

**Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part Two Main Modifications  
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The removal of Shippon village from the green belt is unjustified.

National policy is to protect the Green Belt. The main qualities of the Green Belt are its openness and permanence.

The reasoning seems to be that the mooted development of Dalton Barracks nearby is justification for removing Shippon from the Green Belt.

Even if this site is taken forward in this LPP2, development wouldn't happen until 2029 at the earliest. There are questions about the sustainability of this site. The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway may come through this site. The development may not materialise before the end of the plan period for any number of unforeseen reasons.

Removing Shippon from the Green Belt takes away a lot of the protection against development that it currently enjoys, and makes the village unjustifiably vulnerable. I think it's premature, and unjustified currently.

The fact that there is a development of 1200 homes at Dalton Barracks, near to the village, isn't enough of a reason to remove the village from the Green Belt. Local Plan Part 2 policies have maintained green belt status for Whitecross in Wootton, which is just to the west of Dalton Barracks. There is no evidence to demonstrate the exceptional circumstances required for removing Green Belt protection from Shippon.