

7 Specific areas

7.1 The Structure Plan states:

M13 The principle of new sand and gravel workings is accepted in the following areas:

the Sutton Courtenay area

the Sutton Wick area

the Stanton Harcourt area

the Cassington-Yarnton area.

The Proposals Map¹ in the Local Plan indicates more specifically the areas identified for sand and gravel working. The exact working area will be determined at the planning application stage. Proposals in these areas will still be subject to all development plan policies, for instance, those covering issues such as protection of SSSIs and other sites important for nature conservation, important archaeology and buffer zones to protect local residents.

7.2 Policies SC2, SW5, SH5, CY3 and CV1 require after-uses to conform with the Proposals Map. The following general categories are used in the after-use proposals for the specific areas. Some of the categories include a range of activities as described below:

- 1 agriculture (following filling with waste);
- 2 woodland;
- 3 nature conservation (normally water-based);
- 4 angling;
- 5 lakeside water-related activities – general public access for walking, picnicking, bird watching and some fishing;
- 6 low key water-based activities – windsurfing, sailing;
- 7 intensive water-based activities – water-skiing, jet skiing, windsurfing, sailing.

7.3 Where several categories of uses are allowed, these are stated on the Proposals Map in order of priority. Other uses may also be allowed but they must not conflict with the primary aims in any area. In all cases opportunities to protect and enhance nature conservation features will be pursued. All after-use proposals must be appropriate to the local area and must comply with environmental (including Green Belt) and other relevant policies of district local plans.

¹ The Proposals Map comprises a countywide map (scale 1:250,000) and 8 inset maps (scale 1:10,000).