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Dear Mr Kemp

Re: Vale of the White Horse Local Plan Examination 22/09/15 - 01/10/15

I write to give my comments in relation to the Local Plan Examination.

Matter 3: Spatial Strategy and Housing Supply Ring Fence

In relation to point 3.1 (a) on your guidance notes, I wish to raise with the Examination that I do not feel that the Local Plan can be delivered in a sustainable way. It does not fully explain how infrastructure will be improved to cope with increase of housing within the area. It states it will use contributions from the developers to fund infrastructure but that this will be provided after development has commenced. This approach does not enable sustainable growth and may mean houses are left unsold. If there are no school places for children to attend, who will want to move into the area? If there are no public transport facilities to the employment hubs within the region from across the region and road networks are not improved, how will people get to work?

The way the Local Plan has set out how the distribution of housing over different sites it does not consider who each of these sites will affect the other in terms of public transport, schools and other services required to be sustainable. For example for the area where I live, East Hanney, the site has been linked to the distribution of development for Abingdon and part of Oxford. However the facilities and services used by residents of East Hanney are largely in the areas of Grove and Wantage (such as GP and health services, Secondary schools, shops and leisure facilities). Therefore there has been no consideration of the impact of one development area on another in terms of how sustainable the development can be. In addition to this planning applications and decisions have already been made with regard to increasing the housing development in area before the Local Plan has been agreed.

Yours sincerely

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