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We object to the above referenced Local Plan on the grounds that, as it stands, is basically unfounded and unsound for the following reasons:

1. The Strategic Market Housing Assessment (SHMA) contains much dubious

data on the overall need for housing in Oxfordshire most likely by a factor of two. It was prepared by a private company without proper public consultation.

2. There was a lack of consultation of the impact on the local environment of

social well being, the flora and fauna and on the infrastructure prior to blindly

accepting the SHMA figures.

3. Vale's uncritical acceptance of the SHMA data as certain targets rather than aspirational figures has resulted in development sites in the Green Belt and

AONB areas of North Wessex Downs. Once these Green Belts and AONB

are breached it will open a Pandora's Box of precedent proportions. The NPPF's "only in

"only in exceptional circumstances" has become "commonplace and routine" in the assault on Green Belt sites.

4. Present local infrastructure is overloaded and overstretched to the point of critical mass and very unlikely to be able to cope with more excessive

demands.

5. The controversial report to the Council air brushes and de-emphasizes the voices of the thousands of objectors to the Local Plan making a mockery of local democracy. As far as the public consultation is concerned, the many

voices of the people may have been "considered," the standard reply but they certainly have not been heard.