

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Kenneth J Howard, of Chalk Hill, Main Street ,Chilton. OX11 0RZ, wish to register my objection to the draft Local Plan Part One 2013 on the basis that it is unsound for the following reasons.

1 Core policy 4 and policies 8,13,15 and 20

The plan is based on exceptionally high forecasts of housing needs which are based on the controversial Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which is itself more than twice the governments estimate of housing needs. The SHMA also makes dubious additions to official statistics to add a further 20,000 houses to the forecast needs

2 The Vale Council has failed to give proper consideration to the environmental and social constraints within the district.

3 Core Policy 13 Oxford Green Belt, Spatial Strategy 7 for Abingdon and Oxford fringe, sub area and Core Policy 15

The uncritical acceptance of the SHMA figures has led to the inappropriate allocation of sites within the Green Belt and The North Wessex Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) The plan has identified four development sites in the Green Belt threatening the rural character of the Vale and the removal of eleven more sites from the Green Belt

The plan is inconsistent with planning guidance and government policy on the protection of Green Belts. The policy is very clear, Boundaries of Green Belts should only be changed in exceptional circumstances.

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act the council has a Statutory Duty to have regard for the purpose for which the North Wessex Downs were designated an AONB, that is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape.

4 Core Policy 7 Providing Supporting Infrastructure

There is a lack of infrastructure to support the plan as outlined. The local services are inadequate without the great increased demand caused by the proposed development

5 Core policy 4

Consultation has been inadequate for changes of the magnitude proposed.

For the above reasons I consider that the Plan is unsound. .