



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

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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)

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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

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

Yes

No

NO

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate

Yes

No

Please mark as appropriate.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

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The proposal that five Green Belt sites around Cumnor village are to be removed from the Green Belt is contrary to Government Policy and no explanation is given as to why this is necessary. The strategic site in South Cumnor (numbers 6 and 24) has already

been withdrawn from the plans because of its unsuitability for housing. Therefore it should remain in the Green Belt. Sites 4 and 5 were concluded to be inappropriate in the Green Belt review as they are within the Cumnor Conservation Area . It was concluded that “removing them from the Green Belt would serve no purpose”. The Vale should therefore change its policy on removing them from the Green Belt. Site 3 in Cumnor adjoins the extremely busy and noisy A420 and would remove the clear break between the village and the A420. It should also be removed from the plans. The Green Belts were originally designated for good specific reasons and there are no good reasons to re-examine their Green Belt status. Once land is lost from the Green Belt it is lost forever. At a more general level a recent report by the University of the West of England concluded that a minimum of 976,000 homes could be built on identified brown field sites. The potential use of brown field sites in Oxfordshire should be a high priority. Any removal of sites from the Green Belt leaves these sites wide open for speculative development. This is inevitable as, due to the inflated SHMA numbers, the Vale will be unable to meet its housing targets.

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Having looked at the SHMA report it is unsound and unsustainable. The SHMA figures are overestimated and grossly inflated. They are about 2.5 times the government's official projections. They are based on unrealistic assumptions on economic growth. Further, the whole consultation process has been poor and given insufficient time. It has also ignored independent advice.

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The infrastructure needed has not properly been thought through. The local primary school is already at full capacity and lacks the space to expand. There is lack of nearby parking and even at the present levels there are far too many cars at certain times which are illegally parked and are a potential danger to both pedestrians (including children) and other road users. The local GP medical services are also already having problems servicing the existing community.

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