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Planning Policy

Vale of White Horse District Council

Dear Sirs

## LOCAL PLAN PART 2 - LPP2 - MAIN MODIFICATIONS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

I have read the proposed amendments suggested by the Inspector and I am very concerned to see that the village of Shippon could become inset to the Green Belt. The protection afforded the village by being washed over by the Green Belt is therefore removed.

The residents of Shippon have always supported the need for some housing on the Abingdon Airfield, this housing does not necessitate Shippon being removed from the Green Belt. There is more than enough land to allow for a 'buffer' between the new development and the village of Shippon, thus allowing the village to remain in the Green Belt.

From the outset LPP2 has stated that the development on Abingdon Airfield will follow Garden Village Principles, therefore making it a stand-alone settlement and not joined in any way to the existing village of Shippon.

It would be disappointing to think that the views of the residents of Shippon are to be completely ignored, particularly as much has been made of the VOWHDC and the Inspector's assurances that this was not to be the case. Indeed the views of the residents and LPP2 are not so very far apart in that they both recognise a need for some housing on Abingdon Airfield, the only point they disagree on is the Green Belt. Surely some compromise can be reached ?

The new development should be delivered as a standalone settlement, separated from the village of Shippon, thus following full Garden Village principles, the village of Shippon then remaining in the Green Belt.

I would urge the Inspector to confirm Green Belt status for Shippon in line with the views of the residents of Shippon.

Yours faithfully

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