



Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Annual Report

1 Introduction

The Goring-on-Thames Neighbourhood Plan (Plan Made -July 2019) is downloadable as 2019-10-28-Goring-NP-made-version-compressed.pdf via the 'Goring Neighbourhood Plan' link at

www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/goring-neighbourhood-plan/

The Monitoring framework is laid down starting on page 119 as follows.

'14.3 Monitoring framework

The Plan contains 20 policies in areas of housing need, site allocation and site-specific requirements, landscape and biodiversity, environmental impact, building design, heritage and conservation, social infrastructure, traffic congestion and parking, and the local economy. The implementation of these policies should be monitored on a continuous basis.

To ensure effective monitoring, a draft framework has been defined in the SA, setting out key targets and measures/indicators for each policy. This will be used to assess the performance of the Plan over its course up to 2033 and will help to address questions such as:

- Are policies achieving their purpose and in particular are they delivering sustainable development?
- Have policies had unintended consequences that were not originally anticipated?
- Are the assumptions and objectives underpinning the policies still relevant and applicable?
- Are the targets, measures or indicators being achieved?

Ongoing monitoring of this framework will give a clear indication of the effectiveness of the Plan. Where policies are ineffective, an early review will be undertaken to inform the actions that need to be taken to address the issues. In addition, GPC will review progress of the Plan at its Annual Council Meeting and publish a monitoring report for the residents of Goring.

The detailed monitoring framework including targets, measures or indicators, the responsible bodies and frequency of monitoring in relation to each Plan policy will be outlined in the Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement issued by the district council.'

2 Adoption statement

The Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement is downloadable as 2019-08-01-Goring-on-Thames-NP-SA-Post-Adoption-Statement.pdf via the 'SA/SEA Adoption Statement' link at the url above.



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‘The following table provides a summary of the monitoring framework, which will be used by GPC to monitor the Plan. It includes key measures or indicators of success, identifies the authority involved in the implementation of policies and the timescale of progress reviews. It also highlights where CIL money should be prioritised to support the policy or action. ‘

And then has a table covering 20 Policies (P.01 to P.20) and 10 Actions (A.01 to A.10)

3 Process

The Table was imported into two Tables, one for Policies and one for Actions, and a final column labelled Monitoring Notes added to each. The status of each Action, or Policy, was entered into the Monitoring Note column. These notes have been reviewed and updated by the Planning Committee.

The two spreadsheets form the remainder of this document which contains the meat of the Report.

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Report - Policies - May 2025						
Policy Number	Policy Title	Measure, Indicator of Success or Key Milestones	Body Responsible for implementation of Policy	Timescale for Review	CIL or other funding required	Monitoring notes
Housing need						
P.01	Number of dwellings to be allocated.	Approximately 94 dwellings to be delivered on the five allocated sites (including 1 reserve site) during the plan period.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	On track to achieve 91 dwellings on four sites (including the GNP 6 'triangle' on Wallingford Rd), including the development of GNP8 (the reserve site) in lieu of GNP10 which has been retained for commercial use: - GNP2 - Completed - 14 dwellings built 2022; - GNP3 - 20 houses being built, 13 completed by April 2025 including 8 affordable houses, remaining 7 in summer 2025; - GNP6 - main site 44 dwellings. Approved by SODC Planning Committee in November 2024, planning permission pending (P20/S2488/FUL) awaiting S106 agreement; - GNP6 - triangle, planning permission granted for 3 houses (P22/S2363/FUL). Build expected to start in 2025; - GNP10 - (intended for approximately 14 houses in the NP) currently retained for commercial use; - Reserve site GNP8, planning permission applied for 10 houses following pre-app advice from SODC. Expected to be granted in 2025 (P24/S2193/FUL). Policy factored into GPC planning decisions on relevant applications.
P.02	Infill	All new planning applications for Infill sites adhere to this policy and the other policies in the Plan.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	
P.03	Housing Mix	New builds on allocated sites in Goring will include at least 80% 1, 2 or 3-bedroom units including low cost/affordable accommodation and properties suitable for older people, built to accessible and adaptable dwelling standards (or built to lifetime living standards).	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	GNP2: compliant - 4x2-bed, 10x3-bed = 100% 1-3-bed. GNP3: compliant - 9x2-bed, 8x3-bed, 3x4-bed = 85% 1-3-bed GNP6 main site: compliant - 27 market (7x2-bed, 11x3-bed, 4x4-bed, 5x5-bed), 17 affordable (4x1-bed, 11x2-bed, 2x3-bed) => 80% 1-3-bed GNP6 triangle: planning permission compliant as only 3 houses. GNP8: planning application compliant.
P.04	Housing for the elderly	Development of independent living for older people in mixed-age residential areas and development of purpose-built housing for people aged 55+ and/or 75+ will only be supported where it can be shown that existing specialist provision in Goring: *Has fallen below the proportions recommended by Oxfordshire County Council in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment operating at the time; and *Does not have sufficient capacity to meet demand from local residents.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	No such applications have yet been submitted.
P.05	Affordable housing	On all sites where there is a net gain of 6 or more dwellings at least 40% will be affordable.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	GNP2: compliant - paid £320k (see P18/S2308/RM Decision Notice). GNP3: compliant - 40% affordable. GNP6: main site planning application compliant: 17/44 = 39% affordable GNP8: 4/10, planning application compliant GNP6 triangle: 0/3 affordable.
P.06	Allocated site GNP2	The approved Master Plan for this site includes the site specific requirements defined in this policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	Site completed in accordance with NP and SODC Decision Notice.
P.07	Allocated site GNP3	The approved Master Plan for this site includes the site specific requirements defined in this policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	Site under construction in accordance with NP and SODC Decision Notice.

P.18	Open Space, sport and recreation in new residential development	All new Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	GNP6 will include a new childrens playground. To support the increase in population and change of demographics with more younger people in the village, GPC will use a combination of CL, grants and fund raising to improve communal sports facilities. Plans are being advanced for new improved facilities on the three main recreation grounds in Goring, namely Bourdillon, Gardiner and Sheepcot: - Bourdillon, a new expanded childrens playground is being implemented and will be in service during the summer 2025. - Sheepcot, plans are being produced for an enhanced pavillion to improve facilities for football and tennis clubs. - Gardiner, plans for enhancing the existing childrens playground will be progressed in 2025 following the successful implementation of the new playground on Bourdillon.
Traffic - congestion and parking						
P.19	Adequate parking within new developments	Routine monitoring of parking provision in Planning applications. All new Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	Adequate is defined as 'at least in line with Local Plan guidelines'. All allocated sites are compliant with this policy and GPC Planning Committee takes this into account for all planning applications it reviews.
Pedestrian and cycle routes						
P.20	Walking and cycling	Where possible, new Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	GNP2 and GNP3 are compliant. It is a key consideration in the GNP6 planning application (with the pedestrian/cycling link to Springhill Rd).

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Action Number	Action Title	Measure, Indicator of Success or Key Milestones	Body Responsible for Implementation of Policy	Timescale for Review	CIL/other funding required	Monitoring Notes
Neighbour Plan section 10 - Heritage and conservation						
A.01	Conservation Area appraisals	Conservation Area appraisals will be undertaken and management Plans prepared to ensure future development is sensitive and appropriate. * This action calls for engagement between GPC and the responsible body, South Oxfordshire District Council, and Historic England to undertake Conservation Area Appraisals for Goring and Gatehampton Conservation Areas; * Management Plans will be developed for their preservation and enhancement. Resources to address this action will be sought via SODC, in accordance with emerging Local Plan 2033 Policy ENV6.	SODC in conjunction with GPC	Annual at GPC annual general meeting	This is an existing responsibility of SODC	2024 update - a complete Conservation Area Appraisal draft was submitted to SODC in September 2023, where it has since been progressing through their internal procedures. It now awaits public consultation and this is expected to happen imminently in early - mid 2024. 2025 update Goring's draft Conservation Area Appraisal was received by SODC in Sept 2023 and, after discussion with officers and some minor amendments, the text was transferred into SODC's template and declared ready for public consultation in early 2024. Nothing happened and after repeated enquiries over several months we were told nothing could be done to hasten the consultation as the 'consultation team' were occupied elsewhere. We were told the earliest date we could expect for consultation would be Spring 2025 and that Goring's appraisal was in a queue of appraisals. Since then, nothing has happened, no appraisals seem to have been processed. From SODC's website, of 72 conservation areas, only 28 have appraisals. Of these, none were completed in 2024, 3 in 2023, and none between 2020-2022. Only 9 were completed between 2010-2019, and 11 between 2000-2009. Historic England notes that: "Local planning authorities must review their conservation areas from time to time (section 69(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990)." (Conservation Area Appraisal, Designation and Management Historic England Advice Note 1 (Second Edition) 2019.) In the meantime, planning applications frequently challenge the integrity of the conservation area and its historic assets but the draft appraisal carries no planning weight - Parish Councillors and Planning Officers have their hands tied. For example, a recent application threatened to damage a historic Victorian wall characterising late 19C Goring and alterations to architectural features of some non-designated historic assets have reduced their visual value. A further major challenge lies ahead to secure the future for the Saunders Boathouse on High St. This has been vacated and is for sale. An application for its admission to the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) has been made and a decision on this is imminent.

A.10	Rejuvenation of Goring village centre around the Arcade area	An initiative should be taken to redevelop all or the majority of this brownfield site comprehensively and sensitively, with the aim of regenerating the village centre, making it more attractive visually, strengthening the Goring Conservation Area and improving the economic sustainability of the village. Redevelopment could include a mixed retail, residential and office development and additional community facilities such as an outdoor meeting area. GPC will take advice and explore the feasibility of establishing a Neighbourhood Development Order for all or part of the area to secure the comprehensive redevelopment of this important site in the heart of the village for the future.	GPC	3 monthly, and also included in strategic project monthly report to GPC to progress a feasibility report (initiated by GPC), followed by review as appropriate	Yes, from CIL and other sources if CIL funds are inadequate	2024 update - this strategic project has not been progressed. The architect who raised the idea has since passed away, and no member has the expertise to take it forward. Willing property owners and an interested developer would need to be identified. There is also concern that in the current economic climate small shops might not survive any necessary temporary relocation. <u>There is currently no plan to progress this Action.</u>
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P.09	Allocated site GNP10	The approved Master Plan for this site includes the site specific requirements defined in this policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	Site retained for commercial use and currently not available for housing
P.10	Reserve site GNP8	The approved Master Plan for this site includes the site specific requirements defined in this policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	Ongoing	No	GNP8: planning application awaiting approval because GNP10 is currently not available for housing development.
<u>Landscape and biodiversity</u>						
P.11	Conserve and enhance Goring's landscape	No new planning applications are approved unless they adhere to this Policy and the other policies in the Plan.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	Policy being taken into account for all planning applications reviewed by GPC Planning Committee.
P.12	Conserve and enhance biodiversity	All new planning applications demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity and include management plans to ensure biodiversity features are sustainable.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	This is included in the site specific conditions for each allocated site - see P.06 to P.10. These gains have been demonstrated for GNP3 and the GNP6 triangle to the satisfaction of SODC. GNP8 and GNP6 (main site) awaiting planning permission. A financial contribution was paid in lieu for GNP2.
<u>Environmental impact</u>						
P.13	Light pollution	All new Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	This has been adopted for GNP2 and GNP3 and is being taken into account in the planning applications for GNP6 and GNP8.
P.14	Air quality pollution	All new Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	No pollution source have been identified. This condition is checked by SODC.
P.15	Water, sewage and drainage	All relevant Planning applications adhere to this Policy.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	Reliant on Thames Water to confirm to SODC that this condition is met.
<u>Building design</u>						
P.16	Building Design principles	All new Planning applications adhere to this Policy and adhere to the SODC and Chiltern Design Guides.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	GPC takes this policy into account in its comments on all planning applications and then relies on SODC to ensure that this condition is met.
<u>Heritage conservation</u>						
P.17	Historic environment	Any planning applications involving designated heritage assets and their setting include plans to conserve and enhance them.	GPC Planning Committee and SODC Planning	On submission of all relevant Planning applications	No	No such applications have yet been made.
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