



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

Ref:

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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)

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Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
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Post Code	OX12 0JF	
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E-mail Address (where relevant)	██████	

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="No"/>
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Please mark as appropriate.

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The scale of the housing development proposed for the site to the South of East Hanney is inappropriate. It is in conflict with the third strand of the Spatial Strategy, which seeks to “promote thriving villages whilst safeguarding the village character”. The plan will not sustain the village character. A block of 200 additional homes is too many to add to the existing 330 homes. It is a radical, damaging change to a village community. The change would not be proportionate.

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East Hanney should not be classified as a “large village”. It should be reclassified, and allocated only a reasonable share of the housing which is required. It should not be expected to expand disproportionately over the currency of the plan.

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The allocations of housing in the Vale of White Horse are inconsistent. Many villages with similar or greater facilities scores to East Hanney are not allocated a block.
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East Hanney has a “facilities score” of 14, which means that its classification as a “large village” is marginal. The loss of only one facility, such as the mobile library as appears to be imminent, would reduce the score to that appropriate to a small village. The allocation of houses should be evenly distributed amongst villages with similar scores, and be proportionate to their size.

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The identification of the strategic allocations was flawed and unsound, particularly in the process of obtaining and reviewing responses to earlier stages of consultation. In the interval between the village meeting held in February 2014, and the publication of the Plan in October 2014, the basis of the housing allocation was changed. The consultation meeting discussed only the site East of East Hanney; in the published Plan the development is relocated to the site South of East Hanney with no further consultation. There was therefore no consultation on the site currently envisaged, and the review was unsound.

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Repeat the consultation exercise to enable both potential sites to be considered together.

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The location of the development proposed for the site South of East Hanney is unsound, because it is upstream of the rest of the village on Letcombe Brook, and will therefore add to the flow of water through the village. The Plan maintains that this will have a neutral effect, but recent experience, particularly of severe flooding in 2007, indicates that this is a very unsound and dangerously optimistic conclusion.

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Conduct a detailed assessment, taking into account the conclusion of other qualified bodies that the whole of East Hanney is susceptible to emerging water.

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