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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? No

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified) No

If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list. N/A

If you think your comment relates to the DtC, this is about how we have worked with the Duty to Cooperate bodies (such as neighbouring planning authorities)

Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Co-operate? Yes

Q4 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 allocation of 1400 homes within the protected landscape pf the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding natural Beauty is without precedent in any National Park or Area of Outstanding natural

Beauty anywhere in the UK. It sets the most dangerous precedent for all other protected landscapes. It is contrary to the legal requirement upon Vale of White Horse District Council to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB and it precludes Chilton Parish Council from exercising a similar responsibility incumbent upon all public bodies. As such it fails to abide by the CRoW Act 2000 and does not take into account Paragraph 115 and 116 of the NPPF. I do not believe that there Vale of White Horse District Council has proved beyond doubt that its proposal qualifies as a unique exception to the presumption against development within the AONB.

Q5 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 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.

Since 70% of the Vale district outside the AONB, and other sites are available:

(a) Remove the allocation of 1000 from East Harwell Campus and North West Harwell Campus (b) Allocate 400 houses to North West Harwell Campus provided the whole allocation is within the perimeter of Harwell Campus and is controlled by Harwell campus. (c) Reallocate 1000 houses to other sites available within the Vale district e.g.

Valley Park Didcot A Distributed throughout the West Vale West of Steventon

Or reduce the SHMA allocation for the district by 1000

Remove the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty entirely from the Science Vale ? Ring fence? in order to protect it from future speculative development should Science Vale fall behind with delivery of housing targets

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.

Q6 If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? No - I do not wish to participate at the oral examination