

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Vale of White Horse
Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Please return by 5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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.

Title

Last Name

Job Title (where relevant)

Organisation representing
(where relevant)

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Sharing your details: please see page 3

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

14a

Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

✓

No

4. (2) Sound

Yes

No

✓

4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

✓

No

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. 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 Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Please refer to the accompanying representations document which sets out why our client considers the Local Plan is unsound.

(Continue on page 4 /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 matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate 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.

Please refer to the accompanying representations document which sets out why our client considers the Local Plan is unsound. The expansion of the land safeguarded for a reservoir and ancillary work has not been properly justified.

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?

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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:

Our client wishes to amplify their concerns.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

Date:

22/11/2017

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by Vale of White Horse District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan

I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates

Please do not contact me again

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

Alternative formats of this form are available on request. Please contact our customer service team on 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial) or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 Detailed Policies and Additional Sites. Core Policy 14a

Issued November 2017

- 1.1 Core Policy 14a seeks states that:
- “Land is safeguarded for a reservoir and ancillary works between the settlements of Drayton, East Hanney and Steventon in accordance with the proposals set out in the Water Resources Management Plan 2014 and Core Policy 14 (Local Plan 2031: Part 1).”*
- 1.2 This Policy replaces the area safeguarded between the settlements of Drayton, East Hanney and Steventon as shown by the Adopted Policies Map. Whilst the safeguarded area that is identified in the Part 1 local plan appears to be indicative only, the proposed Policy 14a significantly expands the safeguarded area in all directions, such that it will now encompass the majority of the land between the A34 to the east, A388 to the west, railway line to the south and Marcham Mill to the north. It also now seeks to include an area to the east of the A34, between Drayton and Abingdon.
- 1.3 Whilst it is recognised that the replacement policy seeks to provide clarity regarding the precise boundaries of the safeguarded land, it is a matter of concern that no explanation has been provided for this expansion. The topic papers and the evidence documents are all silent on the operational requirement for such a significant expansion to the safeguarded area. The Council should publish the evidence that underpins the approach that it is seeking to take in respect of this area.
- 1.4 It is a further matter of concern that draft Policy 14a makes no reference to the Thames Water Resources Management Plan 2019. Core Policy 14, which is to be replaced by Policy 14a expressly stated that land is to be safeguarded *“unless subsequent publication of Thames Water’s Resources Management Plan 2019 indicates that the location is not necessary for future reservoir provision”*. The implication of this is that if the Management Plan did not identify the site as a preferred option for a new reservoir, the safeguarding would be lifted. As presently drafted, Core Policy 14a is silent on this matter and our client is concerned that the Council might maintain the safeguarding even in the event that the *Resources Management Plan 2019* does not identify an operational requirement for a reservoir in this location.