Annexe 8

UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN 2021-2041 - ADOPTION STATEMENT

DATE OF ADOPTION: 25 MARCH 2026

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (as amended).

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that on 25 March 2026, Uttlesford District Council adopted its new Local Plan, entitled 'Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041'.

The Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 sets out a 15-year strategic vision, objectives and the spatial strategy, as well as the planning policies and site allocations that will guide future development of the District. The Plan sets out where new development should be located up until 2041 and how places within the District will change. The main role of the Local Plan is to guide decision-making on individual planning applications.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 18 December 2024 and examined by independent Inspectors. 'Examination in Public' hearings took place during June 2024. Following these hearings, the Inspectors' Report concluded that, subject to Main Modification (as detailed in the Appendix to the Inspectors' report), the Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It also satisfies the 'tests of soundness' set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 incorporates all of the Main Modifications and Policy Map modifications that the Inspectors considered necessary to make the Plan sound/legally compliant. These were subject to public consultation between 15 September 2025 and 27 October 2025. Several Additional Modifications have also been incorporated within the Local Plan, comprising technical, factual, grammatical and typographical corrections that do not materially affect the policies in the Plan.

Document Availability

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the following documents have been published and made available online on the Council's website:
https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/10130/local-plan-2021---2041

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- **Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 + Appendices** (Incorporating main and additional modifications)
- **Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 District Wide Policies Map** (incorporating policies map modifications)
- **Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 Zoomed in Policies Map by Settlement** (incorporating policies map modifications)
- **Adoption Statement of the Uttlesford Local Plan (March 2026)**
- **Sustainability Appraisal Report (June 2024)**
- **Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (March 2026)**
- **Inspectors' Report and Appendix of Main Modifications (January 2026)**
- **Schedule of Policies Map Modifications (January 2026)**
- **Schedule of Additional Modifications (March 2026)**

Paper Copies of these Documents will be soon made available for public inspection at:

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Stansted Mountfitchet Library	The Mountfitchet Exchange, Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, CM24 8AQ
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Any person aggrieved by the Uttlesford Local Plan 2021-2041 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

(a) the Local Plan is not within the appropriate powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and/or

(b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly, no later than six weeks after the date of this notice. The six-week period commences on **26 March 2026** and ends on **07 May 2026**.

In accordance with the regulations, a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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