



**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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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

CP2

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.

The level of housing need identified for the city of Oxford is not going to be met within the city's administrative boundary. This point has been acknowledged by the City Council.

The second paragraph of Core Policy 2 suggests that Oxford City "may" not be able to accommodate the whole of its new housing requirement for the 2011/2031 period within its administrative boundary.

The Policy should acknowledge that Oxford "will" not be able to accommodate the whole of its new housing requirement. The local plan should acknowledge this.

The Plan identifies an overall housing requirement of 20,560 for the period 2011/2031 and seeks to meet the full objectively assessed needs for the District Council itself. On the basis that the City will not be able to meet all of its needs, a contingency reserve of at least 10% should be planned for in the plan as reserved sites (either within or beyond the green belt).

The principle of these contingency sites can be established in the Part 1 Plan and either be identified in it or left to a Part 2 local plan or a partial review. The trigger for the release of these contingency sites can be the acknowledgement of the Oxford City not meeting its needs. This approach will enable the plan to start to meet a portion of these unmet needs as early as possible. Such a change will make the Local Plan more legally compliant, sound and comply with the duty to cooperate.

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.

In the second paragraph after the words Oxford City delete "may" and insert "will" instead.

At the end of the fifth paragraph add "in the meantime this plan establishes the principle of contingencies reserve sites being identified through the part 2 Local Plan or through adopted neighbourhood development plans. No dwelling completions will occur on any contingency reserve sites unless one of the following applies:

- 1- The Council accepts that the overall dwelling requirement for 20,560 net additional dwellings within the district between April 2011 to March 2031 is unlikely to be achieved, it will the identify for development a site or sites from the contingency reserve sites; or
- 2- The Council accepts that there is a deficit in the rolling 5 year of housing land, it will then identify for development a site or sites form the contingency reserve sites; or
- 3- The Adoption of the Oxford City Local Plan confirms that it is not able to accommodate the whole of its new housing requirement for the 2011/ 2031 period within its administrative boundary then the Council will identify a site or sites from the list of contingency reserve sites for immediate release.

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:

To discuss the reasons why, in its present form, the plan is unsound.

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:

A black rectangular box redacting the signature.

Date:

18/12/2014

