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Q1 To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? Please state the paragraph or policy or policies map. Core Policy 12a

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? No

Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound? No

Q4 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate? No

Q5 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 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 cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The view of the local authority is that merely by putting the plans on the council website it is deemed that the electors of the vale of the White horse have been fully informed. I believe this is not the case where the technology exists to contact everybody within the file of the White horse and to inform them of the safeguarding of the land.

There has been no attempt to contact the landowners who are directly affected by the safeguarding of the land by the local authority.

Spurious bus and cycle routes have been safeguarded from Whitecross past south of Sunningwell through to the proposed Lodge Hill park-and-ride at the Diamond interchange. These routes have

been ploughed through open countryside which is within the greenbelt allocation around Oxford. It is obvious these roots have been placed to stymie any potential housing application from local landowners however by doing this you have blighted local properties for the next 14 years.

The Dalton barracks windfall should have led to a review of the housing policy in North Abingdon the Brownfield site has the potential for several thousand houses and this could have precluded the building of 1200 houses to the north of Dunmow Road from Copenhagen drive through to Peach Croft farm.

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Instead of the local authority has ploughed on with previously agreed housing development and the percentage increase in the number of houses in North Abingdon is far too great to Be sustainable.

The Brownfield site at Dalton barracks is deemed to be approached with garden town principles and it is obvious that the park-and-ride and other amenities should be integrated within the confines of the current Dalton barracks site and links to the A34 and improvements to the bus routes would follow naturally from that location.

The housing allocations proposed are unsustainable and the highways improvements are not confirmed I believe the local authorities negligent in proposing the housing allocations before funding and roots are confirmed for the South Abingdon link road over the Thames from column and the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and any changes improvements and alterations to the A34 main trunk road .

Q6. 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.

The Brownfield site at Dalton barracks should have a safeguarding area for a potential park-and-ride with access to the A34 trunk Road south and north. This will protect greenbelt land between Abingdon and Oxford preserving an important visual and environmental amenity .

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

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.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

As a resident directly affected by these proposals for safeguarded land my concerns over the planning process and the lack of direct communication and the failure of the local authority to consider other sites for the park and ride and review the housing plan in the light of the Dalton barracks windfall I feel my voice should be heard at that vital stage.

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