



**Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One:
Strategic Sites and Policies**
Publication Stage Representation Form

Ref:

(For official
use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

Vale of White Horse Local Plan

Response form for the Vale of White Horse strategic planning policy document, the Local Plan Part one. Please return to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, OX10 8ED or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk no later than Friday 19 December 2014 by 4.30 pm precisely.

This form has two parts –

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

Title	Mrs	
First Name	Jane	
Last Name	Dymock	
Job Title (where relevant)	Parish Clerk	
Organisation (where relevant)	Radley Parish Council	
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Telephone Number		
E-mail Address (where relevant)		

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

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Yes

No

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Yes

No

Please mark as appropriate.

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1. Core policy 2 states that cooperation with other Oxfordshire Authorities will include a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford green belt.
- 2.
3. This is inconsistent with the Vale having carried out their own review, and would seem to raise the possibility of a succession of reviews each time a new housing needs assessment is produced. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that a green belt boundary should only be altered in “exceptional circumstances”.
- 4.
5. Government guidance (6th March 2014) states that “Unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the “very exceptional circumstances” justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt”

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1. The SHMA is based on wildly optimistic employment forecasts which have not been challenged or scrutinised by the Vale Council.

2. The SHMA itself states that it should only be a starting point for the determination of housing need and that environmental, social and infrastructure constraints should be taken into account.

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Throughout the consultation process the residents of Radley have been critical of the SHMA. The Council has been told that the Examination in Public is the place where the SHMA can be challenged and wishes to be present to participate in this challenge.

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The Consultation statement makes no reference to the 550 residents of Radley who responded to the April consultation. These were all considered as one objection, despite assurances from Council Leader Matthew Barber on 4th April that they would be considered individually.

The statement says that only 91 comments were received on South Kennington, 40 for North Radley and 45 for North West Radley.

The Vale has indicated that there were problems with the website during the consultation and cannot confirm that no comments were lost as a result. An extension was granted to key landowner Radley College, whose response is dated 11/04/2014 a full week after the close. No such extension was offered to the public.

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Infrastructure, especially the essential core infrastructure like the A34 and health provision which are already under strain and under any reasonable projection on the timescale of the plan will not be able to cope with the major population increases envisaged under the Plan.

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8. The extension of the “North Abingdon” site east of Oxford Rd into Peachcroft farm was not included in the document for consultation in April. The Vale green belt review of February 2014 did not recommend that this area was withdrawn from the green belt.

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The east extension of the North Abingdon site should be removed from the plan.

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Core policy 13 states that the green belt, as amended by the green belt review, will be protected. The Peachcroft Farm portion of the North Abingdon site was not removed from the green belt by the Vale's review.

The site is situated in Radley Parish so the Parish Council wishes to ensure that the site is given an adequately detailed consideration.

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Signature:



Date:

18/12/2014