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To the Planning Officer, The Vale of White Horse District Council

Dear Sirs

I write with regard to the Vale Local Plan Part 2.

Policy 8a/b

Development of Dalton Barracks for housing could be sound if the site is developed sympathetically to local environment and communities by ensuring adequate bus services, business and work opportunities are catered for.

I object to the development of Dalton Barracks being used to justify the need of a Park and Ride at Lodge Hill. Other bus routes such as 4/4B should be utilised and developed. And develop a remote Park and Ride here instead of on the geographically and environmentally important hilltop at Lodge Hill.

8a/b & 12a- I object to the proposed location of a Park and Ride at Lodge Hill. It is geographically unsound.

The Vale Council needs instead, to explore the advantages of siting a remote Park & Ride at the junction of the A34/A415 which could cater for commutes North South and East more easily.

12a I object to the Safeguarding of land for the purposes of cycle/vehicle/bus and Park and Ride as future needs are as yet, unproven and therefore, unsound.

13a I strongly object to Cycle ways and bus routes being sited through highly environmentally important Green belt land surrounding the villages of Sunningwell and Wootton, and the southern slopes of Boars Hill - important landscape for the integrity of the surrounding area and done without the consent of the landowners. Such development would cause more light pollution to the already saturated night sky environment. Unsound policy.

I object to the safeguarding of land for the possible siting of a Park and Ride at Lodge Hill. It is not going to be as necessary if the Oxford Expressway is developed. This would naturally free up the A34 of heavy traffic just wanting to by-pass Oxford from the South. It is unsound.

I object to the safeguarding of land along the North bound route of the A34 from Lodge Hill to the Hinksey Hill Interchange. The need is unproven. It is unsound.

Removing the traffic heading Northbound from the South by using the Oxford Expressway (hopefully sited South of Abingdon) would render all the proposals to destroy great parts of the already damaged green belt by safeguarding land for as yet unsupported needs null and void.

Failure to consider other viable alternative measures to move people and traffic around the planned and proposed development sites is tantamount to geographic and demographic vandalism.

I strongly object to the safeguarding of land in and around the parishes and settlements of Sunningwell, Bayworth, Boars Hill, Wootton, Whitecross and Shippon . It is unsound policy.

Yours sincerely

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