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Dear Vale Planners

It seems there are some issues with your form for collecting responses so am responding in a simple e-mail.

I would like to make comments on the Local Plan Part 2, ask some questions and register my objection to the Plan as it currently stands on the grounds that it is unsound, unnecessarily damaging to the environment and Green Belt, inadequately thought through and premature in some of its provisions. While additional housing may be required the transport and environmental implications could be handled far more effectively.

What are the Vale forecasts for the additional traffic consequential on the development of Dalton Barracks for housing?

Could the initial phase of 1200 dwellings be provided by enhancing and adopting routes of the current 4/4B bus routes for access to Abingdon & Oxford? This would avoid a substantial flow of new traffic to the proposed P&R at Lodge Hill and the associated damage to Green Belt which the new P&R proposal would cause. Also, why is the new P&R proposed when there is no sign of funding available?

What are the Vale's forecasts for the use of their proposed new P&R site at Lodge Hill? What has the Vale considered in terms of retention of the Redbridge facility, which works well, and adding a further P&R, if one is needed, somewhat further away e.g. at the A34/A415 junction? Together such an arrangement could play a much more substantial role in taking traffic off the A34 between Abingdon/Oxford/Milton Park as well as avoiding impact on the Green Belt of the proposed Lodge Hill P&R.

Why is there any consideration at all of an Oxford-Cambridge expressway? Surely the rail link is the better way forward?

I trust that the Vale will give much fuller consideration to its Plans and come forward with proposals which are soundly based, for which the logic and criteria for selection are clear and local residents can see that due care has been exercised. The Vale would be well advised to work closely with SPADE and the local village councils which have given very serious consideration of these issues and could play a helpful part in achieving the increase in housing we need while attending effectively, creatively and with sensitivity to the associated transport and environmental issues.

Yours sincerely

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