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Vale of White Horse District Council

Local Plan 2031 Part 2
Publication Version
Representation Form

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(For official use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates: Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Please return by 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

This form has two parts:
Part A – Personal Details
Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*
*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	Mr	
First Name	John	
Last Name	Attree	
Job Title (where relevant)	[redacted]	
Organisation representing (where relevant)	[redacted]	
Address Line 1	[redacted]	
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Postal Town	[redacted]	
Post Code	[redacted]	
Telephone Number	[redacted]	
Email Address	[redacted]	

Sharing your details: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation: John Attree

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph		Policy	✓	Policies Map	

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: (*Please tick as appropriate)*

	Yes		No	
4. (1) Legally compliant				✓
4. (2) Sound				✓
4. (3) Compiles with the Duty to Cooperate				✓

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I do not believe that the Plan is Sound.

Its basis (from which everything else evolves) is the number of homes required to be built during the period of the plan. The figure used was produced by a planning consultancy company - but the terms of reference, methodology and assumptions made are unclear. In addition the situation has already changed significantly since the figure was produced e.g. the Dalton Barracks site was not originally available.
It is impossible to challenge the number unless more information is made available.

During the period of the plan it is likely that significant changes to the assumptions made (levels of immigrations, Brexit, the state of the economy etc) will occur. It is extremely unclear how these changes would be input into the plan and if/how the number of homes required would change. This has significant impact on the requirement for infrastructure investment.
The danger of developments being unsustainable and the infrastructure for them being out of synch is obvious.

The logic behind the 'unmet need' for Oxford is also unclear. It is claimed that this need cannot be met within the City boundaries, but again it is unclear where the numbers came from, or why this 'need' has to be met on Abingdon's Green Belt whilst available brown-field sites are available. In addition exporting Oxford's need outside the city will involve more unnecessary traffic and infrastructure.

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6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The number of homes required to be built figures must be capable of scrutiny.

The Plan needs to define the mechanism by which it will respond to changing needs throughout its duration.

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Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.
After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

✓	**No**, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination		**Yes**, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

***Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 8/11/2017

Sharing your personal details

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