

# EIP Stage 2- comments from Chilton Parish Council

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## **Matter 12 – District Wide Policies (CP1, CP22 – CP22 and CP37 - CP46)**

12.1 Are the policies relating to the presumption in favour of sustainable development and building healthy and sustainable communities soundly based?

### **(a) Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development (CP1)**

The Plan is not infrastructure-led and so does not take into account the impact on the quality of life of existing residents. The infrastructure development in the Plan is seriously flawed by not being front-loaded

### **(b) Housing Mix (CP22)**

If housing is permitted on the Harwell Campus (brownfield site) in the AONB it MUST be subject to a specific housing mix to meet the needs of Campus employers and not district wide policy.

### **(c) Housing Density (CP23)**

If housing is permitted on the Harwell Campus (brownfield site) in the AONB it MUST be subject to a specific housing mix to meet the needs of Campus employers and not district wide policy.

### **(d) Affordable Housing (CP24)**

If housing is permitted on the Harwell Campus (brownfield site) in the AONB it MUST be subject to a specific housing mix to meet the needs of Campus employers and not district wide policy.

### **(f) Accommodating Current and Future Needs of the Ageing Population (CP26)**

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12.3 Are the policies relating to protecting the environment and responding to climate change soundly based?

### **(a) Design and Local Distinctiveness (CP37)**

We think that development on the Harwell Campus (brownfield site) should reflect the detail of Policy CP37. Its unique AONB location and the world-leading science and technology nature of its international businesses provide a national opportunity to showcase environmentally up-to-date sustainable 'space age' designs for homes and community services, which we would strongly support.

### **(b) Design Strategies for Strategic and Major Development Sites (CP38)**

A specific strategy is needed if housing is allowed on the Harwell Campus in the AONB that tailors it to the employment requirements of international Campus businesses/agencies.

### **(c) The Historic Environment (CP39), (d) Sustainable Design and Construction (CP40)**

We support a historic landscape character approach to the Harwell Campus area, as promoted and initiated by the AONB Partnership (see AONB annual report 2015)