



Hearing Statement

on behalf of The Hendred Estate

Examination into the Vale of White Horse
Local Plan 2031 (Part 1 Strategic Sites and
Policies)

Stage 2 – Hearing Session

Matter 9

(for Matter 9.2 see also our separate comments
on 6.2)

January 2016

Introduction

1. This statement is submitted to the Examination into the Vale of White Horse District Local Plan 2011-2031: Part 1 on behalf of landowner the Hendred Estate¹.
2. This statement responds to the issues raised by the Inspector in his Stage 2 - Matters and Questions (17 December 2015)

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

- 9.1 *Other than in connection with AONB issues (considered in Matter 6) are the Strategic Housing Allocations listed in policy CP15 soundly based and deliverable?***

(g) North-West of Harwell Campus (site 12)

An ecological report was commissioned by the client and concluded there were no known features of ecological or other such features of environmental importance that would preclude development of the site. It can be confirmed that the site is available immediately for housing development and there are not considered to be any fundamental barriers to achieving or delivering housing on the site.

- 9.2 *Are there other sites which would more appropriately meet the identified need for new housing?***

In relation to Site 13 it is considered that the alternatively proposed housing site at Harwell Campus (south of site 12 etc) would be likely to represent a better solution as it may be considered to more appropriately meet housing needs.

Hendred Estate and Harwell Oxford Campus Partnership have agreed a basis which will enable Harwell to deliver a comprehensive development of the

¹ Hendred Estate is the trading name of landowner Mr ETI Eyston

whole area. They are minded to work collaboratively, as encouraged under the proposed Local Plan. With this in mind, the Hendred Estate is supportive of the representations (in relation to Matters 6 and 9) that have been made by Kemp & Kemp on behalf of The Harwell Campus Partnership (December 2014 and January 2016) which we have seen prior to writing this submission. Their detailed submission is endorsed and it is not considered necessary to repeat the salient points made in their submission.

(question 9.2 is also answered in our representations on question 6.2 as it was prepared prior to us spotting that the order had changed).

9.3 No comment

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