

## **Vale of White Horse District Local Plan 2031**

### **Representations by Mr Andrew Liddiard**

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#### **Core Policy 20**

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#### **Appendix A**

Andrew Liddiard supports the allocation of around 200 dwelling on land to the South West of Faringdon. The allocation is a logical location for growth at Faringdon which does not harm the either setting of Faringdon Conservation Area or (unlike the Gladman proposal) the landscape merits of 'Humpty Dumpty Hill'.

Any new homes would be well related to the existing urban area and the proposed South Faringdon Allocation (Great Coxwell Parish). There would be ready access to the facilities in Faringdon by means other than a private car.

In response to the specific matters raised in Appendix A, the following comments are to be noted by the Council and may give rise to amendments:

1. There is the ability to relocate the overhead power line which crosses part of Mr Liddiard's land ownership.
2. The provision of access from the adjoining South Faringdon (Great Coxwell Parish) allocation should not be discounted for at least the southern part of the South West Faringdon allocation. Both parcels of land are owned by Mr Liddiard and it would make greater sense for traffic to be directed to Coxwell Road through the scheme known as The Steeds rather than increasing traffic along Highworth Road.
3. Based upon a recently submitted transport assessment, it is now understood that a major upgrade to the A420/Coxwell Road junction may not be required.
4. There is a need for the contribution towards the upgrading of the No. 66 service to be fully justified.
5. The delivery of adequate pedestrian and cycle links from Fernham Road is unrealistic for this allocation. However, the potential for at least part of this allocation to have an access from Coxwell Road through the scheme known as The Steeds should address any concerns.
6. The allocation is a distance away from the A420 and there should be no requirement to consider noise and air quality impacts from this road.
7. The land is and has been in agricultural use, is devoid of any built development and is not a contamination risk exists.
8. It is proposed that new planting should also extend along the allocation's western boundary to provide a 'soft' edge for the built development of Faringdon.
9. Because of its location and relationship to the lower lying land to the south none of the allocation is susceptible to flooding.