

Local Plan 2031 Part 2

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Representation Form

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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	Mrs
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2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Sharing your details: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation: Appleton with Eaton Parish Council

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

3.121

Policy

Development
Policy 17

Policies Map

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

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

X

No

4. (2) Sound

Yes

No

X

4. (3) Compiles with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

X

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.

While the Local Plan part 2 provides policies that address the needs of new developments it fails to provide solutions to the impact of traffic as a result of the proposed sites on existing settlements within the Vale.

Specifically, there are concerns about the traffic volume through Appleton village that runs parallel to the A420 (from the A415 to Cumnor village), as a result of the substantial development at the allocated site east of Kingston Bagpuize at Fyfield.

The increased volume/capacity ratio of traffic along the A420 corridor predicted by the modelling assessment in the Evaluation of Transport Impacts (ETI) – Stage 2, at points both east and west of Appleton is likely to increase traffic flow through the village as an alternative route to the A420. This increased traffic flow is predicted in the ETI- Stage 2 for option 1, 2, 3 and the mitigation scenario (see ETI – Stage 2 figures 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 22 & 23).

These will have several impacts for Appleton village and the wider parish. There are safety concerns for pedestrians particularly schoolchildren during the peak morning hours with Appleton being a rural village without the infrastructure (such as pedestrian crossings) to cope with an increase in traffic flow. There are concerns over possible decline in air quality in the village due to congestion on the narrow roads producing an increase in airborne particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide (in contradiction to Development Policy 26). There are safety concerns for cyclists on the narrow rural roads with nation speed limits.

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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.

The Local Plan part 2 does acknowledge the potential increase in traffic volume along the A420 corridor but does not offer any solid solutions other than an improved public transport service from the new allocated sites. This is unlikely to be sufficient to deter drivers from the A415 rerouting through Appleton to avoid the potential congestion on the A420 between Southmoor and Botley Interchange.

Modifications to the Local Plan part 2 will be required to address the impact of increased traffic on major roads, such as the A420, and provide policies that will ensure proposals for development support existing settlements affected by the subsequent traffic increase to put in place measures that would ensure the prevention of rerouting traffic through villages with rural roads lacking infrastructure.

The Local Plan part 2 could ensure that proposals that result in the increase in traffic along the A420 corridor have in place measures to improve the A420 by widening the carriageways at the points at which the increased volume/capacity ratio of traffic is increased (see ETI – Stage 2), thus decreasing the risk of congestion and reducing the likelihood of traffic rerouting through rural villages.

In the case of Appleton, these measures could be in the form of traffic calming measures on Netherton Road at the junction of the A415 and from the junction of Abingdon Road and Appleton Road in Cumnor as a deterrent to divert through Appleton. In addition, providing funds to re-instate the bus service through Appleton would contribute to reduce the number of car journeys from Appleton residents.

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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?

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

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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:

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

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

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Please do not contact me again

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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.**

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