



**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.*

Title

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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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

6.40 _ 6.41

Policy

CP30

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

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No

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

Yes

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No

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

Yes

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No

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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.

Policy CP30 is very positive and the University strongly supports its wording, which recognises the importance of further and higher education both to the local economy

and ensuring that the work force is equipped to take advantage of the opportunities likely to arise in the future.

However, the University objects to the wording in paragraph 6.41, which indicates that a different approach is being taken to Oxford Brookes University's Harcourt Hill Campus to that being taken to the Cranfield University (Defence Academy) at Watchfield.

In relation to Oxford Brookes University's Harcourt Hill Campus the text states that: *'**Improvements** to the Oxford Brookes University Harcourt Hill Campus are specifically supported by Core policy 9.'* By contrast the wording in relation to the Cranfield University site at Watchfield is that *'the Council will support, where appropriate, the **development and expansion** of higher education facilities at Cranfield University (Defence Academy) at Watchfield.'*

The same approach should be taken to both Universities as Policy CP30 explicitly states that *'The most appropriate locations for further and higher education are: i) by the extension or more intensive use of existing education or other suitable community facilities.'* It is considered therefore that the more positive wording used for the Cranfield University site at Watchfield should be used for both institutions This would ensure compliance with the NPPF's aspiration *'that the planning system does everything it can do to support sustainable economic growth.'* (para 19)

Unless the text is revised to make it clear that there is scope for Oxford Brookes University to extend or make more intensive use of its Harcourt Hill Campus it would be incapable of complying with policy CP30 clause (i) so this policy will not be deliverable and there will also be a conflict within the plan, making it fundamentally unsound.

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

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.

Amend the wording to paragraph 6.41 to state:

'Core policy 30 identifies the most appropriate locations for further and higher education facilities. The Council will support, where appropriate, the development and expansion of higher education facilities at Oxford Brookes University Harcourt Hill Campus and at Cranfield University (Defence Academy) at Watchfield.'

This will ensure that the same approach is taken to both higher education institutions and that Oxford Brookes University is able to implement policy CP30 as set out in more detail in the response to question 5.

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:

The proposed wording in paragraph 6.41 could have a significant impact on the operation of the Harcourt Hill Campus and affect the quality of the education provided there.

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:

19.12.14

