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| <b>Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?</b>   | No   |
| <b>Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified)</b>                     | No   |
| <b>If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.</b> | N/A  |

**Q4 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.**

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL 2031 PLAN PART 1: STRATEGIC SITES AND POLICIES

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies. We have reviewed the Local Plan (herein referred as the Plan) and its supporting evidence base and have the following representations to make.

For clarity and the avoidance of doubt we have structured our representations into points of soundness and minor word changes where we are suggesting an improvement but we do not think the matter makes the document unsound.

#### Points of Soundness

##### Water Cycle Study (WCS)

We have raised soundness points relating to the effectiveness and consistency with national planning policy of the allocated growth within the Local Plan on matters relating to the requirement to undertake a WCS to determine the impact the allocations will have on the water environment. This has been set out in our representation to:

Local Plan 2029 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (our letter dated May 2013) Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Strategic Sites and Policies (our letter dated April 2014) Local Plan 2031 Part 1 Appendix A: Strategic Sites and Policies, Housing Delivery Update, Development Site Templates (our letter dated April 2014).

A WCS is currently being undertaken, however it has yet to be completed. Until the WCS is finalised the soundness points (effectiveness and consistency with national planning policy) raised in our letters dated May 2013 and April 2014 are still applicable.