

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN 2031

Stage 2 Examination

Matter 9 – Strategy for South East Vale Sub-Area (CP15 and CP16)

Representation from Harwell Parish Council

*6.2 [sic] Would the alternatively proposed housing site at Harwell Campus:
(i) accord with the exceptional circumstances and public interest tests?
(ii) more appropriately meet housing needs?*

Harwell PC is opposed in principle to any plans for large scale housing developments in the AONB, and specifically it remains opposed to the Vale proposals for 850 houses on the Harwell Campus East site.

The PC has noted the proposals tabled by the Campus Partnership (EiP Stage 1, Matter 3 representations) and welcomes these as a better option than the Campus East site, but is still concerned about the intrusion into the AONB and the apparent high density of the proposed housing.

A smaller target for housing numbers on this site is preferable, especially because it appears that Valley Park can accommodate many more houses than the Local Plan site proposal.

Please also see the original representations, specifically Harwell Parish Council Representation 2 – AONB and Representation 4 – Harwell West Site Selection both of which relate to CP15, and also which address the issues to be raised in Matter 6.