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Preface

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT

The administrative district of West Oxfordshire lies to the west of the City of Oxford and adjoins the Gloucestershire County boundary. The upper reaches of the River Thames form the southern boundary and the Cotswolds Hills cover the north-western part of the District. It is still very much a rural area with agriculture visually dominant.

The District enjoys a strong sense of place derived from the Cotswold vernacular style of building and its splendid rolling countryside and attractive river valleys. The well-known tourist attractions of Burford and Woodstock, with Blenheim Palace, lie within West Oxfordshire. The largest settlement is the market town of Witney, which now accommodates about 23,000 people.

West Oxfordshire District covers some 71,494 hectares. With a population of about 100,000 this represents an average population density of 1.4 persons per hectare. However, the large majority of the population lives in the market towns and larger villages, particularly in the southern part of the District.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2011

This Local Plan covers the whole of West Oxfordshire District and includes the Council’s planning policies and proposals for the period up to 2011. It takes as its starting point the West Oxfordshire Local Plan adopted in November 1997.

The West Oxfordshire Local Plan is in the form of a Written Statement with Proposals Map and Inset Maps. The District Council’s policies and land-use proposals are shown highlighted in the Written Statement. A policy checklist is also included.

A copy of this document can be found on the Council’s website www.westoxon.gov.uk