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Dear Mr Bates,

**Vale of White Horse Local Plan Examination**

Thank you for your recent letter. As you anticipated I have already read my colleague's Preliminary Findings in respect of the West Oxfordshire District Local Plan.

Once the programmed February 2016 Stage 2 Hearings are complete, and having regard to all aspects of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan, I will be in a position to conclude whether or not the document is likely to be capable of being found sound and, if so, whether or not any main modifications are necessary. In this regard, and amongst a wide range of other matters, I will, of course, be considering the issue of Oxford City's unmet housing needs.

Yours sincerely

*Malcolm Rivett*

INSPECTOR