Vale of the White Horse Local Plan 2031 Examination Stage 2: Written Response from Keep Cumnor Green



Matter 8

Are there other sites which would more appropriately

meet the need for new housing?

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Each of the signatories named above are Local Plan Part 1 consultees, and fully support the following Written Statement. We kindly request that the Planning Inspector also takes note of the petition attached.

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Matter 8.1: Are there other sites which would more appropriately meet the need for new housing?

The Local Plan's hierarchy of settlements (DLP01 Section 4, *Spatial Strategy*, page 37) defines Cumnor as "a larger village", one where development should only take place to meet a village's "local needs". It states (in *Core Policy 13*, page 63) that future development in GB villages like Cumnor should be allocated only "within the existing built area of the village". It is unsound to proceed with extensive releases of GB land that (a) lie *outside* the village and (b) where the village has no need to expand for its own purposes.

The Parish Council is embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan to identify other sites which might be suitable for development in due course. It should be noted that in Stage 1 Written Statements JPPC, acting on behalf of South Cumnor Landowners, stated that the "identification of smaller site allocations...would ensure housing delivery" (Matter 1, paragraph 16¹). Rather than unrealistic wholesale removals from the GB, a more targeted and incremental approach would be both more democratic, achievable and deliverable.

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