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**To:** Planning Policy Vale  
**Cc:** Guy Langton  
**Subject:** Local Plan 2031 Part 2 - Consultation

Gentlemen,

I wish to make the following representation.

This part 2 of the local plan has arisen as an agreement between various authorities including Oxford Council as to how to cope with a perceived shortfall in housing supply over the plan period.

The scale of the perceived shortfall has been challenged widely and recent Government comment has been that it is considered to be significantly overstated and that there will in fact be no shortfall in Oxford at all. If comment such as this can be made the plan cannot by definition be considered to be sound.

Whilst I understand that this is simply a planning exercise which will no doubt be modified over time as circumstances dictate and arises out of the Vales duty to cooperate, it does not mean that these sites should be immediately be granted planning permission as the need is not demonstrated and may never be. You have a duty to consult the Vale residents as well.

Allocate the sites if you want to for a theoretical planning exercise but DO NOT accept planning applications in respect of them until there is a clearly identified and accepted need.

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