



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 MR

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(where relevant)

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2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

E-mail Address
(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation : Mr H JOHN KILLICK

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph	<div>13, 8, 15</div>	Policy	<div>Core 15 and 8 Green belt,AONB</div>	Proposals Map	<div></div>
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<div></div>	No	<div></div>
4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)		<div></div>	No	<div></div>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<div></div>	No	<div></div>

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.

I wish to object to draft Local Plan Part 1 2031
Re Core Policy 8 (Oxford Green Belt), 13 (Spatial Strategy for Abingdon and Oxford fringe sub area), 15 (Spatial strategy for SE Vale sub area).

Because VWHDC has failed to consider SHMA's figures properly, it has erroneously allocated for housing sites both in the Green Belt (1510 houses) and in the North Wessex downs AONB (1400 houses). Both threaten the Vale's rural character.

Re green belts: the fundamental aim of Government policy remains to prevent urban sprawl, by keeping land permanently open. VWHDC's plan ignores the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which says that a Green Belt boundary may be altered only in "exceptional circumstances". A serious flaw is that the clear-cut current boundary along Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive would be replaced by a far more breachable one proposed to the north.

Re: AONB: under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2002, VWHDC has a statutory duty to have regard for the purposes for which the North Wessex Downs AONB was designated, i.e. to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape. The NPPF places AONBs in the highest category of landscape protection, giving them "great weight" in decision making. "Planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest." Again there is a serious flaw; to the east of Harwell Campus a clear-cut existing boundary would be replaced in the most egregious case by a far more breachable northern limit.

(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.

Refuse the proposals to take land out of the Green Belt and the AONB.

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

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: ☐

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:

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