



**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

Dr

First Name

Christopher

Last Name

Bedford

Job Title

Teacher

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 2

Radley

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

OX14 2LJ

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 Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

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Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

X

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

Yes

No

X

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

Yes

No

X

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.

Co-operation with other Oxfordshire authorities to include a full strategic review of the Oxford green belt appears inconsistent with the Vale having carried out their own review. It also raises the possibility of a succession of reviews each time a new housing-needs assessment is produced. The National Planning-Policy Framework states clearly that the green belt boundary should only be altered in "exceptional circumstances". Government guidance (6/3/14) states that "unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the 'very exceptional circumstances' justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt".

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.

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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?

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No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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16th December 2014

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The strategic housing market assessment (SHMA) is based on wildly optimistic employment forecasts which have not been challenged or scrutinised by the Vale Council.

The SHMA itself states that it should only be a starting point for the determination of housing need and that environment, social, and infrastructure constraints should be taken into account

About 500 Radley residents responded in April. These were all considered as one objection, despite assurances from Council Leader Matthew Barber on 4th April that they would be considered individually.

The Vale now admits that there were problems with their website; an extension was granted to Radley College (a key landowner) whose response is dated 11/4/2014, a full week after the deadline. No such extension was offered to the public.

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Infrastructure provision is inadequate for the proposed housing development plan. Sugworth Lane is even now used as a 'rat-run', while Kennington road is barely able to cope with the current levels of traffic. The road surface is a constant and ongoing problem as a result of even the current weight of traffic.

Sugworth Lane is an amenity used by cyclists, runners, and dog-walkers, as well as motor vehicles. There are a number of dangerous blind corners. This is the **current** situation. Any increase in housing would of course result in an increase in volume of traffic, with the increase risk to all users. The chance of serious accidents occurring would be dramatically increase.

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