

Local Plan 2031 Part 2

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Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Vale of White Horse
Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Please return by 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	Mr
First Name	David
Last Name	Farrell
Job Title (where relevant)	
Organisation representing (where relevant)	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Postal Town	
Post Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Sharing your details: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

2.110

Policy

15b

Policies Map

Fig.2.6

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

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No

x

4. (2) Sound

Yes

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No

x

4. (3) Compiles with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

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No

x

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I have attended several of the local presentations and raised questions at these meetings and have not received any satisfactory reasons, explanations, etc. for most of the local planned developments – but North Drive is my home and I work on the Harwell Campus and I do feel that I have a wide appreciation of the developments on the campus – especially as my job does mean I keep informed of the building developments and the companies coming onto the campus.

When I read the statement “*The development of a new neighbourhood at the Campus offers the opportunity to create a purpose built environment, tailored towards the housing needs of the Campus and the local science community.*” These comments do not take into consideration the site in its current state and how the new perspective and landscape will be effected.

Any of the proposed housing will have adverse effect to the character of this area of outstanding natural beauty and the surroundings - there is no real presentation to illustrate the impact of any future development it is all grids on a map and I doubt the individuals have any clue about the feel, character, history of the area and how it will diminish the AONB – One only has to look at the buildings going up on the Harwell campus now to realise that there are some monstrosities going up that don't take into account the AONB – I dread to think what will they put up for the housing if they don't respect the local landscape, their immediate neighbours or the history or beauty of their surroundings.

I would be more agreeable to the building of sympathetically built housing going up on the areas where housing has historically been sited on Curie Avenue and replacing the derelict South Drive housing – all of which is within the boundary of the Harwell campus and would not be detrimental to the local landscape, existing occupants and wildlife, etc.

So subsequently I object to the introduction of the proposed housing development at the Harwell Campus as it disrespects the AONB within the Local Plan Part 2.

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6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

As stated; *"The development of a new neighbourhood at the Campus offers the opportunity to create a purpose built environment, tailored towards the housing needs of the Campus and the local science community."* This does not comply with their duty to cooperate due to the lack of context and the disrespect for the locals who live on the boundaries.

This disregards the residents at North Drive and the users of the historic Icknield Way (walkers, cyclists, horse riders, etc) that runs through South Drive and North Drive and continues through and borders the proposed development. This remains a public right of way and is an artery that runs through the AONB.

They seem convinced that their "sources" prove the need for the number of houses and the take-up of residents from new staff coming to site to support proposed developments on the campus. Currently North Drive has 74 properties and less than 10% of the residents work on the campus – recent sales of properties at North Drive have not been taken-up by people working on the campus...

It has been acknowledged at the presentations that not all of the housing will be for campus workers – even with a small percentage of the housing proposed to be rentals directly to short term worker on the site... If this is thought that it will reduce the need for people for people to commute to the campus, it has not taken into account that the likely majority of people will be commuting away from the new housing to Didcot, Oxford, Reading, etc. or commuting to London... and therefore increasing the local outward traffic on an already woefully inadequate local road system.

So the modification I consider necessary to the LPP2, is the complete removal of this site for housing.

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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.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

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No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

I would like to feel that I am being heard – Written submissions are too anonymous and I would like to know that my thoughts have counted for something worthwhile.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

Date: 21 November 2017

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by Vale of White Horse District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan

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I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates

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Please do not contact me again

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Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

Alternative formats of this form are available on request. Please contact our customer service team on 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial) or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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