



**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)

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First Name

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Last Name

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Job Title

(where relevant)

Organisation

(where relevant)

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Line 3

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Line 4

Oxon

Post Code

OX14 4AT

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

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

Paragraph

Policy

The local Plan

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

Not sure

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

Yes

No

NO

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

Yes

No

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 Council has failed to pay sufficient attention to the views of local people and has been almost totally unresponsive to the findings of the so called public consultations.

The Local Plan is completely unsound as it is based on a flawed SHMA analysis, which greatly exaggerates the population and employment growth in the District and consequently recommends an unachievable housing target. This in turn undermines the ability of the Vale DC to meet its 5 year plus 20% housing supply target throughout the period, thus leaving the local communities exposed to a continuation of the current uncontrolled “developer led” development. It will consequently do incalculable damage to the Vale. Moreover it fails to analyse the cumulative impact of its plan and the ongoing developments and therefore fails in its duty of care for local people.

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.

The Vale DC should review its housing needs on a realistic basis to ascertain an achievable level of house building and then develop a plan in close cooperation with the other local authorities, so as to provide a sound county wide plan. It is just not possible to produce an effective plan in isolation from the neighbouring districts, particularly around the Didcot area and that south of Oxford.

I would have commented further on more detail had the web comment system be in any way user friendly. It is typical of the poor service provided by this council.

Indeed in my view the arrangement was a positive disincentive to commenting on the Plan.

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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I am particularly concerned at the proposal at Page 21 of the Appendices for a further 220 houses East of Sutton Courtenay, which would raise the increase in housing in the village to over 50 % in the last few years and threaten the sustainability of the village's fragile infrastructure.

This proposal is unsound. The site borders on an active landfill site, is within a few yards of cells capped just a few years ago and only a few hundred yards from an operational composting site.

It would consequently be exposed to more frequent experiences of being blanketed with noxious odours than the already unacceptable occurrences across other parts of the village, which the EA has failed to control.

Moreover large parts of the site flood regularly due to the breakdown of the natural drainage system surrounding and in the landfill site and the inadequate drainage scheme on that site.

The houses would also feed into the inadequate sewerage system, with detrimental effects in the lower village.

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