



**Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One:
Strategic Sites and Policies**
Publication Stage Representation Form

Ref:

(For official
use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Vale of White Horse Local Plan

Response form for the Vale of White Horse strategic planning policy document., the Local Plan Part one. Please return to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, OX10 8ED or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk no later than Friday 19 December 2014 by 4.30 pm precisely.

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

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First Name

Caroline

Last Name

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Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 2

Abingdon

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

OX14 1LS

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate?

Paragraph	4.2, 4.3, 4.8, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.25 - 31 4.33	Policy	CP 3	Proposals Map	
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The proposed sites in North Abingdon are next to a 'Market Town'. However they are in the Green Belt, in an area with already congested roads. The nearest employment site at Radley Road Industrial Estate is over 3 km away from the centre of the Dunmore

Road site (not 2.1 km as specified in SA Report Appendices s p.123). That has no room for expansion. Other new employment sites are considerably further away on busy roads in Culham (5.8Km), Milton Park (12.4Km) Harwell (16.4Km) or Oxford (8.9Km). So the main new employment sites are outside Abingdon altogether. So why build so many houses next to Abingdon?

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In the proposed North Abingdon development, “Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive would cause severance for the site and pedestrian crossings would need to be implemented” (SA Report Appendices p.119). Roundabouts would also be needed in order to allow vehicles to exit estate roads. Thus the site could only comply with SO3 if Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive becomes a residential

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Paragraph

6.68-6.70

Policy

SO 9

Proposals Map

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Yes

No

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The vulnerability of the A34 is a critical factor

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requiring a diamond junction at Lodge Hill (N. Abingdon), as well as additional lanes between M40 and Chilton, and possibly a southern bypass and river crossing. This needs to be in place before any housing development, otherwise traffic congestion within Abingdon will become impossible during lane closures for widening. There are no plans at all to widen the A34.

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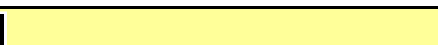
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Policy

CP 12

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The proposed housing in North and north west Abingdon will be right alongside the A34 with attendant noise and pollution problems that will be difficult to mitigate. Developing the A415 will have the effect in INCREASING traffic through the town unless an eastern bypass were constructed avoiding Bridge Street.

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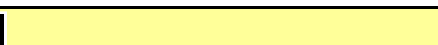
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Placing housing to the North/north west of Abingdon when the main employment opportunities are to the south of the town will place additional stresses on the road network; the distances are such that walking and cycling are not really an

option; buses do not serve these routes.
The vulnerability of A34 and lack of alternative routes leads to severe congestion at peak times, and at other times if there is an incident on it.

Increased traffic through Abingdon to Culham Science Centre, and round the orbital road will increase air pollution in

the town.

The proposal does not in any way help with access to Oxford. It already takes an hour to travel the 6 miles from N. Abingdon to the centre of Oxford at peak times, and the huge number of additional vehicles on the A34 from the new developments will increase this significantly.

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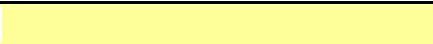
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Paragraph

5.39,
5.40,
5.42,
6.82,
6.108,
6.111

Policy

CP 13

Proposals Map

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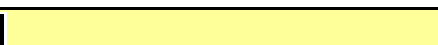
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