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**VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN 2031  
(Part 1 Strategic Sites and Policies)**

**EXAMINATION**

**STAGE 2 - MATTERS AND QUESTIONS**

Matter 8 – Strategy for Abingdon on Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area (CP8 – CP11 and CP 14)

**Other than in connection with Green Belt issues (considered in Matter 5) are the Strategic Housing Allocations listed in policy CP8 soundly based and deliverable?**

**(e) South of East Hanney (site 6)**

1. This allocated site is soundly based and deliverable.
2. It has recently been the subject of a planning application which was determined on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
3. During the formal consideration of this Application for 197 houses the District Council and County Council formally accepted the deliverability of the site in relation to all key technical aspects.
4. The scheme was found to be acceptable and no objections were raised (subject to Conditions and necessary Contributions) in respect to the following matters:
  - Vehicular access & highway safety
  - Off-site highway works
  - Pedestrian connectivity to village facilities

- Sustainability of the location in relation to access to employment opportunities local services and schools
  - The provision of necessary services and utilities
  - Archaeology
  - Flooding and flood risk
  - Foul & service water drainage
  - Ecological impact, biodiversity and green infrastructure,
  - Provision of open space
  - Availability of community facilities
5. The particular scheme that was submitted was found to be unacceptable due to landscape concerns, impact on heritage assets, and the density of the proposed layout.
6. A revised proposal is currently being drafted to address these specific matters and we are confident that the site is deliverable and that Committee's concerns can be overcome.
7. Meanwhile the application that was refused is to be subject to an Appeal.
8. Linden homes who are promoting this site will continue to progress the delivery of this allocation and continue to support the Councils position in this Examination. The agreed Statement of Common Ground demonstrates the Council's and Linden's ongoing commitment to this allocated site.