

Cumnor Residents

Say Goodbye to

Our Special Village Identity and Character - Green Open Spaces -
Our Local Sports Fields - Quiet Village Walks -
Historic Sites - Seeing the Stars at Night

Say Hello to

Major Traffic Snarl-Ups - Overwhelmed Local Schools and Medical
Practices - Noise and Light Pollution - A new Oxford Suburb

This all sounds very dramatic, but **if we lose Green Belt protection** it's a very real threat.
Please don't leave it for others. It's vital that everybody in Cumnor objects using the official
forms **before the deadline of 4.30pm 19th December.**

The future of your village is at stake



But Don't Panic! —

Help is at hand to assist with your form filling; see overleaf

Cumnor-Says-No

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/cumnor-says-no>

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART ONE CONSULTATION

Guidance for completing the consultation forms with particular reference to Cumnor Village. If you would like help in completing a consultation form we are holding a support session on **Saturday 13th December** between 11.00 and 12.30 at Cumnor Old School, next to the Post Office on the High Street.

Key Points

1. All comments must be made by 4.30p.m. on **Friday 19th December**
2. The best way to respond is by using the official form (a copy of which is attached) and which can be found at local libraries and on the Vale website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/lpp1
3. The form is in two parts – Part A is for contact details and must be completed fully, but only once.
4. Part B is for comments but a separate sheet must be used for each comment; this guidance is aimed at section 4.(2) which asks whether the plan is sound (i.e. Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified) – **please answer NO**
5. The relevant Policy (needed for section 3) with the suggested reasons why the plan is unsound are:
Policy 4 – The SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Assessment) is unsound and unsustainable. The SHMA figures are grossly inflated (being 2.5 times the Government's official projections) and based on unrealistic economic growth. The consultation process has been poor and rushed and has ignored independent expert advice.
Policy 13 – Five sites around Cumnor village are proposed for removal from the Green Belt without explanation as to why this is necessary. The South Cumnor strategic site (numbers 6 & 24) has already been withdrawn from the Plan because of its unsuitability for housing so why should it not remain in the Green Belt? The Green Belt review deemed sites 4 & 5 inappropriate as they lay within the Cumnor Conservation Area and therefore *"removing them from the Green Belt would serve no purpose"*. Why then does the Vale insist on removing them? Site 3 abuts the very busy A420 and would remove the clear break between the village and the road. Removing sites from the Green Belt leaves these sites open to speculative development once, as is inevitable (due to the overinflated SHMA numbers) the Vale is unable to meet its housing targets.
Policy 7 – There is a lack of appropriate infrastructure to support the Plan, especially the A34 which would need to be the main transport link from Cumnor to the great majority of newly-created jobs near Harwell. The local primary school is already at full capacity and lacks the space to expand.

It is important to make replies as individual as possible so please do not just 'cut and paste' the comments above! For further information please see the following useful websites:

The Vale of White Horse website with all the relevant documents concerning the Plan

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-local-plan-2031>

The Vale of White Horse Official Help Booklet, explaining how to object

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/LocalPlanSubHelp_v1.0.pdf

Campaign Protection Rural England (CPRE) - Oxon objection guidance

<http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/news/item/2407-vale-local-plan-consultation>

REMEMBER

Land lost from the Green Belt is open to potentially unchecked development even if it is not part of the latest Local Plan. The **only** way to protect the threatened areas in and around our village is to ensure that these parcels of land are **NOT** removed from the Green Belt – **PLEASE HELP PROTECT CUMNOR**

The areas under threat are shown on page 26 of the December edition of Cumnor Parish News