



**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)

Title

Mr

First Name

Steven

Last Name

Moss

Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 2

Mill Orchard

Line 3

East Hanney

Line 4

Oxfordshire

Post Code

OX12 0JH

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(where relevant)

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

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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

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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.

Identification of East Hanney as a 'Larger Village'

The strategic allocation of [around] 200 new homes at East Hanney seems to depend significantly on the 'classification' of East Hanney as a 'Larger Village'. This, in turn, is based on a quasi-quantitative ranking of the facilities, services and amenities attributed to the village. The truth is that East Hanney is a small community with limited services that are not a basis for a greater than 60% increase in the number of dwellings. Residents rely heavily on services in Grove, Wantage and, for example, Abingdon. The village shop is rudimentary and is staffed by volunteers – it does not even compare to the shop in Ardington – and there are no facilities for young people and families apart from a playground. The mobile library service will soon be lost and, if the village was ranked again, it would fall into the 'Smaller Village' category.

10 Villages with populations greater than East Hanney and with a facilities score either the same as or higher than East Hanney have NOT been earmarked for development. One village in the Vale that received a facilities score significantly in excess of that attributed to East Hanney and has over 1,000 homes has only been allocated a development site for 220 houses, increasing the total number of homes by just 22%. Compare this with the ~60% increase in homes proposed for East Hanney.

The assessment process used which classifies East Hanney as a settlement which should attract a strategic housing allocation is flawed and the Plan is, therefore, unsound.

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.

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: ☐

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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:



Date:

11 Dec 2014

