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To: Planning Policy Vale
Cc: Sue Holmes; Monica Seeney; Jen Hoddinott
Subject: Response to Vale of White Horse DC Local Plan 2031 Part 2

Dear planning policy team

Please see below response to the Local Plan 2031 Part 2 on behalf of Sue Holmes, Director of Estates and Facilities Management at Oxford Brookes University:

Oxford Brookes University welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2: Detailed Policies and Additional Sites. We are supportive of the proposed Plan and would like to take this opportunity to comment on the key areas of importance for the University, namely housing, transport infrastructure and provision of local services.

Oxford Brookes has one of its three Oxford-based campuses, Harcourt Hill, situated within the Vale. The campus includes significant sports facilities which are well utilised by the local community, in particular the swimming pool for use by local schools.

The University is currently looking to invest in the Harcourt Hill Campus, creating a more vibrant academic environment and enhancing the existing sports provision for students, staff and community members.

As part of the University's plans we are looking for modest growth in student numbers, which works alongside the Plan.

Affordability of housing remains an issue in the region. As one of Oxfordshire's largest employers, Oxford Brookes welcomes policies which support good quality, affordable housing options for staff across all income levels.

We also have a number of students on courses who undertake placements as part of their studies, supporting, in particular, school and healthcare services in the area. These students, many of whom are mature students, are also residents in these communities.

The University recognises the importance of access to services and transport links to support the provision of new housing. We are committed to sustainable travel and remain supportive of measures to provide transport infrastructure developments including public transport, roadways and cycle routes.

While these issues are challenging, the University is supportive of policies to ensure that local businesses and residents throughout the district remain supported.

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With my best wishes
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