

7.12 Andoversford (POLICY S10)

7.12.1 Although Andoversford is not a large settlement, it has an above-average level of services and facilities for a village of its size. Importantly, it also has a well established industrial estate and good employment base.

7.12.2 Self-containment is low. This could be explained by the relatively close proximity of the village to Cheltenham. Also, bus services to neighbouring Cheltenham have improved and are convenient for commuting to work during normal hours.

7.12.3 Andoversford's role as a local service and employment centre should be enhanced to help enable it to service a number of villages within a few miles' radius, and reduce reliance on car travel to Cheltenham/ Charlton Kings to the west. Development will also help to enhance Andoversford's potential role as a local service centre in an otherwise poorly-served part of the District. Additional house building will also address the relatively modest need for affordable housing in the Andoversford area.

7.12.4 Although located within the Cotswolds AONB, the village itself has few heritage constraints. Being comparatively 'modern', Andoversford is one of only a handful of recognised settlements in the District that has few listed buildings and no designated conservation area.

7.12.5 A substantial 'corridor' through the main part of village lies within the floodplain of the River Coln's upper reaches. All areas within the floodplain have been excluded from the SHELAA, irrespective of their potential for housing development. An area of higher ground further to the south has, however, been identified in the SHELAA as having development potential. Although the valley side in this area is sensitive to longer-distance views from the north, well designed development good design would help to mitigate the visual impact of modern development in this part of the village.

7.12.6 Within the context of INF1, developers will be required to demonstrate that there is adequate waste water and sewerage capacity both on and off the site to serve the development and that it would not lead to problems for existing or new users. Developers may be required to fund studies to ascertain whether the proposed development would lead to overloading of existing waste water infrastructure.

7.12.7 Allotment provision will be sought as part of any development proposals in Andoversford to meet a deficiency identified in evidence.

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Allocated housing development site:

- A_2 Land to rear of Templefields and Crossfields (25 dwellings net)

Established employment site:

- Andoversford Industrial Estate (EES44)

The following non-strategic (local) infrastructure projects are proposed:

- a. bus routes connecting the village with other settlements;
- b. new natural open space or pocket park; and
- c. allotment provision.