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EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC OF

Vale of White Horse Local Plan

Hearing Statement in respect of Hearing Session for Matter 8

On behalf of Merton College Oxford

Matter 8: Housing land supply, viability, delivery and monitoring

Q8.6: Do LPP2 Core Policy 47a and the monitoring framework in Appendix N provide a sound basis for monitoring implementation of the LPP2 and for the necessary action to be taken should the LPP2 not be delivered as envisaged?

- 1.1 A key strategic matter relevant to LPP2 is meeting a component of Oxford's unmet housing need within the District.
- 1.2 The proposed monitoring provision in the Local Plan is opaque. The monitoring of homes agreed to specifically meet Oxford's unmet need (2,200) and be delivered over the plan period is neither separately stated, nor proposed to be separately tracked. This appears at odds with the purpose of specifically meeting Oxford's unmet housing need.
- 1.3 Neither Core Policy nor the monitoring framework within Appendix N have a tracker or indicator of the delivery of the component of housing that will be specifically delivered in order to contribute to Oxford's unmet housing need. Nor is there any tracker of the number of homes (currently 2,200) agreed to be delivered over the plan period (to deliver part of the unmet need), as agreed through the Oxford Growth Board.
- 1.4 It is clear that a stand-alone monitoring metric and associated record of housing delivered to meet Oxford's unmet housing need is kept and capable of being analysed by reference to specific housing completions, tracked against a trajectory for delivery.
- 1.5 The Plan is also silent on the actions and remedies to be taken, should Oxford's unmet need not be delivered as envisaged. We have made reference to possible remedies within our previous submissions, including the potential identification of reserve sites. This must be addressed in order to ensure the District's contribution to meeting Oxford's unmet housing need is deliverable and capable of being monitored.