



**Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One:
Strategic Sites and Policies**
Publication Stage Representation Form

Ref:

(For official
use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Vale of White Horse Local Plan

Response form for the Vale of White Horse strategic planning policy document, the Local Plan Part one. Please return to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, OX10 8ED or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk no later than Friday 19 December 2014 by 4.30 pm precisely.

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)

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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

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

Paragraph

Policy

Core Policy
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Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared,
Effective and Justified)

Yes

No

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-
operate

Yes

No

Please mark as appropriate.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. 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 co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The Western Vale Sub-Area contains the Market Town of Faringdon and a number of villages which range in size from small hamlets to larger villages, including Shrivenham.

Shrivenham is located approximately five miles east of Swindon and offers employment and education opportunities at Hundred Business Park, the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom and a campus of Cranfield University. It also offers a range of other local community facilities and services.

The Vale of White Horse Housing Delivery Update (February 2014) identified land north (400 dwellings) and south (200 dwellings) for development. In the publication version of the Local Plan, the District Council has reduced the overall housing allocation at Shrivenham by removing the proposed allocation at south Shrivenham, but increasing the allocation at north Shrivenham to 500 dwellings.

We believe the previously proposed allocation at south Shrivenham has considerable merit.

We believe it would be generally advantageous to have two smaller sites allocated at Shrivenham (rather than a single large allocation) – as this would reduce the delivery risks associated with reliance on a single allocation.

The Oxford Diocese Board of Finance (ODBF) own part of the land comprising the previously allocated south of Shrivenham site. The ODBF land is accessed off Stainswick Lane. Through submission of a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Form we have previously confirmed that the ODBF land is available for development.

In our view, in comparison to the proposed strategic site to the north of the village, the land to the south is better related to the existing built form of Shrivenham, and offers two further access points at Station Road and Longcott Road. The northern part of the proposed allocation to the north of the village will be relatively remote from the centre of Shrivenham.

A major upgrade of the A420 junction is planned as part of the north Shrivenham development. There is no in principle reason why contributions from a smaller development at north Shrivenham and development at south Shrivenham could not jointly contribute towards ensuring this A420 junction upgrade is delivered.

Development on the previously proposed allocation to the south of the Village would act to round off development as a recent residential scheme at Glebe Close was completed on part of the subject site, accessed off the east of Stainswick Lane.

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate 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.

We believe the Local Plan Part 1 would be more effective and better justified if it allocated land south of Shrivenham for development (as proposed in the Housing Update Consultation document, February 2014), alongside a smaller scheme north of Shrivenham.

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:

We would like to participate at the oral part of the Examination, to represent the Oxford Diocese Board of Finance that has various land interests across the District.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

I. Guthrie

Date:

19th December
2014