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New para. 1.7 - This masterplan has been created as a framework to inform planning decisions. All the policies and guidance, as appropriate, from national government (including the National Planning Policy Framework) and from South Oxfordshire District Council's development plan (that now includes this masterplan) will be used to assess applications on a case by case basis. Of particular importance will be those policies intended to manage design, access and amenity.

New para. 1.8 - This document is a supplementary planning document (SPD) to support a policy in the adopted Core Strategy. Its purpose is to provide guidance and to set the framework for the consideration of future development at the Science Centre. South Oxfordshire District Council support continued high quality and high value employment at the Science Centre, the special circumstance for the Green Belt location of this identified site is linked to its vital role in the wider ambitions of Science Vale and the Oxford City Deal. The wider development plan for South Oxfordshire (currently the Local Plan 2011 and the Core Strategy adopted 2012, due to be superseded by the Local Plan 2031) provides the framework for the consideration of strategic issues and the cumulative impact of development at the CSC. As such, work will continue in partnership with South Oxfordshire District Council, the UKAEA, Oxfordshire County Council and, as appropriate, other public and private bodies including the Oxfordshire Local Economic Partnership (LEP) to seek strategic solutions to transport and other issues. This document should not be read in isolation but in conjunction with the South Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan 2011 and Core Strategy (or the document(s) that supersede them), the Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan & the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan (most relevant iterations) and the Oxfordshire LEP Strategic Economic Plan.

Amend para 2.21 - CSC is situated in a reasonably sustainable location, adjacent to the A415 which has an hourly bus service, the Culham railway station linking the site with Didcot and Oxford and an off-road shared use pedestrian / cycle route from CSC towards Clifton Hampden to the east, and part of the way to Abingdon to the west There is scope to improve the cycle network and frequency of bus service.

Addition to paragraph 2.28 - ...Culham No.1 Site to the west. [insert] To the north is the Grade I Registered Park and Garden of Nuneham Courtenay.

“**Archaeology**” section to be renamed to “**Archaeology and Heritage interest**”

Replace para 2.32 – The site is located in an area of archaeological potential relating to the later prehistoric and Anglo Saxon periods. The central core of the site has been heavily developed which would have removed any surviving archaeological features. Archaeological features related to these periods may still survive within the undeveloped areas of the site and therefore any development within these areas may require an archaeological investigation. This will be considered during any detailed application.

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Additional paragraph after 2.32:

It is important to also recognise the importance of work carried out at Culham Science Centre through the latter half of the twentieth century that carries on today. Before development proposals that involve the demolition of J1 JET building are submitted an assessment of the heritage significance of it should be made. Appropriate records of the building, the work carried out and technologies used should be made and retained. This information could be exhibited at any potential new visitor centre developed on the site.

Amend section -

RADIOACTIVE WASTE

2.36 Any Intermediate level radioactive waste arising from the site is in the long term to be disposed at a proposed national facility. In the meantime, this waste will be stored off-site at an appropriate depository. .

2.37 The permanent disposal of low level radioactive waste arising from JET decommissioning work will also be disposed of at an appropriate off-site facility.

2.38 The disposal of very low level radioactive waste at CSC could conflict with the UKAEA's development/redevelopment plan. Consequently, such waste will only be stored on site in exceptional circumstances.

Amend para 3.2 (second bullet) – The site's location within Science Vale Oxford, situated close to Oxford University, Harwell Oxford and Milton Park make this an ideal site for future R&D and fusion research.

Amend para 3.10 - The development plan comprises the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy 2027 (adopted December 2012), 'saved' policies in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 (January 2006) ("the Local Plan") and 'saved' policies in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local plan (1996). In accordance with the recently published Local Development Scheme of the South Oxfordshire District Council, there are also two emerging policy documents, the Local Plan 2031 (a review of the Core Strategy) and the Science Vale Area Action Plan which are planned to be adopted in 2016. Oxfordshire County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Scheme states that the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Core Strategy is planned to be adopted in December 2015, to replace the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (1996).

Amend para. 4.1 - ~~[Delete] Figure 8 shows an illustrative layout to give an impression of the potential layout of new buildings in the different development envelopes.~~

Amend para. 4.2 (bullet 7) - potentially improve on-site facilities [insert] and access for employees and visitors

Amend figure MF7 Legend - Potential New Gateway Area

Delete figure MF8

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Addition to para. 4.16 - Generally, new buildings in that area will not exceed the height of the tallest buildings, [insert] after the demolition of the J1 building. Any new buildings will be designed to avoid adverse impacts upon the North Wessex Down AONB as far as is practicable.

Amend para 4.23 - ...potential for complementary facilities (for example a visitor centre, conference and visitor accommodation and/or ancillary leisure facilities) whilst also...

New para. 4.24 - Any development at the potential new gateway area, as shown in figure MF7, would need to comply with national guidance on the value and purpose of the Green Belt, and the appropriate policies of the South Oxfordshire District Council development plan. Particular importance will be placed on the quality of design and the scale of proposed buildings in the setting of the gateway. Examples of considerations for proposals will be the built and natural character of the area, building scale and the avoidance of over looking.¹

Amend para 5.2 - ...including public transport [insert] (e.g. trains and buses)

Amend para. 5.5 - ...OCC as the Highway Authority, [insert] and South Oxfordshire District Council will explore the potential to include the requests of other transport bodies as appropriate (e.g. network rail and bus operators). These will...

¹ Subject to the agreement of the text change

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