



**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)

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" 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 Local Plan, CP2, discusses the need for the council to:

Work jointly with all of the other Oxfordshire local authorities to address any unmet housing need. This will include assessing all reasonable spatial options, including the release of brown field land, the potential for new settlements and a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford green belt. These issues are not for the Council to consider in isolation.

The county is supportive of this intention but there is a need for an Oxfordshire wide approach which integrates housing provision, employment and infrastructure across the county to ensure coordinated and not piecemeal planning. This should be made explicit in the text to ensure the Plan complies with Duty to Cooperate.

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.

It is suggested that the plan text should be amended to make it more explicit about the need for an Oxfordshire-wide approach. This would ensure the Plan complies with Duty to Cooperate and should include the following:

The Council will continue to work jointly with all of the other Oxfordshire local authorities to address any unmet housing need. This includes engaging in an Oxfordshire wide approach which integrates housing provision, employment and infrastructure across the county to ensure coordinated, not piecemeal, planning. This will include assessing all reasonable spatial options, including the release of brown field land, the potential for new settlements and a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford green belt. These issues are not for the Council to consider in isolation.

Should the outcome of joint working result in an element of unmet need being met within the Vale, the impact and infrastructure to support that growth would need to be looked at in combination with what has already been planned for in the district.

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?

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

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 county council will deliver key items of infrastructure that will be needed to support growth.

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