

Dear Mr Kemp

## **WOOTTON AND ST. HELEN WITHOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

We refer to the request made by the Inspector to the Vale of White Horse District Council in respect of the 'expected timetable for the submission and examination of this plan and how you see this process in relation to the adoption of LPP2'. In their reply the Vale stated that they 'anticipated that the plan will proceed to Publication at the start of October 2018 for a six week statutory publication period, with Examination expected to take place during December 2018'.

We feel it appropriate that the Inspector should be aware that the Neighbourhood Plan achieved Publication status on 5<sup>th</sup> October, the six week consultation period is therefore due to end on 16<sup>th</sup> November, at which point the Plan will proceed to Examination.

The representatives of both Parish Councils and Dr Maxted worked extremely hard to achieve this timescale. We are pleased to note the Vale's view that the Plan 'offers a range of positive proposals to assist with planning for the Neighbourhood Area'. We are, however, concerned that the Vale 'does not consider that the draft neighbourhood plan is of direct relevance to the Examination of the Local Plan 2031 Part 2' since we believe this to be somewhat dismissive of the purpose of the Localism Act in ensuring that the views of residents are taken into account in planning matters.

Such is the level of public engagement with the Neighbourhood Plan in our Parishes that both Parish Councils feel that, if procedurally permissible, the above views should be brought to the Inspector's attention.

Yours etc