

## Local Plan 2031 Part 2

### Publication Version Representation Form

Ref:

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use only)

**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](mailto: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.

### 2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	Mr	
First Name	Keith	
Last Name	Budgen	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation representing (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Postal Town		
Post Code		
Telephone Number		
Email Address		

**Sharing your details:** please see page 3

## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation: **Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council**

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

**Core Policy 4a and 8a**

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

4. (1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox" value="NO"/>
4. (2) Sound	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/>
4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

I have been involved in a local group from Fyfield and Tubney which has carefully reviewed all the applicable policies and the details set out in the Local Plan 2031 Part 2. I fully support and associate myself to the detailed objections submitted to you by the Parish Council. These provide a strong case that the plan is not legally compliant and not sound.

To avoid repetition I shall not repeat my concerns here other than in summary. Fundamentally, there has been no involvement of the community or the Parish Council in developing the plan and it appears that the planning authority was not even aware of the parish in which the proposed development was located. The legal requirement for involvement and consultation has not been followed and therefore it is not legally compliant. Not only that but the evidence base for the site is seriously flawed and biased and the development conflicts with the DC's own policies and objectives and is therefore unsound.

A great deal rests of the efficacy of the number 66 bus to convey the occupants of the proposed new dwellings to their places of work. It is unrealistic to expect these people to travel to work by public transport, unless they have jobs in the centre of Oxford or Swindon. Even getting to and from Abingdon, which is just 5 miles away, is not practicable by bus. Most people from the proposed 600 new houses will be compelled to use their cars to reach around Oxford, business parks and Didcot station for access to London, which will add to congestion of the already overcrowded A420. One hapless representative of VOWHDC suggested flexible hours or working from home would reduce congestion on the A420 and the time spent travelling, but that is a luxury not afforded to many coming from affordable houses whose occupations may require them to be in the workplace (such as hospital workers, bus drivers, builders, employees in industrial units etc). The proposal is therefore unsound.

The financial viability of the development is questionable because of the cost of the infrastructure changes required, such as for changes to roads and the additional measures that would be required to mitigate environmental and amenity harm, coupled with the cost to the developers of affordable homes, village hall, school, etc, would inevitably result in these not being provided. There is much evidence across the country that the number of affordable homes set out at the planning stage are never built because the developers find subsequently that they cannot afford to complete them. Closer to home developers in Southmoor promised a sports pavilion as part of their plan but in the end did not provide it and the DC could do nothing about it. On this basis the proposal is unsound.

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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.

Withdrawal of the site from the plan, review calculations for the number of homes needed by 2031 and then allocate that number in more appropriate sites that meet national and local policies.

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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?

**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:

So that the inspector can examine the DC's evidence and hear contrary views.

<b>Please note</b> 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: Keith Budgen CBE

Date: 20.11.2017

### 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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