

ADDENDUM TO JUNE 2024 PPS STAGE E STRATEGY REVIEW

The June 2024 Stage E Strategy Review discussed the Walterbush Road Site at Chipping Norton. It was noted that the site had not been used for many years, the land is overgrown and the PPS notes sufficient current and future pitch capacity in Chipping Norton across some age groups, including in relation to adult football. It was therefore agreed that there was no longer a requirement to protect the site, taking the below into account:

Walterbush Road Ground was identified in the PPS as a disused site and has not been used or maintained since 2014. There are no current or forecast (to 2031) shortfalls of adult playing pitches identified in the local area. Accordingly, the requirement to Protect the site has been removed. However, we remain cognisant that future developments may occur in the Chipping Norton area. Therefore, should the site be released for development, the developer would need to provide either appropriate mitigating re-provision to a replacement site in order to address any shortfalls that may subsequently arise (such as replacing the sports pitch in an alternative location with ancillary provision), or, a s106 financial contribution towards improvements and maintenances of other football pitches/other sporting grounds/clubs in the catchment area in order to benefit community sport.

In addition, Policy EH5 of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan states that, 'New development should not result in the loss of open space, sports and recreational buildings and land unless up to date assessment shows the asset is surplus to requirements or the need for and benefits of the alternative land use clearly outweigh the loss and equivalent replacement provision is made. Where appropriate, development will be expected to provide or contribute towards the provision of necessary improvements to open space, sports and recreational buildings and land'.