

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

Mr

First Name

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Last Name

Smith

Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 3

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Post Code

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The plan is based on a totally unjustified and non-peer reviewed level of housing need, produced by Oxfordshire SHMA and its associated evidence base.

The assumptions used in the SHMA combine figures from a number of sources; each of which has its own error band. The resulting combination of data points produces a total which is significantly higher than any other reasonable projections and has not been stress tested to ensure soundness.

The official statistics have been modified without any clear or supporting evidence of the reason for doing so.

This opinion is supported by the Oxfordshire branch of the CPRE who have stated "the estimate is likely to be overestimated by a factor of two".

The SHMA produces a result which is more than two times the government's own projections for the area. The SHMA, itself, says the data in the report has not been tested to ensure that the level of housing can be delivered within the infrastructure possibilities of the area.

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 5 above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The SHMA should be stress tested against the following assumptions:-

1. Growth in GDP in the UK and specifically the area in and around the Vale of White Horse
2. The effect of HS2 and other improved transport links within the UK, which would result in a greater proportion of jobs and resulting housing being located elsewhere.
3. The effect of proposals for increased devolution of government to the regions, which would increase the financial and structural support given to regions and cities at the expense of the funding currently assumed to be driving the job creation rate in the VoWH.

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

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No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

I'm not convinced that the current system is set up to consider the points raised.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature:

Date:

18/12/14