

Dear Sir

Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031

I support the removal of the housing allocation from East Wootton/Lamborough Hill in the current version of the plan. There are better sites within Wootton for provision of new housing, which Wootton Parish Council have identified. The East Wootton site would have caused drainage problems and flooding for existing homes in Wootton and Whitecross as the rainwater run-off Boars Hill currently can soak away on these fields. The nature survey confirmed the presence of Great Crested Newts in the vicinity, with the resulting extra costs for any developer. The building of houses on this site would have resulted in the loss of countryside and a unique view up to Boars Hill. With the proposed development in the North of Abingdon, there would have been no gap in the housing for several miles from Abingdon to Henwood.

Green Belt Review February 2014

I strongly oppose the removal of green belt status from sites 9, 10 and 23 in Wootton and Dry Sandford. I am specifically concerned about the site a Lamborough Hill, the green belt review confirms the sensitivity of this site, with its open views to Boars Hill and acting as a natural break between the villages of Wootton and Whitecross, which would otherwise merge in to one large conurbation all the way to Abingdon. The green belt review also says that any development on this site should be limited on its eastern boundary by the extent of the existing development at Home Close. However the area proposed for removal exceeds significantly beyond this area as there is no natural boundary or fence line at that point.

Yours faithfully

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