



Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One: Strategic Sites and Policies Publication Stage Representation Form

Ref:

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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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(where relevant)

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

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

Paragraph

6.104

Policy

CP 43

Proposals Map

3 page 7,9

4. Do you consider the DPD is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes



No

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

Yes

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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.

Core Policy 43: Natural Resources

vi. having regard to air quality and any Air Quality Management Areas

Central Abingdon-on-Thames was designated as an AQMA for nitrogen dioxide in 2006 and an action plan was approved in 2009. Abingdon's Integrated Transport Strategy (AbITS) was subsequently put in place to alter the flow of traffic within the town centre. Pollution levels in the town will continue to be monitored.

This is a summary of the objection by The North Abingdon Local Plan Group.

We consider that the proposed Green Belt housing developments to the North of Abingdon on Thames will make the existing air pollution problems in the town centre worse. Dunmore Road and Twelve Arce Drive will no longer be able to function as a ring road, particularly for large HGV and articulated vehicles, leading to increased traffic through the town centre. General traffic congestion will be exacerbated by the regular accidents and closures of the A34 with no alternative route. These housing developments undermine the number one measure in the Vale's "Air Quality Action Plan" to alleviate the town centre's air pollution problem. Economic development and housing needs cannot knowingly degrade public health.

Please see the attached document

The deterioration of Abingdon air quality due to the North Abingdon housing developments.pdf

(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-

No modifications are possible.

"Abingdon's Integrated Transport Strategy (AbITS) was subsequently put in place to alter the flow of traffic within the town centre."

The Vale's number one measure to alleviate the dangerously high air pollution in Abingdon town centre is to **encourage** traffic onto the peripheral road.

Yet building housing estates beyond the peripheral road will require the roads to be extensive remodelling to assimilate the estates within Abingdon and allow safe access to pedestrians, school children, the elderly, bus passengers, cyclists and joggers.

There is already heavy traffic along these roads which increases tremendously when the A34 is closed several times a year. The remodelling will **discourage** traffic particularly HGVs and articulated vehicles onto the peripheral road.

Building residential areas beyond the peripheral road, properly and safely assimilated within Abingdon, will increase traffic flow and air pollution in the town centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

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?

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No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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Yes

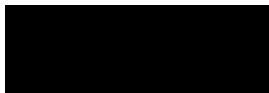
Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary: ☐

I wish to take part in the oral examination. I strongly believe that traffic and air pollution will increase in the town centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Mitigation is physically impossible. The land should not be allocated for development.

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:

18th Dec 2014