



**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)

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

CP13

Proposals Map

Abingdon – on –  
Thames and Oxford  
sub area.

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

☒

No

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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 principle of a Green Belt review is supported in meeting the needs of the district and that of Oxford City. The local Green Belt review examined proposals around Wootton (sites 9, 10 and 23 in the November 2014 report). Land to the west of Wootton does not appear to have been adequately assessed. The Green Belt review phase 2 report does not appear to have assessed the potential of land on the south western side of Wootton that is contained by existing built forms on three sides with the Sanford Brook and its mature wooded landscape corridor on the fourth side. The report acknowledges rightly that the Sanford Brook and its wooded corridor define the western settlement edge. The suggested omission from the green belt would still respect this landscape corridor and acknowledged settlement edge feature. The omission site is therefore well contained and related to the settlement. The site is better related to the settlement than the more open countryside beyond. The proposal will not be out of scale with the remainder of Wootton, a classified larger village.

As to Green Belt functions the site will:

- Not impact upon the unrestricted sprawl of Oxford.
- Not impact on any issues of coalescence with neighbouring towns owing to the enclosure of the site.
- Not conflict with the need to safeguard the more open countryside from encroachment  
due to the self-contained nature of the site and its ability to respect the Sanford Brook and the mature landscape corridor to the west that screen and separate the site from the more open countryside (Green Belt) beyond.
- Not conflict with the objective of preserving the setting of special character of historic Oxford due to the self-contained nature of the site.
- Not conflict with the objectives of assisting urban regeneration by encouraging recycling of derelict and other urban land within Wootton itself due to limited opportunities for derelict or urban land in Wootton.

The removal of this parcel of land from the Green Belt would not cause harm to any Green Belt functions and would present an opportunity to meet the districts housing needs via a part 2 Local Plan allocation, or the Neighbourhood Plan process or through the Development Management Process consistent with Core Policy 3.

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.

Amend the Policies Proposals Map by redefining the green belt around Wootton to exclude the omission site. The new green belt boundary is illustrated on Plan WB1.

**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 rectangular box containing a solid black rectangle, which is a redaction of a signature.

Date:

18/12/2014

