

## **VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION REPRESENTATIONS TO INSPECTOR'S MATTERS**

### **Stage 2 MATTER 8**

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The following representations are made by West Waddy ADP on behalf of our client Mr Robin Herd.
- 1.2 Representations were made to the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Publication Version in December 2014 and to the Inspector's Stage 1 Matters and Questions in August 2015. The following report relates to matters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the Stage 2 Matters and Questions as at 17 December 2015.

#### **2 MATTER 8: STRATEGY FOR ABINGDON-ON-THAMES AND OXFORD FRINGE SUB-AREA (CP8 – CP11 AND CP14)**

- 2.1 **Question 8.2:** As discussed above, my client's site is outside of the Green Belt. Additionally, it sits within the Science Vale, the identified area for economic and housing growth within the VOWH as well as by central government. Funding has been secured through the Oxford and Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership to help deliver infrastructure to support these economic ambitions and it is on the proviso that housing is delivered to support the growth.
- 2.2 Allocation of housing sites to the North West and North of Abingdon, South of Kennington and North West of Radley are outside of the Science Vale and clearly located some distance away from the focussed, economic growth within the district. My client's site would be a more appropriate allocation as it would assist in fulfilling the economic ambitions due to its location in close proximity to the key employment areas at Milton Park and Harwell.

#### **3 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Local Plan is likely to be found out of date upon adoption due to a lack of a 5-year housing land supply. However, should the Inspector be minded to proceed to a recommendation to make main modifications to the Plan then my client's site should be allocated so that there is a surety of housing delivery in the 5-year period.

- 3.2 Land at Milton Heights is available now to form a significantly larger allocation to that currently proposed within the VOWH Local Plan, is outside of the Green Belt and North Wessex Downs AONB and sits strategically within the Science Vale area of economic growth.