/heritage orchard area and the 'triangle') which had a combined capacity of approximately 8 of the 46 houses proposed in the NP, leaving 38 on the
4) Is the development none of the above and outside the built-up area of Goring? If so, is it necessary or suitable for a countryside location?	n/a	the 46 houses proposed in the NP, leaving 38 on the main site currently being proposed in this planning application. This application is for 52. The density of housing in the area of the site suitable for new houses is approximately 35% higher and is non-compliant with the Plan's Spatial Strategy, GNP Policy.08 and the Examination Report which concluded that the housing density proposed in the NP on the edge of the village and specifically on GNP6 was an appropriate balance between protecting and conserving the AONBs and the need for new houses. This is discussed in more detail below in Policy.08. The capacity of the new site being proposed in this Planning Application should be approximately 38 houses, plus a possible replacement for the house at 43 Springhill Rd (see comments below in Policy.08), not the 52 being proposed.
Delian 02 Infill		GPC requests that SODC should make the below
Policy.02 Infill Is the proposed site filling a small gap in an otherwise built-up frontage or on other sites within the built-up area of Goring where the site is closely surrounded by buildings. If so, all of the following tests must be met:	Y (but see comments opposite)	comments a condition of any subsequent acceptance of a planning approval for this reduced site. The developers Planning Statement, page 5, lists relevant NP policies but misses this Policy.02 on the basis that the proposed site is not infill. The Sustainability Report does the same. However, the site allocated in the GNP included two areas that are now excluded from the revised site. These could potentially be proposed as future infill sites. The proposed design of the site in the current planning application facilitates the subsequent development of these two areas (e.g housing layout and road design). - Manège area and traditional orchard: Design and Access Statement 3.1 page 11 identifies the manège for 'potential future

		been left available. This area is open to future development and presented as an infill site of circa 4 dwellings. - Triangle: this area is open for future development and presentation as an infill development with an opportunity to take access from the service road or direct from Wallingford Rd. This would provide up to 4 dwellings. SODC should take this into account when considering this application and should include a planning condition to ensure that all of the site-specific requirements in Policy.08 that mitigate the impact of the overall site are met in full, including the overall provision of affordable houses.
Is there any loss of important open public space?	n/a	But see comments in Policy.08
Is there any loss or anything of environmental or ecological value?	n/a	But see comments in Policy.08
3) Is there any loss or harm to an important public view? In particular, the views that must be protected are the following: a. between Goring and Gatehampton; b. between Goring and South Stoke; c. east of Goring above Fairfield Road; d. north east of Goring between Icknield and Elvendon Roads; e. within the river setting;	n/a	But see comments in Policy.08
4) Does the proposal constitute backland development? if so:	n/a	But see comments in Policy.08 regarding the triangle and manège/orchard area.
a. Would it extend the built limits of the village?		
b. Would it create problems of privacy and access?		
5) Is the scale of development appropriate to the neighbouring area and does the development have a neutral or positive impact on its character?	n/a	But see comments in Policy.08
Policy 02 Housing Mix		
Policy. 03 Housing Mix A mix of dwelling types and sizes to meet the needs of current and future households and all the following tests must be met:	Y	
Does it include a significant proportion of 1, 2 or 3-bedroom units, low cost/affordable accommodation and properties suitable for older people?		SSR1 requires 'at least 35 of the (46) new dwellings will be 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms." The application form states that 41/52 (78%) will have 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms.

	Y	The proposal for 51 additional dwellings in total includes 20.4 affordable units (40%) on site to rent and buy. 0.4 will be a financial contribution offsite (Planning Statement App3). A range of house types, including bungalows, will be provided to meet a range of needs including older peoples. All units are designed to be accessible and comply with Approved Document M1 (Access to and use of buildings) SODC requires affordable housing to be 'pepperpotted' throughout the development. This is proposed in Proposed Site Plan 19_149-100E. (Note: in proposed site plan 19_149-100E the units shown do not match the key colour coding).
 Are at least 5% of any affordable housing dwellings on the site designed to the standards of Part M (4) category wheelchair accessible dwellings (or any replacement standards)? 	Υ	One (5% of 20) dwelling will meet this standard - Unit 8, an affordable rented unit.
Are all affordable housing and 1 and 2 bed market housing dwellings designed to meet the Nationally Described Space Standards?	Y	Nationally Designed Space Standards are required by SODC for all affordable units
4) Does the site contain 11 or more dwellings?If so, apply the following Tests:	Y	
 a) Are all affordable dwellings on the site designed to the standards of Part M (4) category 2: accessible dwellings (or any replacement standards)? 	Y	
b) Are at least 15% of market housing dwellings on the site designed to the standards of Part M (4) category 2: accessible dwellings (or any replacement standards)?	Y	
Policy. 04: Housing for the		
elderly If the development is purpose-built housing for people aged 55+ and/or 75+ this policy applies and all the following tests must be met.	n/a	
Has the existing specialist retirement provision in Goring fallen below the proportions recommended by Oxfordshire County Council in the SHMA		
operating at the time? 1) Is there (valid evidence of) insufficient capacity to meet the demand from local residents?		

2) Is there (valid evidence of) insufficient		
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Policy. 05: Affordable housing		
If there is a net gain on the site of 6 or	V	
more dwellings this policy applies and all	•	
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the following tests must be met:		
1) Are 40% or more of the dwellings	Υ	20.4/51 (40%) would be affordable under this
affordable (including a financial		proposal
contribution for any part dwellings)?		proposar
2) Is the tenure mix of the affordable		
housing will be 75% social rented and	Υ	This is the tenure mix required by SODC and proposed
25% shared ownership by the most	•	by the applicant
up-to-date housing evidence?		,
Does the site contain both market and	V	Vos. Affordable homes are nonner notted agrees the
affordable housing?	Υ	Yes. Affordable homes are pepper-potted across the
_		site
4) Are all affordable dwellings provided	Υ	Yes, although the final fraction will be provided by
on this site?	•	contribution off-site
Policy.08 Site-specific		Policies 6-10 are for the 5 different sites allocated in
-		the NP. Policy.08 is for GNP6.
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a) Is the proposal appropriate to the		the periphery and contiguous with the edge of the village, together with housing densities that are higher in the urban centre and lower on the periphery. This will optimise the efficient use of land, protect against urban sprawl, protect the AONBs and ensure a gradual transition to the open countryside". In the Report of the Examination of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan, 29th March 2019, Timothy Jones, Barrister, Independent Examiner (in para 41) states that GNP6 is "a site where inappropriate design could be particularly harmful. In the circumstances the carefully framed terms of the policy (GNP Policy.08) are important". The planning application has a higher density and housing is developed over a larger and higher area than specified in the NP. The balance is weighted too heavily in favour of dense development rather than the environment. Policy.08 below discusses the various elements of this requirement and where the planning application is conformant and non-conformant and makes a number of observations and suggestions. In its current form this planning application is unacceptable.
a) Is the proposal appropriate to the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Goring or is desirable for its understanding and enjoyment?	N	See comment above and below re spatial strategy, density, landscape and vegetation and the overall balance of this planning application.
Does the proposal meet the aims of the statutory Chilterns AONB Management Plan?	N	See comment above and below re spatial strategy, density, landscape and vegetation and compliance of these proposals to the Chilterns Design Guide
3) Does the proposal avoid adverse impacts from individual proposals (including their cumulative effects), unless these can be satisfactorily mitigated?	N	See comment above and below and in addition the comments on Policy.08 regarding planning provisions for any future development on the triangle and manege/orchard areas.
Policy. 12: Conserve and enhance biodiversity Any new development should conserve, restore and enhance landscape features (mature trees, hedgerows, ponds, grass banks, ancient walls etc), improve existing wildlife habitats, and protect and enhance wildlife corridors in Goring, including protection of the Habitats of Principal Importance and Designated Wildlife Sites. This policy applies to all new development (including infill), and all the following tests must be met.	N	

Does the proposal demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity? Does the proposal include.	? (but see comments opposite)	The Planning Statement (para 7.40) confirms that a biodiversity calculation will be submitted as evidence that net biodiversity increases. It should be included as a condition of acceptance of a planning application
Does the proposal include management plans to ensure new and replacement biodiversity features are sustainable over the long term?	N	The Planning Statement (para 7.70) and Appendix 3 state that a financial contribution will be required in relation to the maintenance and management of the Public Open Spaces and Play Areas. However, the Planning Application does not include management plans regarding the sustainability of biodiversity features or the Public Open Spaces. To ensure compliance with the NP, this should be included as a condition of acceptance of a planning
Does the proposal protect and retain all mature trees and hedgerows wherever possible?	Y	application. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment included with the Planning Application states that existing trees will be retained where possible. It is important that existing hedgerows are also retained and enhanced where possible
Does the proposal protect and conserve all rare species?	Y	There are no rare plant species identified but the Bat Report included by the developer as supporting information identifies the possible appearance of various species of Bats and makes provision for their protection
Policy. 13: Light Pollution Development proposals must include external lighting schemes which include design features and mitigating measures to minimise light pollution. This policy applies to all new development (including infill), and all the following tests must be met:	N	The developers Planning Statement, page 5, lists relevant NP policies but misses this Policy.13. In fact, it is very relevant to this planning application which is for a site on the edge of the village and in the AONB. Limiting light pollution for road access, for neighbouring properties and for long views is an important consideration. Low level lighting has been proposed for the access road but there is little else in this planning application or its attached Sustainability Statement to illustrate the strategy and design to ensure that lighting is appropriate. For example, given the steep slope on the site, limiting light pollution impact on existing houses on Springhill Road, which currently benefit from dark sky to the rear of the properties and preventing the subsequent installation of bright garden or household lighting/spotlights.
Does the proposal include an external lighting scheme which avoids overlighting?		See above comment
Does the proposal include an external lighting scheme which limits the adverse impact on neighbouring residents?		See above comment
Does the proposal include an external lighting scheme which limits the adverse impact on the rural character of the countryside?		See above comment
Does the proposal include an external lighting scheme which limits the adverse impact on biodiversity?		See above comment

Policy. 14: Air quality and		
pollution		
Any development should seek to minimise the impact of air pollution on immediate neighbours and the wider community of Goring. This policy applies to all new development (including infill), and all the following tests must be met:	?	The developers Planning Statement, page 5, lists relevant NP policies but misses this Policy.14.
1) Is the proposal compliant with the measures laid out in the district council's Developer Guidance Document and the associated Air Quality Action Plan, as well as the national air quality guidance and any local transport plans?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy
Does the proposal include measures to minimise air pollution at the design stage and incorporate best practice in the design, construction and operation of the development?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy
3) If the proposal has a negative impact on air quality, including cumulative impact, does it identify mitigation measures that will sufficiently minimise emissions from the development and offset any shortfall through planning obligations?	n/a	
Is the proposal within air pollution levels set by European and UK regulations?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm it conforms to this policy
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Policy.15: Water, Sewerage and Drainage capacity All development proposals must demonstrate that there are or will be adequate water supply and water treatment facilities in place to serve the whole development.:	?	There is little comment on this requirement in the planning application at this stage
1) Has the development been designed to a water efficiency standard of 110 litres/head/day (I/h/d)?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy
2) Do adequate water resources either already exist or can be provided without detriment to existing abstraction, river flows, groundwater flow to and from springs, water quality, biodiversity or other land uses to meet the requirement for water from the development?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy
3) Does the proposal demonstrate that it meets appropriate standards of sewerage and drainage provision so as to minimise adverse impacts on immediate neighbours and the wider community of Goring?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy

Do all phases of the proposals demonstrate sufficient water supply and water treatment capacity?	?	No comment has been made in the planning application to confirm that it conforms to this policy
Policy. 16: Building design principles All development must respect and maintain the character of the village and the surrounding rural AONB, must meet tests 1 to 7 below and should satisfy test 8:	N	The design and density proposed in this planning application is not appropriate in its current form.
1) Does the proposal comply with SODC's Design Guide?	N	A key design objective of SODC's Design Guide is: "respects the local context working with and complementing the scale, height, density, grain, massing, type, details of the surrounding area". While the design details of the buildings proposed are generally acceptable (see below), as stated above the high density of this proposed development (52 houses instead of the equivalent 38 allocated in the NP for the land now allocated by the developer), on land on the rural edge of a village, adjacent to AONB countryside, is inappropriate. Further, it is out of keeping with the characteristic density of the surrounding areas. The steeply sloping site and the close proximity of the buildings and many brick retaining walls in the current site design will accentuate the height and mass of the development and create an 'urban' appearance rather than a 'rural' one. On these grounds it does not meet the Design Guide objective above, as it does not respect or enhance local distinctiveness or the ruraledge nature of the site.
2) Does the proposal comply with the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide?	N	See also comments in Policy.08 SSR6 below. For Chilterns villages, the Chilterns Conservation Board Design Guide points to the need for new housing estates to be small, and discretely located to fit in with the editing fabric of the villages. During GNP consultations Goring residents stated clearly that they preferred small and medium sized sites rather than larger sites. The CCB Guide also notes that new housing estates are often of uncharacteristic layout and design, out of context with their surroundings and unsympathetic to the adjacent village, a statement reflected in the current proposal. While the design detail of the buildings proposed is generally acceptable (Policy.08 below), the high density of this development on the rural edge of the village, adjacent to AONB countryside, is not. The steeply sloping site, the close proximity of the buildings and the many retaining brick walls will

3) Does the proposal respond positively to scale, mass, density and design of the immediate area and the village context?	N	accentuate the height and mass of the development and create an 'urban' appearance rather than a 'rural' one. On these grounds it does not meet the Design Guide objective above, as it does not respect the semirural location or enhance local distinctiveness. See comments above. While the building designs and materials are largely appropriate, the number of units, density and design currently proposed is unacceptable
		to the Parish Council and in clear breach of NP policies.
4) Does the proposal conserve and enhance the characteristics of the Conservation Areas and their settings that make a significant contribution to the area?	n/a	
 5) Is the development in an-edge-of-village location? If so: a) Does it acknowledge the Plan's spatial strategy? b) Is it sensitive to the transition from urban to rural character 	N	See comments above and below. This is a key issue and the current density and site design is unacceptable to the Parish Council and non-compliant with the NP.
6) Does the proposal sympathetically introduce high quality, modern design in appropriate locations?	N	See comments above and in Policy.08
7) Does the proposal respect and protect the AONB?.	N	For dwellings towards the higher parts of the site, (at or above 65m AOD), SODC is requested to impose a planning condition removing permitted development rights, in particular: a) the ability from September 2020 to extend a property upwards by 1 or 2 additional storeys, and b) to prohibit garden fencing/trellis >1m high along the northern boundary of gardens adjacent to any permissive path. Adding storeys, TV aerials or satellite dishes to buildings in this situation, and erecting high fences (or planting trees) in the highest part of the site risks breaching the skyline, and breaching Policy.08 SSR5, in addition to 'urbanising' the rural margins of the development.
8) Is the development in the conservation areas, if so, does the proposal make use of locally distinctive features and materials such as decorative red and grey brickwork, flint work, tile work, chimneys and porches, as described in the Goring Design Statement?	n/a	
Policy.17: The Historic		
Environment The parish's designated historic heritage assets and their settings, both above and below ground including archaeological	Y	

sites, listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas will be conserved and enhanced for their historic	
significance and their important	
contribution to local distinctiveness,	
character and sense of place.	
1) Does the proposal include any of the	
parish's designated historic heritage	
assets and their settings, both above	
and helow ground including	
archaeological sites, listed buildings, n/a	
scheduled monuments and	
conservation areas?	
If so:	
a) Does it conserve and enhance	
those assets? n/a	
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2) Does the development affect any non- An archaeological desk-based assessment has be	een
designated historic assets in the submitted as the proposal has potential for	
Parish? archaeological and historical implications. This	
If so: line with NPPF and SODC requirements. Althou	
known heritage assets are recorded within the	
itself, the local area is known to be archaeology	
As any development has potential to damage o	r
destroy any archaeological objects, SODC is	
(but see requested to apply a planning condition to ensu	ire
comments monitoring and recording of the site and	
opposite) protection/mitigation for any future finds.	
A nalacentalogical desk based report has been	
A palaeontological desk-based report has been submitted to address the discovery of Ichthyos	nur.
bones in the vicinity. This concluded that the lo	
geology meant it was highly unlikely that they	
found locally in situ, and no further action is	
required.	
a) Is the scale of any harm or loss	
acceptable?	
b) Is the significance of the heritage	
asset, as set out in the National	
Planning Policy Framework (NPPF	
2012), such that the proposal can	
be considered acceptable?	
Policy.18: Open space, sport	
and recreation in new	
residential development	
New residential development will be required to	
provide or contribute towards accessible sport and	
recreation facilities, including playing pitches, in	
line with SODC's most up-to-date Leisure Strategy,	
and Sport England guidance.	
1) Does the proposal provide or contribute The Draft Heads of Terms regarding any S106	
towards accessible sport and recreation agreement do not mention this aspect of Policy.	L8.
facilities, including playing pitches, in line ? SODC should ensure that the planning application	า
with SODC's most up-to-date Leisure satisfies its latest strategy and guidance in this ar	ea.
Strategy, and Sport England guidance?	

2) Are any open spaces, sport, recreation play facilities, or playing pitches delive on site? If not:		A new children's play area (LEAP)is included in the design, but LVIA 5.19 says it will be unfenced. Note that Policy.08 SSR7 requires a secure play area.
a) If there is no provision for open spaces, sport, recreation or play facilities, or playing pitches on site is there credible evidence that this is not feasible?		
3) Is there provision for the future long- term maintenance and management of the open space and facilities within the planning application?	1 1	Provision for the long-term maintenance and management of the open space and facilities must be confirmed prior to acceptance of this planning application.
Policy.19: Adequate parking		
within new developments Proposals for new residential development, including extensions, should provide adequate parking provision.	, Y	
Does the development, including extensions provide adequate parking provision at least in line with Local Plan guidelines?	Y	The planning application confirms that on site and community parking facilities have been provided in line with national requirements. See details in Policy 08 SSR14 below.
2) Is the parking provided on-plot?	Υ	See details in Policy 08 SSR14 below.
a) If not, has the reasoning for this design been set out in the Design and Access Statement and an alternative formally designed into the proposed scheme?	n/a	
b) Does the design discourage informal, inconsiderate parking?	Υ	There are a number of unallocated parking places provided for visitors in the design of the site
Policy. 20: Walking and cycling Proposals for new residential development should ensure that the site and routes from the site to the village centre are accessible and safe for all users, including pedestrians cyclists, people with disabilities and deliver	N N	The Planning Statement, page 5, lists relevant NP policies but misses this Policy.20. In fact, it does apply to this planning application and GPC has a number of comments and concerns as shown below.
1) Does the development provide safe pedestrian access which links up with existing or proposed pathways and cycle routes, ensuring that residents, including those with disabilities, can walk or cycle safely to village amenities?	N	The Travel Plan statement (3.2.2) states, incorrectly, that there is a footway on the north side of Springhill Road. In fact, the footway is on the south side of the road. Pedestrians and cyclists leaving or entering the site on the north side of the road will be protected by a barrier but this alone is inadequate to enable safe crossing.
		There is local concern that, because there is no pavement on the north side of Springhill Road and there are frequently parked cars on the south side of the road, that cycle and pedestrian access onto Springhill Road is unsafe. Visibility up and down Springhill Road will be limited; there are no splays or pedestrian pavements shown in the plans.

2)	Does the development improve and extend the existing footpath and cycle path network, allowing better access	Y	This pedestrian and cycle route will be used by children going to / from school and the playgrounds (GNP6 LEAP and Bourdillon). It also needs to be accessible for wheelchair and other mobility aids. SODC should ensure that a safe and suitable pathway, entrance, exit and road crossing is provided before approving this application. But see comments above regarding the absence of a safe road crossing for Springhill Rd.
	to the local amenities and services, to green spaces, to any new housing and to the open countryside?		
3)	Does the development proposal demonstrate optimisation of connection to the village centre and other amenities (including access to the countryside)?	Y	But see comments above regarding the absence of a safe road crossing for Springhill Rd.
4)	Does the development adjoin a public footpath or bridleway?	Y	The development includes access to a permissive footpath which is relocated.
	a) If so, does the proposal maintain the rural character of the footpath or bridleway?	N	The proposed development will be adjacent to the permissive footpath to the north. Boundary treatments using brick retaining walls and native species are specified in the LVIA but the close proximity of the northern-most houses and garden vegetation to this permissive footpath will significantly change its rural character. The highest properties will lie below the permissive path and privacy might be an issue. However, erection of closeboard fencing/trellis here would be damaging to the rural character and SODC is requested to remove permitted development rights for properties bordering the field. Removal of the units towards the top of the site would potentially resolve this issue.
5)	Does the proposal avoid or minimise the loss of mature trees and hedgerows	Y	This intention is stated in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment attached to the planning application.
6)	Does the proposal use materials that are consistent with a rural location when creating new pedestrian and cycle links from adjoining development schemes to a public footpath or bridleway?	Y (but see comment opposite)	Surfaces for roads and paths appear to be sympathetic to a rural location but black estate railings would be more appropriate than white

<u>Table 2 – Site-specific requirements for GNP6</u>

Policy details	Compliance	Comment
Policy.08 – Site-specific requirements for GNP6	N	This development is on part of allocated site GNP6 which in total was allocated in the NP for approximately 46 houses.
Allocated site GNP6 - The site between Wallingford Road and Springhill Road of approximately 3.8ha is allocated for approximately 46 new homes.		The comments below are a top-level summary and the back cloth to the analysis of the planning application and why it needs to be redesigned.
A Masterplan (as part of the planning application) will be supported provided that the proposed development complies with the following site-specific requirements:		As explained in the comments against Policy.01, the site proposed in this planning application has a significantly different boundary. It excludes two areas of land that had capacity for approximately 8 of the 46 houses proposed in the NP. These two areas of land were part of the site evaluated by the NP and were originally proposed by the developer but are owned by a different land owner.
		The site now being proposed also includes an additional area of farmland at the top of the knoll of the hill and above the ridgeline that is not suitable for housing development or uncharacteristic vegetation as confirmed in the NP, its supporting LVIA and specifically in Policy.08, site-specific requirement (SSR) 5 (see below).
		As mentioned in Policy.11, the Spatial Strategy in the NP states (page 28) "A recent planning appeal in Goring ruled that a lower density of development will be required to retain the township and landscape character at the periphery of the village". It further states "The spatial strategy adopted by the Plan is one of small to medium sites, either brownfield or on the periphery and contiguous with the edge of the village, together with housing densities that are higher in the urban centre and lower on the periphery. This will optimise the efficient use of land, protect against urban sprawl, protect the AONBs and ensure a gradual transition to the open countryside".
		In the Report of the Examination of the Goring Neighbourhood Plan (para 36), 29th March 2019, Timothy Jones, Barrister, Independent Examiner, states "large-scale development would have a major adverse impact on both the landscape and visual amenity in the areas immediately around the site".
		and further (in para 41) states that GNP6 is "a site where inappropriate design could be particularly harmful. In the circumstances the carefully framed terms of the policy (GNP Policy.08) are important". The diagram in Section 3.1 of the Design and Access

Statement attached to the planning application misrepresents the Bramhill Study and the NP. Section 3.1 inaccurately states "The Bramhill Report identifies a narrow portion of land to the south of the site as suitable for development without mitigation. This zone is identified in blue..... it would not be possible to fit 46 separate dwellings into this portion of the site".

A factual representation (Bramhill page GNP6-5) is that this area, quote, "has capacity to accommodate some development with stringent planning conditions as to design, landscape and planting. Without mitigation it would not be suitable for development".

The diagram in Section 3.1 of the Design and Access Statement also includes a large brown area reaching towards the top of the site which is described as "less suitable for development unless strict recommendations regarding visibility and other conditions are met". In fact, this area (excluding the triangle) was specified in the main Bramhill Report as not suitable for development with or without mitigation. The subsequent Supplementary Report, Jan 2017 (para 80) stats "whilst development above the 65m contour may not be visible, development up to the 70m contour certainly will be visible. Many houses, retaining walls, trees and vegetation are included in this area in the planning application. In this proposal, 7 units are located above the 70m contour and 20 in total are above the 65m contour.

The planning application proposes a housing density in the area of the site suitable for housing development which is approximately 35% higher than that proposed in the NP. It is inappropriate for this site and non-conformant with the NP.

Regarding protection for the clean line of the crest of the hill and the characteristic rolling chalk countryside, the NP states (Section 6.3.3) "the site rises from the village built area to the top of a small knoll on the edge of open rolling landscape......The ridge immediately north of the site forms a sharp crest in southbound views from the Wallingford Road and is typical of the surrounding open, rolling landscape. Development on the site should ensure that the characteristic landform of this part of the AONB is retained and not broken by the rooftops of any new dwellings or by uncharacteristic vegetation".

The SODC Planning Officer in the pre-app consultation report (p2, para 3) clearly accepts and agrees with this requirement for protection of a 'clean' hillcrest.

Detailed cross sections along a series of sight lines were requested to ensure the hillcrest remains clear of buildings and vegetation from a range of positions on the B4009 between Goring and South Stoke. Only one

has been included in the LVIA.

The requirement to keep the characteristics of the crest of the hill is defined below in Policy.08 SSR5 (GNP p59) as "Rooftops and screening for houses on the site should not be visible above the ridge line in views from Wallingford Rd, particularly from between Spring Farm Barns/Cottages and 91 Wallingford Rd but also from the road to the north of the Spring Farm hamlet. Detailed cross-sections should be taken along a series of sightlines including those shown on plan below to make sure that this condition is met."

All of this is summarised inaccurately in the planning application Planning Statement 7.9 p19 as: 'Rooftops should not be visible above the ridgeline; the application should include cross sections.' From this stem the presumption throughout the application that tree planting to screen rooftops is acceptable on the skyline. It is not. The line of uncharacteristic new vegetation and trees on the ridgeline proposed in the planning application is in breach of GNP Policy.08 SSR5.

The Planning Application states that rooftops will not be visible above the ridge line but fails to provide the detailed cross-sections from a series of sightlines as defined in this Policy.08 and confirmed as a requirement in the SODC Full Pre-Application Response.

The comments of the Urban Design Officer in the SODC Pre-application Report regarding gardens facing the open countryside are very apposite to the proposed design. An outward-facing design for the front of relevant properties would enable provision of a more enclosed rear garden space than in this layout.

Evidence must be provided which clearly demonstrates that all properties, but in particular properties 6, 7, 17, 18 and 19 in the proposed design, are not visible from multiple viewpoints as defined in Policy.08 SSR 5.

There are several other factors below which further support why a redesign of aspects of the site and a reduction in the number of houses is required before this planning application can be accepted.

Removal of dwellings that are proposed towards the higher parts of the site, (above the 65m AOD) and redesign of the site with less houses would facilitate conformance with the requirements specified in the NP.

The planning application in its present form should be refused. The proposed density and design on this

			site at the edge of the village and in the AONB is not compliant with the NP.
	t least 35 of the new dwellings will be 1, 2 r 3 bedrooms.	Υ	Confirmed in the planning application.
2. If tr Ro ho ho ho ho	_	?	This triangle of land has been excluded from this planning application. In the NP, it was deemed suitable for up to 4 houses. The planning provisions and mitigation requirements in this NP policy should still apply even if this parcel of land is made available for development at a later date. The comments below apply to SSR 15 and 16 below, as well as the triangle. By excluding two areas of the originally allocated GNP6 site from this proposal (the manège and the 'triangle') whilst still benefiting from the overall GNP6 site allocation, the planning application needs to make provision to ensure that all the mitigation requirements and planning obligations for the original whole site will be delivered in the future. These include: 1. The commitment to 40% affordable housing across the whole site. SODC Core Strategy Policy CSH3 Affordable Housing requires 40% affordable on sites of 3+ dwellings, subject to viability. 2. The obligation to protect and conserve the heritage orchard, removal of buildings and incorporating the space into the orchard, planting a native species hedgerow around the boundary and creating a community orchard in line with SSR16. By excluding the heritage orchard from the planning application, the developer has assumed that he does not have an obligation to protect and conserve it and to create a community orchard, although Policy.08, SSR16 required this commitment as mitigation for development of the whole site. SODC must take this into account when considering this application and should include a planning condition to ensure that the site-specific requirements in Policy.08 in respect to these areas are met in full and that a funding mechanism is available, such as the application of an S106 levy, to ensure that the burden of financing any necessary works falls fairly and equitably between the owners of these two areas and the developer for the proposed application. Otherwise
			the proposer of this application will financially benefit from building a large number of dwellings without contributing to the cost of complying with the site-

		specific requirements. The obligation to comply and burden of complying falls collectively on anyone and all who develop the allocated site.
		Any planning permission should include the aspects of this requirement that can still be achieved on the proposed site. As the proposed development site shares a boundary to the west with the traditional orchard, the developer can enhance this immediately by planting a native species hedgerow along this boundary as required by SSR14.
 Public access across the site will be enhanced with pedestrian and cycle access to Springhill Road and Wallingford Road, 	N	In relation to SSR3a the Travel Plan document (3.2.2) states, incorrectly, that there is a footway on the north side of Springhill Road. In fact, the footway is on the
connected by safe pedestrian routes and cycleways, which run through the site. This will include:		south side of the road. Pedestrians and cyclists leaving or entering the site on the north side of the road will be protected by a barrier but this alone is inadequate to enable safe crossing.
a. provision of a safe new public footpath (suitable for self-propelled wheelchair access) and cycle access connecting the south east of the site to Springhill Road, with suitable mitigation to protect the privacy of existing properties bordering the pathway and to ensure a safe entrance and egress for cyclists and for pedestrians to cross to and from the pavement on the southern side of Springhill Road;		There is local concern that, because there is no pavement on the north side of Springhill Road and there are frequently parked cars on the south side of the road, that cycle and pedestrian access onto Springhill Road is unsafe. Visibility up and down Springhill Road will be limited; there are no splays or pedestrian pavements shown in the plans. This pedestrian and cycle route will be used by children going to / from school and the playgrounds
 retention of the existing permissive footpath to the north of the site linking Wallingford Road and Icknield Road; 		(GNP6 LEAP and Bourdillon). It also needs to be wheelchair accessible. SODC should ensure that a safe and suitable
c. provision of a safe public footpath and cycle path connecting		pathway, entrance, exit and road crossing is provided before approving this application.
d. a) and b) above with the access junction at Wallingford Road.		SSR2 b, c and d are acceptable.
4. The access road onto Wallingford Road must be sensitively designed to mitigate any unavoidable landscape and visual damage in a manner that reflects the existing character of the road and landscape, whilst complying with road safety requirements, the details to be agreed with the relevant authorities. This will include:	Y (but see comments opposite)	The Transport Statement, is based on 2016 traffic counts on Wallingford Rd, and models trip generation from 51 dwellings. It concludes that "the impact of the proposed development on Wallingford Road will be small, with a maximum impact of 18 vehicles travelling northbound during the AM peak hour and 14 travelling southbound during the PM peak hour. This equates to 1 vehicle every 3 minutes and will have very little impact on the local highway network."
 a. mitigation such that the road sits down into the landscape, for example between banks as it rises up the slope and visually links with garden boundaries to the south; 		It also states: The site will be accessed via a new simple priority junction on the B4009 Wallingford Road; The access is proposed some 300m north of
b. mitigation planting of suitable native		the junction with Springhill Road. The site access road will be 6.0m wide with a 2.0m

- species to be introduced, including offsite planting as appropriate, to provide screening of oblique views of the road and triangle from the road, screen the proposed access and maintain the character of the rural streetscape;
- c. design of the access road, to minimise the impact on resident's opposite, particularly in terms of light pollution at night and safety in and around the junction;
- d. a safety review to ensure that the impact of road access onto Wallingford Road is fully considered in terms of traffic passing, entering and leaving the junction, cycle access and pedestrian access including pedestrians with mobility issues and pedestrians walking to and from the site along Wallingford Road.

- footway on the southern side.
- Visibility splays of 2.4m x 73m to the south and 2.4m x 65m to the north are demonstrated in accordance with 85%ile speeds recorded on Wallingford Road.
- The required visibility is achievable within land owned by the client and highway land.
- NOTE: The access appears to be positioned a few meters further north than that proposed in the Origin Traffic Study submitted to the Plan during consultation and the land 'take' extends further north along the road, following the new site boundary, to achieve the correct splay and the grading. This might be because the 'triangle' land is not included in this proposal.
- The B4009 Wallingford Road is a single carriageway road subject to 30mph in the vicinity of the site. However, the 2016 survey showed an average weekday 85%ile speed of 43mph in a northbound direction and 40mph southbound.

GPC requests that OCC Highways consider the adequacy of this junction a) to check the engineering requirements and b) to assess the need for traffic calming to slow on the edge of the village.

Agreement of detailed technical delivery for the junction will lie with SODC and OCC Highways, who must be aware of the requirements for the mitigation of visual impact in line with points SSR4 a-c to the left.

Note: In the case of any planning consent for this site, GPC wishes to protect the safety and amenity of Springhill Rd residents by requiring the Wallingford Rd access and service road to be constructed first and used to service all construction traffic.

 Rooftops and screening for houses on the site should not be visible above the ridge line in views from Wallingford Road, particularly from between Spring Farm Barns/Cottages and 91 Wallingford Road but also from the road to the north of the Spring Farm hamlet.

Detailed cross-sections should be taken along a series of sightlines including but not limited to those shown on the plan below to ensure that this condition is met.

See end of document

Only one cross section showing the crest of the hill has been provided in the Design and Access Statement 3.8. The profile shows how close the roof lines of the highest buildings are to the crest and how vulnerable this sight line is to any future changes eg TV aerials, satellite dishes, fences, trees etc

The SSR requires a series of cross-sections from different positions to be provided (see left). This requirement was reiterated by SODC in the Pre-app report.

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6. The design of new buildings should conform with the provisions of SODC's Design Guide and also the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide to ensure that dwellings will be sympathetically designed and fit in with the local area.

Buildings should be no higher than 2 storeys, with rooms in the roof if appropriate.

? (but see comment opposite) The building styles proposed are based on a survey of typical properties from around Goring, illustrated and summarised in the Design and Access Statement. Reflecting the local variety, 14 different house types are proposed for the site giving a mix of roof heights and styles that have potential to be varied and interesting. However, the 1.5 storey design is more in scale and character than the 2-storey design with the village environment and the rural fringe.

In the Design and Access Statement, proposed house designs are traditional, relate to local character and will use red brick, steep gables with hanging clay tiles and plain red clay roof tiles. While red brick buildings are traditional in Goring, they commonly have a soft, weathered tone rather than bright red. Bright red modern bricks have a major visual impact, especially in long distance views; for example, Iceni Close's bricks and roofs are starkly 'red' and highly visible from Lough Down. A softer toned multi-stock brick in red/brown/grey/blue shades (eg Ibstock) would be more discrete and would tone in with the landscape more subtly. Use of two or three different brick tones for different units would add interest and variety to the development.

The exact materials to be used are not specified in the application and, while the Design and Access Statement illustrates some materials on p25, the figures are not titled or explained. A planning condition relating to on-site inspection and approval of materials before work starts would be appropriate for this large and important site.

Roofs are of varying ridge height but all have steep pitches; they also have deep eaves and many have traditional dormer windows. Use of high-pitched roofs gables rather than hips for 1 and 2 storey buildings lower down the site could encourage future loft conversions to three storeys with potential for addition of roof dormers and the risk of unneighbourliness to Springhill Rd residents due to the steepness of the site.

Green screening, evergreen where possible, will be important here and must be established early in the development.

Ridge heights are not given and plans are not to scale so it is not possible to assess whether individual units will be safely hidden below the hill crest.

Staggering the front alignment of the units where possible could add more interest to the street layout.

Gardens of all the properties are very small in comparison to the surrounding area, due to the large

		number of houses proposed for this restricted site.
		This is particularly noticeable at the southern edge of the site for units 39-47 where units are awkwardly congested and unneighbourly to each other as well as existing Springhill Rd properties.
		43 Springhill Rd: replacement dwelling is too large for its site. Its exact location and design is unneighbourly in relation to its neighbour and its appearance ungainly; it is out of scale, at right angles to existing properties and out of keeping with other properties in the road. Alteration of the existing property to provide a new drive to its front and access to the rear via the space to the west of the property would allow the current driveway to the east of the property to be repurposed as a pedestrian and cycleway without demolition. This would eliminate any loss of embodied carbon in the property. If the developer wished to replace the building, a bungalow would be more appropriate. Further consideration must be given by SODC to this specific aspect of the planning application before it is approved. See also comments on Policy16 above.
7. The site design must include provision of a secure children's play area, including equipment suitable for 6 – 12-year olds.	? (but see comment	A new children's play area (LEAP)is included in the design, but LVIA 5.19 says it will be unfenced. SSR7 requires a secure play area.
Provision is to be made for the ongoing maintenance of the space and equipment, for which a management strategy must be provided.	opposite)	
8. A Grampian-style condition is imposed, stating that Development will not commence until details are approved of how the developer will ensure the public water supply source is not detrimentally affected by the proposed development, both during and after its construction.	?	There is little comment on this requirement in the planning application at this stage
Details of protection measures shall cover, as a minimum, the mitigation proposed to prevent contamination of the groundwater source due to ground disturbance, pesticide use and drainage system discharge (both surface water and foul water systems) and should be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority in consultation with		
Thames Water.' 9. A palaeontological assessment must be		Survey and report submitted
provided making specific reference to the discovery of Ichthyosaur bones in the vicinity.	Y	Survey and report submitted
10. The Oxfordshire Historic Environmental	Υ	Survey and report submitted

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records should be reviewed for any records		
of archaeological remains.		
 11. There must be a net gain in biodiversity through the retention of existing features where possible and through appropriate mitigation planting. Mitigation planting is to consist of native species that are appropriate to the area and reflect local landscape character. New habitat corridors, in the form of hedgerows and/or tree belts are to be introduced at the site boundaries and throughout the site. 12. The visual amenity of Springhill Road residents must be protected by providing 	Y	Notwithstanding the comments above regarding the crest of the hill, there is evidence in the planning application that this SSR has been considered and the developer has confirmed his commitment to producing evidence that net biodiversity will increase. The NP requires the gardens of new houses to the south of the site to back onto the gardens of the
an appropriate landscape buffer on the southern boundary. This should include, at an early stage of the development, enhanced screening with new trees and hedges to continue and enhance the existing line of vegetation particularly along the south-western edge of the site. This area should be the subject of a legal agreement to ensure that residents of neighbouring properties are not able to remove, reduce or materially modify the screening. Neighbouring gardens rather than the new houses themselves must lead to the garden edges of Springhill Road properties.	N	properties in Springhill Road. This condition is not satisfied by the proposal. The planning application includes 3 houses that are sideways on to the gardens in Springhill Road and in very close proximity. In addition, a road is proposed along the garden boundary of a further six Springhill Road properties instead of back to back gardens. There is no commitment in the planning application to a legal agreement to ensure that neighbouring properties are not able to remove, reduce or materially modify the screening. In addition, there is a large copse of trees shown at the back of the garden of the proposed redeveloped house at No.43 Springhill Road which will impact on the garden amenity of No.41. As commented elsewhere, non-compliance with this and other NP policies is a direct consequence of the developer trying to cram in too many houses. The application should be rejected and a new design produced that respects the Plan's allocation of 38 dwellings to this part of the original site. This would resolve issues of density, and enable a commitment to SSR12 to protect the amenity and privacy of Springhill Road residents.
13. A new area of at least 0.25ha of Open Green Space must be created to the north of the site.Provision is to be made for the ongoing maintenance of the space, for which a	Y	The planning application exceeds this requirement and commits to a management plan for the ongoing maintenance.
management strategy must be provided.		
14. The developed site must include sufficient		118 car parking spaces are proposed across the
parking spaces for the occupants of the dwellings and their visitors so that there is no impact upon the surrounding residential streets, having regard to Local Authority	Y (But see comments opposite)	development of these: • 96 are allocated to the residential properties adjacent to each dwelling on private driveways and garages.

adopted standards. 15. The levels and landform within the manège area (shown in grey in the diagram) must be reprofiled such that they relate to the original and surrounding landform and any housing in this area designed to 'sit down' in the landscape and so as to relate well to the original and surrounding landform.	N	 22 unallocated spaces will be provided, distributed across the development for casual and visitor parking. Each property will have one EV charging point in line with Policy TRANS5 of the South Oxfordshire Emerging Local Plan. This is in line with Local Plan guidelines but with the required redesign to provide a lower density of houses, there would be more space for additional overflow parking spaces. The manège area, with a capacity for 3-4 houses has been excluded from this planning application. The planning provisions and mitigation requirements in this NP policy must still apply even if this parcel of land is proposed for development at a later date. This is discussed in more detail above under Policy.02 and Policy.08 SSR 2.
16. The boundary of the traditional orchard area is shown by the green line in the figure below. No development will be permitted on the site within the area of traditional orchard identified by the red line boundary in the figure.	N	The area in the south west corner of the allocated site, including the orchard area, has been excluded from this planning application. The planning provisions and mitigation requirements in this NP policy should still apply even if this parcel of land is proposed for development at a later date. This is discussed in more detail above under Policy.02 and Policy.08 SSR 2.
		The proposed development site shares a boundary to the west with the traditional orchard. The developer can still enhance this by planting a native species hedgerow along this boundary immediately. This should be a condition relating to any planning consent.
Figure 39 Diagram of the manège area and traditional or for SSR 16	chard area	
All surviving viable and veteran orchard trees in this area must be protected and conserved.		
Plans must be included for the regeneration of the traditional orchard as a community orchard including provision for the ongoing maintenance of the space, for which a management strategy must be provided.		
The traditional orchard area must be enhanced by planting a native species		

hedgerow around the boundary.

The barn and other outbuildings must be removed and this area incorporated into the orchard.

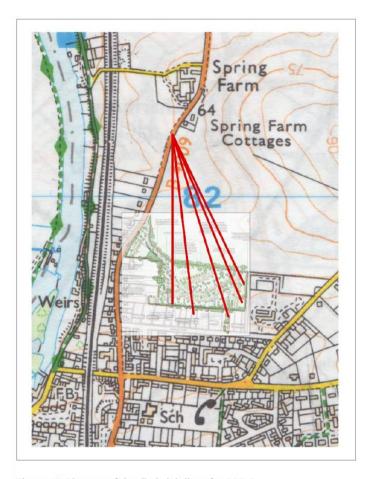


Figure 40 Diagram of detailed sightlines for SSR 5