



**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)

Title

Mrs

First Name

Susan

Last Name

Garrett

Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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11 Rose Ave

Line 2

Abingdon

Line 3

Line 4

Post Code

OX14 1XX

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation : Susan Garrett

3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate?

Paragraph	4.2, 4.3, 4.8, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.25- 31 4.33	Policy	CP 3	Proposals Map	3 page 7, 9
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The proposed sites in North Abingdon are next to a 'Market Town'. However they are in the Green Belt, in an area with already congested roads. The nearest employment site at Radley Road Industrial Estate is over 3 km away from the centre of the Dunmore Road site (not 2.1 km as specified in SA Report Appendices p.123). That has no room for expansion. Other new employment sites are considerably further away on busy roads in Culham (5.8Km), Milton Park (12.4Km) Harwell (16.4Km) or Oxford (8.9Km). So the main new employment sites are outside Abingdon altogether. So why build so many houses next to Abingdon, especially to the North?

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Build the houses nearer the employment.
Rebuild the roads and transport system in the town to accommodate the movement of the people to the areas of employment which are south of the town.

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Paragraph	4.13 – 4.15, 4.25, 4.33, 6.45 – 6.47	Policy	SO 3	Proposals Map	Chapter 3 page 30
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In the proposed North Abingdon development, "Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive already a busy road with a speed limit of 40mph would have to be crossed to access the town etc. Pedestrian crossings would need to be implemented" (SA Report Appendices p.119). Roundabouts would also be needed in order to allow vehicles to exit estate roads. Thus the site could only comply with SO3 if Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive becomes a residential road rather than a ring road. This would cause severe congestion elsewhere in the town.

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This is not a sustainable location without changing the ring road status to that of a 30mph residential status, thus causing significant traffic slow down throughout the town so don't build the houses there.

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Paragraph	2.8, 6.71, 6.105	Policy	SO4	Proposals Map	3 page 7, 9 E14
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Placing housing to the North/north-west of Abingdon when the main employment opportunities are to the south of the town will place additional stresses on the road network; the distances are such that walking and cycling are not really an option; buses do not serve these routes. The vulnerability of A34 and lack of alternative routes leads to severe congestion at peak times, and at other times if there is an incident on it. Increased traffic through Abingdon to Culham Science Centre, and round the orbital road will increase air pollution in the town – with a significant contribution to excess early deaths – in particular when considering an aging population, especially when it is noted that Abingdon is an Air Quality Management Area.

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Paragraph
4.47 Policy Proposals Map

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Modifications to both local roads and Highways to manage the increase in traffic and pollution will far exceed the Community Infrastructure Levy (and other sources of funding). The funding of the required new A34 interchange at Lodge Hill (N. Abingdon) is to come partly from the LEP (Infrastructure Delivery Plan Appendix 1) but there is no guarantee that this will be forthcoming. Necessary improvements to Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive are to be funded by the County Council (Infrastructure Delivery Plan Appendix 1) but continuing cuts to local government funding mean they are unlikely to have the money for this. A crossing on Lodge Hill is essential as it is difficult to cross (and there was a recent fatality here). However, a crossing will slow the traffic further

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Do not let any building take place until the road infrastructure is in place, not on promises of money from LEP and County Council.

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Paragraph	6.68-6.70 5.6, 5.7, 5.8	Policy	SO9	Proposals Map	
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The vulnerability of the A34 is a critical factor – requiring a diamond junction at Lodge Hill (N. Abingdon), as well as additional lanes between M40 and Chilton, and possibly a southern bypass and river crossing. This needs to be in place before any housing development, otherwise traffic congestion within Abingdon will become impossible during lane closures for widening. There are no plans at all to widen the A34.

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Paragraph

5.6,
5.7,
5.8

Policy

CP 8

Proposals Map

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As 70% of the new jobs identified in the Vale plan are associated with the Science Vale to the south of Abingdon, the houses proposed to the north and north-west of Abingdon on Green Belt land will severely exacerbate existing traffic problems on both local roads and A34

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Do not build the houses to the North of Abingdon build them where the jobs will be.

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The proposed housing in North and northwest Abingdon will be right alongside the A34 – with attendant noise and pollution problems that will be difficult to mitigate. Developing the A415 will have the effect in INCREASING traffic through the town unless an eastern bypass were constructed avoiding Bridge Street.

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An eastern bypass will have to be built and also the new bridge crossing as part of the whole project, not just safeguarding the land for future in case it has to be built when the traffic problem prove to be unsustainable.

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The diamond junction must be in place before any housing can be considered so that the A34 can be used to get south of the town even though this is contrary to the uses of an A road as local road.

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Name or Organisation : Susan Garrett

3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate?

Paragraph	6.55, 6.57, 6.71, 6.73, 6.78, 6.79, 6.105	Policy	CP 35	Proposals Map	
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4. Do you consider the DPD is :

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4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	NO
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Placing housing to the North/north-west of Abingdon when the main employment opportunities are to the south of the town will place additional stresses on the road network; the distances are such that walking and cycling are not really an option; bus do not serve these routes. The vulnerability of A34 and lack of alternative routes leads to severe congestion at peak times, and at other times if there is an incident on it. Increased traffic through Abingdon to Culham Science Centre, and round the orbital road will increase air pollution in the town. Pathways and cycle routes will be needed to promote walking and cycling within the community. The necessary crossings will cause further problems for traffic flow on the orbital road of Abingdon and Lodge Hill (which is very difficult to cross – witness the recent fatality here).

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TYPE **YOUR** VIEWS HERE-

Do not build the houses in North Abingdon – people living here will not be able to cycle or walk to work, neither are there buses. Travel infrastructure must be in place first.

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Paragraph	5.39, 5.40, 5.42, 6.82, 6.108, 6.111	Policy	CP 13	Proposals Map	
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The Green Belt should be protected in its entirety in the light of its original mandate – not nibbled away at.

Green Belt Purpose	Assessment of the Contribution of the Site to Meeting Green Belt Purpose
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<p>This purpose is relevant to the current site. The Vale Green Belt Review asserts it is not applicable. However, the informal assessment by Oxford City Council correctly acknowledges its relevance.</p> <p>Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive are parts of the Abingdon Peripheral Road, and provide a natural edge to urban Abingdon.</p> <p>This site makes a High Contribution to this Green Belt purpose.</p>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<p>The site to the East of the Oxford Road is an important part of the barrier between Abingdon and Radley. The Vale Council is proposing to release Green Belt to the North West of Peach Croft Farm and to the South and East of Whites Lane, Radley. This would compromise the remaining gap (as stated in the informal assessment for Oxford City Council) reducing it tom.</p> <p>The site to the West of the Oxford Road forms part of the barrier between Abingdon and Sunningwell.</p>

	This site makes a High Contribution to this Green Belt purpose.
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<p>The site provides a pleasant rural area on the edge of Abingdon. There is no urban usage in the area; the presence of Tilsley Park to the West of the site is consistent with using the Green Belt for recreation.</p> <p>The site is currently Grade 2 and 3 farmland bounded in one point by Ancient Woodland (Blake's Oak).</p> <p>This site makes a High Contribution to this Green Belt purpose.</p>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<p>Abingdon has a strong claim to be the longest inhabited town in the country, and so this purpose is relevant. It has three conservation areas Lodge Hill provides the natural rim on the northern side of Abingdon. The Vale argues that they are only releasing the lower slopes, but the highest part of the development is within 10m elevation of the top of Lodge Hill.</p> <p>This site makes a High Contribution to this Green Belt purpose.</p>
To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	This site comprises Grades 2 and 3 farmland. Releasing it from the Green Belt runs counter to the desire to recycle derelict and other urban land.

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All five points necessary to deem greenbelt land as greenbelt still apply in this area – therefore it should not be built only as a last resort.

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Paragraph

2.14,
6.82,

Policy

CP
37

Proposals Map

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4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes



No

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

Yes

No

NO

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate



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Abingdon is an Historic Market Town. The urban sprawl into Green Belt land would destroy its unique character. The open high land to the north of the town currently forms an attractive gateway. The proposed development in North Abingdon would destroy its sense of place rather than create it. Public Footpaths into neighbouring villages and countryside will be overwhelmed by the scale of development.

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TYPE **YOUR** VIEWS HERE-

The edge of Abingdon would become the A34 – this is not green. Do not build up to the A34
The suggestion to re assign greenbelt to the west of the town – build on that as not

designated greenbelt at the moment.

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3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate?

Paragraph

5.8,
6.45-
6.47

Policy

SO 7

Proposals Map

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4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

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The difficulty of access and parking within the town will lead to increased congestion and pollution. No Park-and Ride facilities are included at the gateways to the town – nor is space available for these.

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Parking must be addressed before planning consent or traffic will become impossible in the town

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Paragraph	6.108, 6.111	Policy	CP 44	Proposals Map	
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Abingdon is an Historic Market Town. The urban sprawl into Green Belt land is progressively destroying its unique character, and views from the high land to the north of the town. Public Footpaths into neighbouring villages and countryside will be overwhelmed by the scale of development. The ancient woodland (Blake's Oak) is immediately outside the boundary of the North Abingdon development and would be impacted by it.

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TYPE **YOUR** VIEWS HERE-

Take building on the green belt out of the plan to only consider after all the other non

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Paragraph	6.115, 6.119, 6.120	Policy	CP 45	Proposals Map	
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Loss of Green Belt habitat for wild-life (e.g Red Kites and Skylarks) as well as a countryside amenity will be lost if the development takes place to the north and north-west of Abingdon. The proposed green spaces there will be inadequate to compensate. Also, it is worth noting that there would be an adverse impact on the neighbouring Blake's Wood Ancient Woodland.

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Paragraph	6.115, 6.119, 6.120	Policy	CP 46	Proposals Map	
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Loss of Green Belt habitat for wildlife (e.g Red Kites and Skylarks) as well as a countryside amenity will be lost if the development takes place to the north and north-west of Abingdon. Also, it is worth noting that there would be an adverse impact on the biodiversity of the neighbouring Blake's Wood Ancient Woodland, as well as a potential unfavourable impact on Sugworth Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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Paragraph	6.115, 6.119, 6.120	Policy	SO 10	Proposals Map	
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Loss of Green Belt habitat for wild-life (e.g red Kites and Skylarks) as well as a countryside amenity will be lost if the development takes place to the north and north-west of Abingdon. There would also be a loss of valuable farmland as well as a potential adverse impact on Sugworth Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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Paragraph Policy Proposals Map

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Increased local traffic will increase greenhouse emissions and pollution within the area.

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Do not build on in North Abingdon. Take building on the green belt out of the plan to only consider after all the other non greenbelt sites have been built on.

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Paragraph Policy Proposals Map

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The 'objectively assessed need for economic and housing growth' proposes that there will be a very large increase in the number of jobs in the Vale (23,000) and that this will lead to a similarly large increase in the need for housing (20,560).
However there may be less new jobs than predicted as the new work places could be high tech, high investment, but produce few new jobs.
In addition new technology may drastically reduce the number of existing jobs and so existing residents will need the new jobs.

Also based on the average household sizes this projects a population growth in the vale of over 38% over 17yrs. Oxfordshire County Councils projections for 2006 - 2026 are for a provision of 17.8% population growth in Vale.

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Re assess the number of houses needed in the Vale – far more evidence is required for public consultation, especially when the economic climate for growth is slowing down globally.

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Paragraph

4.10

Policy

CP 4

Proposals Map

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Yes



No

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

Yes

No

NO

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate



No

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 figure of 20,560 is unreasonably precise. The housing forecast is over such a long period that it is likely to be wrong because there are so many variables affecting it. Previous forecasts have been much lower. It would be more reasonable to plan for five years ahead and then see how things develop. Will there be funding to improve the A34 for example? Why commit to using Green Belt sites so quickly?

(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.

TYPE **YOUR** VIEWS HERE-

Re assess the number of houses needed in the Vale more realistically.

If you do not build on the Abingdon Greenbelt land this will mean a loss of 1000 houses and therefore 2300 less people(based on 2.3 people per household) and possibly 1200 less cars

to travel through the town (based on 1.2 per household)

Leave consideration of building on the green belt land until all alternative areas built on.

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:

16th Dec 2014