

**Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031: Part 1
Examination – Stage Two**

Written Statement Prepared by Environment Agency

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Matter 9 - Strategy for South East Vale Sub-Area

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This written statement has been produced by the Environment Agency (EA) to provide further clarity and assistance on the Matters and Questions raised by the Inspector dated 17 December 2015.

2 Issue 9.1 (c) – Is the Strategic Housing Allocations at Monks Farm, listed in Policy CP15 (site 15), soundly based and deliverable?

- 2.1 In our representation to the Local Plan, dated 19 December 2014, we recommended minor word changes to the Site Development Template for Monks Farm contained in Appendix A of the submitted documents.
- 2.2 We reiterate our recommendation that, for the purposes of clarify and consistency with the Sequential and Exceptions Test evidence documents, additional wording be included stating that ‘no development should take place within Flood Zones 3 and 2 (with the exception of the Grove Northern Link Road)’.
- 2.3 Although we do not consider that the current policy wording makes the Local Plan unsound, we do consider that including the suggested wording would provide greater clarity to those reading and applying the policy, and is justified by the plan’s evidence base.

- 3 Issue 9.1 (g) – Is the Strategic Housing Allocations North-West of Harwell Campus, listed in Policy CP15 (site 12), soundly based and deliverable?
- 3.1 In our representation to the Local Plan we recommended minor word changes to the Site Development Template contained in Appendix A of the submitted documents.
- 3.2 We reiterate our recommendation that, for the purposes of clarify and consistency with the Sequential and Exceptions Test evidence documents, additional wording be included stating that ‘no development should take place within Flood Zones 3 and 2’.
- 3.3 Although we do not consider that the current policy wording makes the submitted plan unsound, we do consider that including the suggested wording would provide greater clarity to those reading and applying the policy, and is justified by the plan’s evidence base.