



**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](mailto: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

MICHAEL

Last Name

AUSTIN

Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 2

ABINGDON

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

OX14 1LW

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(where relevant)

## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate?

Paragraph

5.39 - 5.42

Policy

CP 13

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the DPD is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes



No

☐

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

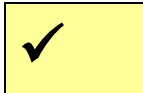
Yes

☐

No

NO

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate



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 consider that the Local Plan is unsound because the original intention of the designation of areas around cities and towns as "Green Belt" was to preserve those areas as open land free from building, and to protect them from piecemeal encroachment. This was a long-term commitment which should not be considered to be open to "review", especially when the purpose of that review is to encourage and enable such encroachment. The current declassification of the Abingdon North area is completely against the spirit and original aim of the green belt designation.

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

6. 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.

TYPE **YOUR** VIEWS HERE-

No reclassification of Green Belt land should be considered until all other available areas, especially brownfield areas, have been utilised.

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7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

**NO**

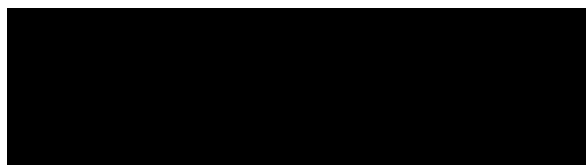
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Signature:



Date:

18 Dec 2014

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Name or Organisation :

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Paragraph **6.68-6.70** Policy **SO 9** Proposals Map

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4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<b>NO</b>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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I consider that the Local Plan is unsound because the ring road is already overloaded at peak travel times, and has not been helped by the recent changes to the road layout at the Dunmore Road/Wotton Road roundabout. As a two-lane dual carriageway with no hard shoulder the A34 is extremely vulnerable to even minor breakdowns and accidents. When such problems occur on the A34, Dunmore Road becomes part of the first (and often only) choice rat-run. Traffic exiting adjoining residential roads at junctions currently has great difficulty turning right to cross traffic safely, and often has to turn left to perform a 180 degree turn around the next roundabout, then return in the opposite direction. This means using the road twice instead of once, and increases congestion and pollution unnecessarily. The existing traffic problems will only be made worse by the addition of more access roads to new housing. The introduction of more roundabouts in place of T-junctions could improve safety, but will impede traffic flow, causing increased congestion and pollution. The traffic problems on the ring road cannot be solved by detail fiddling with existing roads: they require a radical re-think of the routeing of traffic around the town and the surrounding area. The cost per dwelling of providing the infrastructure necessary to make the proposed size of housing development functionally viable, if paid by the developer and then passed on to the buyers, will make the development economically unviable. Who, therefore, is expected to pay the infrastructure bill?

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We need improved routeing of traffic around the town to the Culham and Drayton Roads, including new cross-river access.

Southbound entry and northbound exit sliproads are needed at the Abingdon North junction on the A34 to relieve unnecessary ring road traffic, although the capacity of the A34 itself to take additional traffic without an upgrade to at least three lanes per carriageway is questionable.

The A34 is currently not fit for purpose with existing traffic flows, and an upgrade will be needed in the future to accommodate increased through traffic as well as any additional local traffic displaced onto the A34. Any housing development near the A34 must include the reservation of sufficient additional land to enable such an upgrade.

Funding must be secured for these major infrastructure projects before any housing development is allowed to start

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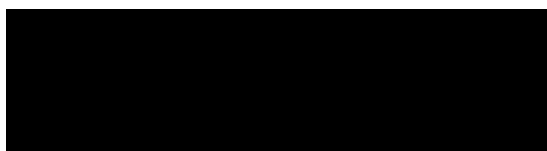
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## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

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Paragraph

1.23

Policy

CP 2

Proposals Map

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Yes



No

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Yes

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The housing needs predicted by the SHMA assessment depend on many questionable assumptions, and the validity of these assumptions should be challenged before blindly accepting the figures based upon them. In particular the assumptions made regarding the number and nature of any new jobs should be questioned in the light of current trends in working practices. The SHMA itself states that its figures are not targets, but starting points for consideration of whether the number can be accommodated locally. Why accept the figures and assume the worst case scenario to begin with?

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Challenge assumptions regarding housing need in response to new job creation.

Argue for a housing target lower than SHMA figures because of inability to accommodate such numbers locally.

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