District Council Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part One:	Ref:
Strategic Sites and Policies	For official
Publication Stage Representation Form (F	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

	complete only the Title, Name and Organisation Il contact details of the agent in 2.	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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(where relevant)		
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Name or Organisation : DAVID BEER 3. To which part of the Core Strategy does this representation relate? CP2 3 page 7,9 Paragraph 1.23 Policy **Proposals Map** 4. Do you consider the DPD is : 4.(1) Legally compliant Yes No 4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, NO Effective and Justified) Yes No 4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-No operate 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 '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). I believe that many other scenarios are possible. It is almost impossible to accurately predict 17 years into the future with so much certainty. Other possibilities are that there may be less new jobs than predicted so no need for so much housing. The new developments could be high tech, high investment, but produce few new jobs and so existing residents will need the new jobs.

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The plan should identify a range of housing needs taking into consideration economic sensitivities that will affect the requirement and should build this up in phases aligned to more certain economic trends. The housing requirement should specify the quantities of affordable and higher value houses aligned to the different types of jobs that will be created. The housing developments should be as close as possible to where the jobs will be created to reduce traffic and enable cycling and walking to work.

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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?

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The housing requirement should specify the quantities of affordable and higher value houses aligned to the different types of jobs that will be created.

The housing developments should be as close as possible to where the jobs will be created to reduce traffic and enable cycling and walking to work.

Encroaching into the Green Belt should be absolutely the last resort.	
Key infrastructure should be in place before any consideration to new development in North Abingdon.	

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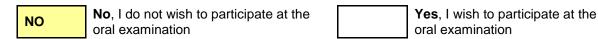
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The Green Belt in North Abingdon is a valuable asset soundly set up many years ago to prevent carpeting Abingdon with houses, preventing unreasonable urban sprawl. The whole Green Belt should be kept in place as was originally intended for very good reasons and sound judgement. It should not be built on.

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Abingdon is an Historic Market Town. Any 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 tend to destroy its sense of place rather than create it. Public footpaths into neighbouring villages and countryside will be overwhelmed by the scale of the proposed development.

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The principle of the Green Belt was established for very well considered reasons. Space is required to minimise the ever worsening visual, noise and pollution impact of the A.34 to existing homes. The tree planting initiative started some years ago in this part of the Green Belt should be continued to occupy the whole of the space between the A34 and Dunmore Road. **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.

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The difficulty of access and parking within the town will only worsen leading to increased congestion and pollution. No Park and Ride facilities are included at the gateways to the town – there is no space for these anyway.

The town is already congested and has limited parking any sizeable development will bring the town to a standstill. No one will want to shop in the town centre resulting in even more decay and un occupied shop locations. This development will totally ruin the town.

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There should not be any further building in North Abingdon as the town cannot cope with it.

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The area allocated in the plan for housing should be left as agricultural land planted with trees with further footpaths through from Tilsey Park.

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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?

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Any new housing to support increases in work should be built close to the proposed work sites to reduce traffic and promote cycling and walking to work.

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Drive would cause severance for the site and 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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The proposed housing cannot be sustained by the existing infrastructure and facilities so should not proceed.

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The well -being of existing residents will worsen if this proposed development goes ahead so should be dismissed.

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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 traffic flow further

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Supporting infrastructure apart from the Lodge Hill A34 improvements will only worsen the current traffic flows.

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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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The strategy seems completely flawed. So should be dismissed.

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The plan to build houses in N.Abingdon to reduce the need to travel and promote sustainable modes of transport is flawed and should not proceed.

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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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Paragraph 6.68-6.70 Policy	CP12	Proposals Map	3 page 7,9 E14,E1	5	
4. Do you consider the DPD is :					
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Paragraph	5.8,6.45- 47,6.55,6.57, 6.71,6.73,6.78 6.79,6.105	Policy	CP33	Proposals	Map (3 page 7,9 E14	
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The proposal does not in any way help with access to Oxford. It already takes an hour to travel the 6 miles from N. Abingdon to the centre of Oxford at peak times, and the huge number of additional vehicles on the A34 from the new developments will increase this significantly.

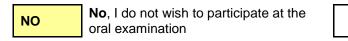
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- The vulnerability of the A34 is a critical factor requiring a diamond junction at Lodge Hill, as well as additional lanes between M40 and Chilton. This needs to be in place BEFORE any housing development, otherwise the additional burden on traffic congestion within Abingdon will become impossible during lane closures for widening.
- The recent government announcement on roads includes only CTV and information signs for the A34 (and minor changes to approach roads to 2 junctions north of Oxford). This will let drivers know how many miles long the queue is but will do nothing to prevent the frequent long queues.

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Paragraph	6.55,6.57,6.71, 6.73,6.78,6.79,6.105	Policy CP35	Proposals	Map 3 page 7,9 E14	
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