



**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	Keith	
Last Name	Diment	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
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Line 2	Main Street	
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Post Code	OX12 0JE	
Telephone Number		
E-mail Address (where relevant)		

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation : Keith Diment

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

Paragraph

Policy

4

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.

I propose the removal of the development of East Hanney from the Plan on the basis that it is 'unsound' with particular reference to:

Core Policy 4: meeting Our housing Need – which specifies the scale and location of new housing ensuring development is built in the most appropriate locations.

The proposal of about 200 new dwellings for East Hanney would have a devastating effect on the existing village but would form only a very small part of the thousands of dwellings in the overall plan. The omission of the East Hanney proposal from the plan would be a great relief to the existing residents and would save large and unknown infrastructure costs, while making very little difference to the plan. The major disruption to the existing community would seem to be out of all proportion to its almost insignificant contribution to the Plan.

The Plan shows that the proposed new dwellings in East Hanney would be within reach of existing features such as shops. That is misleading. There is a very small village shop, run entirely by volunteers who take it in turn to serve behind the counter for a few hours a week or a month, while others collect bread, milk, vegetables and so on for the shop weekly or more often as required. It is far from what any new residents would expect. The village has no doctor, dentist, shoe shop, pharmacist or bank to name but a few, no car fuel or servicing facilities, in fact very few amenities that modern families would normally take for granted.

As a resident of East Hanney since 1966, I well remember the floods of 2007. I can only praise the achievements of the volunteers of Hanney Flood Group whose work has surely prevented a recurrence of that awful experience, and I have no confidence in the ability of the Plan to lessen the risk of further flooding.

I understand that East Hanney only just qualifies as a 'large village', and might be about to lose that rating anyway. If it were no longer a 'large village' then such large-scale development would not be appropriate and could not appear in the Plan. East Hanney might well be no longer a 'large village' by the time the soundness of this Plan is tested.

East Hanney does not have 200 job vacancies. Any new residents would have to travel, mostly by car, to places of work and education so adding congestion to already overcrowded roads. The plan should surely strive to reduce the amount of commuting required. Any development in East Hanney would increase commuting traffic because it offers so few employment, secondary education, shopping or leisure facilities itself.

Some small-scale development might be welcomed by young people of the village seeking to buy their own property without having to move away and by older residents wishing to down-size. Such demands are unlikely to be met by the proposed large-scale high-density new housing to which there is overwhelming local opposition.

The major change to the Plan, moving the proposed development from the east of the village to the south of the village, would have a profound effect on traffic and residents were not consulted on that change.

. 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.

Remove all mentions of any large-scale development at East Hanney from the Plan.

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?

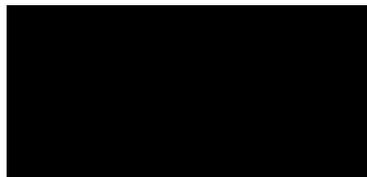
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Date:

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Core Policy 7: providing Supporting infrastructure and Services – to ensure new services and facilities are delivered alongside new housing and employment.

I have no confidence in the ability of the Vale District Council to arrange for sufficient new infrastructure to support the proposed 60% approx. increase in dwellings in East Hanney. The Council seems to think it can just request extra capacity of sewage treatment, school places, electricity, gas and water supplies and it will happen. I am sure it would not be that simple, and such provisions would damage the existing community in addition to the damage caused by the new dwellings. In addition, little consideration seems to be given to the extra road traffic that would inevitably be generated on roads that are already inadequate. The Plan contains no assurances from the various bodies which would be required to supply extra services that such extra services could be provided economically or are even feasible.

The massive investment in higher-capacity infrastructure to support the proposed development of East Hanney, and the ending of the centuries-old small community, seem to be out of all proportion to the almost insignificant contribution to the total of thousands of new homes proposed in the overall Plan.

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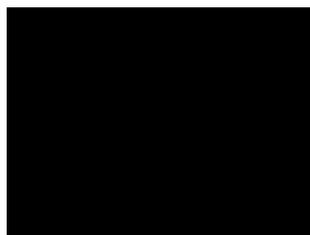
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