

Objection to further development of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

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I object to the VWHDC Local Plan Part 2 proposals to impose further housing development on the settlement of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor (KBS) by allocating sites in open countryside both to the East and West of the existing village envelope.

This settlement has experienced large, uncontrolled development in the free-for-all void period between the expiry of the Local Plan 2011 and the adoption of the Local Plan 2031, Part 1. The infrastructure and service provision of the village cannot take any more expansion without major investment in infrastructure such as a medical centre, schools and sewage treatment works.

I refer specifically to sites identified as KBAG 01, 11, 12 and 13 in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) which supports the Local Plan Part 2. KBAG01 lies in open countryside to the East of KBS and KBAG11, 12 and 13 to the West, again in open countryside.

KBAG01 is included in Core Policies 4a and 8a of Local Plan Part 2. The others are listed in HELAA as "suitable for further consideration".

Development of any of these sites should be regarded as undesirable because:

- (1) they would cause loss of grade 2 agricultural land in the open countryside;
- (2) housing placed on these sites would be distant from the facilities in the village centre, such as the village hall, post office and small cluster of shops adjacent to Cherry Tree Close;
- (3) additional housing would overload the existing primary schools which are at capacity already;
- (4) additional capacity would be needed at the secondary schools;
- (5) the medical centre at Faringdon is already stretched to the point of collapse;
- (6) the existing sewerage system is at capacity;
- (7) the additional traffic movements onto and off the A420 main road would raise safety issues at the badly-designed junction adjacent to KBAG11 and 12.

Comment

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Q1 To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? Please state the paragraph or policy or policies map. core policies 4a, 8a

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? Yes

Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound? Yes

Q4 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate? Yes

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.

Q6 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

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