

VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN PART 1 EXAMINATION HEARING

INSPECTOR'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE COUNCIL

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Council to confirm the flood risk on Site 44: West of Harwell Village

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE:

The Council first tested Site 44: Land West of Harwell Village as an option for strategic allocation in the Housing Delivery Update consultation in February 2014 (PLP01.1).

The Council has undertaken a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (WWF03) which has informed the selection of strategic sites proposed in the Local Plan. The Council can confirm that Site 44, covered in the SFRA (WWF03.2c; page 58-59), is not located in Flood Zones 2 and 3. This is further confirmed by Flood Maps published from the Environment Agency (2016) which indicate that the site does not sit within these zones.

Surface water maps published in the SFRA (WWF03) and professional advice from the Council's drainage engineer indicate that there is a risk of surface water flooding on the site, with the western section most susceptible to surface water flooding from the watercourse.

As indicated in Appendix 5 to the Housing Delivery Update Supporting Paper (PLP01_2; pp.74 – 75) there are known incidences of historic surface water flooding on this site.