



**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](mailto: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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## 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

CP4

Proposals Map

Abingdon – on –  
Thames and Oxford  
sub area.

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

☒

No

☐

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared,  
Effective and Justified)

Yes

☐

No

☒

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-  
operate

Yes

☐

No

☐

*Please mark as appropriate.*

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

The district is under severe housing pressures from a number of sources. The housing needs associated with the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford sub area relate not only to Abingdon, Kennington and Botley, but also the strong market area of Oxford. Location of new homes in this sub area should be ones that are related to these sources, in particular Oxford given as the Local plan accepts at paragraph 5.1 that this sub area provides housing for residents in Oxford. The location of new homes that are related to this area physically and functionally should be supported in meeting the overall sustainability objectives of the plan.

Given the level of housing need the plan should be as flexible as possible in allowing this housing need to be met as soon as possible, more over given the 5 year Housing Land Supply issues facing the district.

Housing needs in the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford fringe sub areas should be met in full and located as close to Oxford city as possible in order to secure a sustainable location for new housing development and reduce the impact on the A34 corridor.

The Council carried out an Oxford Green Belt Review (November 2014). This is supported. Areas that have been identified as not serving a Green Belt purpose and removed from the green belt should be allowed to come forward for residential development as soon as possible through a Part 2 Local Plan, or the Neighbourhood Plan process or through the Development Management process, irrespective of the location of the site. In this regard and in order to create necessary flexibility in the plan Core Policy 4 should be amended.

The plan's Glossary includes the following definition for Smaller Villages. "Smaller villages have a low level of services and facilities, where any development should be modest in scale and primarily be to meet local needs". Accordingly there is no need in the policy to limit development within the smaller villages to "infill" only. It should only be development that is limited and as the Glossary confirms "modest in scale" having regard to the location of the settlement and its access to "services and facilities".

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

If the suggested amendment to Policy CP3 is not made in respect of North Hinksey and its classification as part of Botley, CP4 should be amended as follows to read:

**Developments at market towns, local service centres, ~~and~~ larger villages and smaller villages.**

*There is a presumption in favour of sustainable development within the existing built up area of market towns, local service centres, ~~and~~ larger villages and appropriately located smaller villages in accordance with Core Policy 1.*

Development at Smaller Villages

After the word "limited" delete "infill"

After local plan 2031 add "or through the Development Management Process".

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

**After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.**

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

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**No**, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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**Yes**, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary: ☐

**Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:



Date:

18/12/2014

