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Subject: Comments on Local Plan

Nicola Livingstone 14 Potteries Lane Chilton Oxfordshire OX11 0TZ 19/11/2014 Dear Sir/ Madam, I would like to strongly object to the draft Local Plan Part One 2031 on the basis that it is 'unsound' for the reasons below:

The new houses are within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty which is of international importance, recognised as a Protected Landscape by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The NPPF places AONBs in the highest category of landscape protection and affords them "great weight" in the decision-making process. Further to this the NPPF confirms that AONBs are one location where restrictions apply to development and accordingly that: 'Planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest.' The rural environment was one of the key reasons we moved to Chilton and this is now set to be destroyed. The proposal does not include the associated infrastructure of schools, shops, doctors etc. which are necessary to support such a large proposed community. The Council is planning to treble the size of Chilton by 2020 and yet still thinks one small shop, one bank and one primary school is adequate, clearly it is not. There will be several thousand additional daily journeys along local roads in this small village - how will it cope?? The traffic will increase significantly and destroy our quality of life that we had in this quiet village. It is based on grossly overstated estimates of housing needs from the SHMA (The SHMA housing need figure is more than two and a half times what the Government's official household projections would suggest), who have been openly criticised and questioned. I would argue that the current Local Plan is non-compliant with Paragraph 115 and 116 of the NPPF and Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Furthermore, I propose that the much lower and more realistic housing figures (based more closely on the Government's own household projections) should be used by the Vale in its Local Plan, and that the Inspector should refuse all site allocations in the North Wessex Downs.

Kind regards

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