

## Examination in Public of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan

### Hearing Statement for Stage 1 Matter 2

Patrick and Heather Moseley, long-term residents of Chilton Village.

The Vale of White Horse District Council considers that exceptional circumstances exist to justify the alterations to the Green Belt proposed in the Local Plan and to justify housing development in the AONB.

This view cannot be sustained because the “Objectively Assessed Need” for housing of 20,560 dwellings is unsound and unsustainable. It is based on highly aspirational economic growth figures, which may be acceptable in a marketing document that is intended to seek infrastructure funding from Government, but are not an appropriate basis on which to determine housing supply.

Further, builders’ preference for greenfield land would lead to a more dispersed pattern of development and a diversion of interest and investment away from towns if the Plan were to remain unmodified, and increased house prices would result. Comparison of the selling prices of properties in a recent development in Chilton village with equivalent designs in Didcot show, on average, a 20% premium for housing within the AONB.