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Subject: Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish the following comments during the Consultation on the VoWH Local Plan 2031 to be received and forwarded to the Secretary of State when submission is made. I live at 11 Kysbie Close Abingdon OX14 1XZ

I believe the Plan to be unsound with particular regard to several Core Policies, as follows:

Re Core Policy 4: the SHMA forecast of housing need appears to have received no robust testing or questioning by the authority, whereas many planning and political authorities question the projection of requirements, considering them to be a substantial over-estimate.

Re Core Policy 7: whereas the presumption is that developers will be able to fund significant proportions of the cost of the additional required infrastructure, the increased pressure on the A34 and all of its junctions covered by these proposals is under-estimated and there appears to be no certainty of provision for the essential diamond interchange at Lodge Hill, which will be significantly impacted by the proposed 800 houses in North Abingdon. Although this is an immediate local concern to me, where Dunmore Road is already unable to cope with peak flow demand, this is likely to be reproduced in each area involving access to the A34 for new development.

Re Core Policies 8,13 and 15, the number of sites identified that are in areas of Green Belt or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty flies in the face of the National Planning Guidelines and threatens to blight still further parts of these areas not proposed for development. It is a reduction in amenity and out of character with the Vale. Once lost, these precious green spaces can never be recovered.

Yours faithfully,

John Earwicker