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Planning Policy

Vale of the White Horse DC

135 Eastern Avenue

Milton Park

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Planning Team

Re VWHDC Local Plan 2031 Part 2 – sites in East Hanney for development

We wish to make the following comments concerning the site north of Ashfields Lane and that north of Steventon Road. Our comments apply also to the site north of Summertown. We find these applications extremely concerning for the following reasons

1. This area is flood plain. Major flooding has occurred in the past which would involve these sites. The prevention of flooding in new sites can have major impact on existing properties.
2. This village has in recent years undergone considerable expansion. We have a single village school and a single shop
3. Services: medical services struggle currently with sometimes a 3 week wait for a GP appointment and long waits for hospital appointments or services such as physiotherapy.
4. Road services: We are particularly concerned at the marked increase in traffic on the A338 due to recent building development south of E Hanney, which will be further increased by vehicles from these estates (probably in excess of 200 extra cars) affecting road safety and leading to environmental noise and pollution. The bollard opposite Ashfields Lane provides little confidence in crossing the A338 safely, for children from the estates on the east side crossing to/from Hanney School, Equally for bus passengers alighting from south bound buses there are dangers – one of us was nearly mown down by a Wantage-bound driver travelling at high speed on the wrong side of the bollard in an attempt to queue-jump 6 or 7 stationary vehicles behind a bus disgorging passengers. This calls into question any proposed arrangements for cars joining the A338 from the new estate to the north. The 30 mph limit would need to be moved some distance northward to counter the present habit of drivers accelerating long before the present 50mph sign. The increase in traffic will also extend into all local roads causing congestion and inter alia making cycling along the Oxford Cycleway even more hazardous.

Yours sincerely

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