



**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

Mr

First Name

Roger

Last Name

Turnbull

Job Title

Director

(where relevant)

Organisation

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(where relevant)

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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

SUSTAINABILITY
APPRAISAL

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

No

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

Yes

No

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.

Appendix 15 of the Sustainability Appraisal concludes that there is no clear preference between the particular strategies. It concludes that higher levels of housing could potentially be more sustainable, but in this case the higher percentage of housing outside the larger urban areas in Option G would lead to a less sustainable option.

The conclusion is qualified by the need to detailed transport assessment of the options. Given that 7,000 extra dwellings in the Preferred Option G would generate c. 50,000 trips per day, based a trip generation rate of 7 trips per dwelling per day, it is difficult to see how significantly higher traffic generation by car could be mitigated by design or development management. There appears to be no sensitivity testing of a “what if” scenario if levels of homes and jobs do not rise above those in Options A, C, D, & E, based on the RSS.

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

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.

The proposed modification sought is the preferred option being Option A, C, D, or E, which reduce proposed housing to c. 14,000 dwellings and jobs that balance the level of housing approximately 12,000 jobs.

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

☐ YES

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:

Appendix 15 conclusions states that there is no clear preference for a particular strategy. In view of this advice I would seek at the Examination on what basis the Council selected Option G for 21,000 dwellings instead of the lower level of housing in Options A, C, D & E.

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:

18th Dec 2014

