

To Whom this May Concern,

Using the A420 daily, it only serves to exemplify the idiotic planning laws at present which are inept and impractical. By opening the floodgates in the Vale of White Horse, to opportunistic builders, without considering the infrastructure issues and all the other problems these massive building projects throw up, the government is signing away the whole village structure of our once beautiful and disappearing countryside and causing horrendous problems in the future.

The government should first be focussing on why there is a housing issue and address that with higher density housing in urban areas where it is appropriate, rather than giving companies carte blanche authority, effectively, to build without responsibility. Nearby Swindon has great swaths of open unused land within their own boundaries. Start first by utilising that and regenerating the sad town centre before destroying the gorgeous remaining country villages nearby.

With an election looming, the government ought to be thing about where they get most of their votes from!

As a local resident I am extremely concerned about the “environmental constraints or issues related to congestion and local infrastructure” which are “very relevant issues in considering how much development can be sustainably accommodated and where new development should be located” (Government guidance quoted at Paragraph 4.11 on Pg 25 of the SHMA report). Your current draft Local Plan pays no regard to the interests of existing communities in the Vale or of its natural and historic heritage and will have disastrous consequences for the rural character of the Vale.

With regards,

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