



**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)

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## 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

CP8

Proposals Map

Abingdon – on –  
Thames and Oxford  
sub area.

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

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No

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

Yes

☐

No

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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.

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

Similar to the points in respect of settlement Hierarchy Core Policy 3, North Hinksey should be omitted from the list of smaller villages and included as part of Botley. The paragraph in the policy referring to Botley reads "**Botley will continue to function as a thriving community on the western edge of Oxford and new housing will have been sensitively designed to complement the attractive environment of Cumnor Hill and North Hinksey Village**". This suggests that the development associated with North Hinksey village is part of Botley. These reinforce the merit of the suggested changes to Core Policies 3 and 4 as highlighted earlier in these representations.

The introduction to the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford fringe sub area strategy at paragraph 5.1 confirms that this area has strong functional links with the city of Oxford. More over the sub area also provides housing for residents working in Oxford and also functions as a significant employment area in its own right. These important spatial characteristics are ones associated with Botley and North Hinksey which reinforces the merits of the suggested changes to the settlement hierarchy or a more flexible approach to development at North Hinksey given that it does not function as a smaller village whilst its composition, location and its wider built environs suggest it can and should support additional development.

Paragraph 5.2 of the local plan notes that Botley has strong links to the city of Oxford and also functions as a local service centre in its own right, (Botley is the third largest retail centre in the district) again reinforcing the locational merits of North Hinksey as part of Botley. The paragraph also reminds the reader that North Hinksey Parish forms part of Botley.

Paragraph 5.5 notes that one of the overarching priorities for the area is to ensure "future growth is managed to minimise any pressure on the highway network and to respect the overarching purposes of the Oxford Green Belt". These points also reinforce the merits of North Hinksey as an appropriate location for new residential developments with its sustainable linkages to Botley and the city of Oxford, neither of which rely upon the A34, whilst any development can be severed to a large extent by non-vehicle modes of transport.

Core policy 8 table The sum of 5,438 including known completions April 2011-March 2014 (501), estimated completions April 2014 to March 2015 (309), known commitments April 2015-March 2031 (1133), local plan 2013 part 1 allocations (1,990) leaves a sub total of 1,505 to be provided by local plan 2031 part 2 allocations and windfalls. The windfall figure either needs to be increased from 563 to 783 in order for the table to total 5,438 or the local plan part 2 allocations figure be increased from 722 to 942 in order to reach the 5438 total.

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.

Delete "North Hinksey" from the list of Smaller Villages.  
Amend 1,696 figure to correlate with tables.  
Part 2 allocations and windfall total to add up to 1,505

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

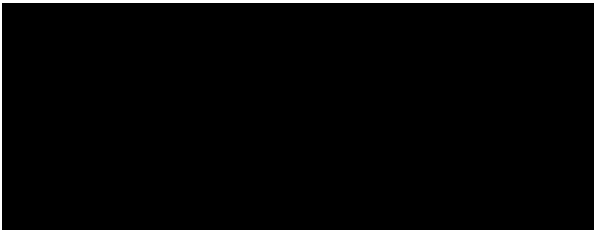
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**Yes**, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary: ☐

**Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:



Date:

18/12/2014

