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Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Development Plan - Vale of White Horse District Council response to Examiner's Clarification Note of 28th January 2019

Dear Andrew,

In your clarification note dated 28 January you raise the following points for the District Council to address:

Policy SS4.1 – Your representation suggested that additional work would be undertaken. Has the Landscape Officer reviewed the policy and provided any comments?

Policies DG2.1/2.2- Your representation suggested that additional work would be undertaken. Has the Conservation Officer reviewed the policies and provided any comments?

In both cases please can any comments formulated be sent both to me and directly to the parish councils.

I have seen the exchange of letters between the District Council and the Local Plan Inspector on the Dalton Barracks proposal on the Local Plan examination website.

Are the Main Modifications 8a/8b/12a/13a available for me to view?

In any event when will the Main Modifications be published?

As a starting point the District Council would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the clarification note.

The Council are committed to supporting our neighbourhood planning groups. Regarding your queries about our landscape and conservation officers providing

comments on policies SS4.1, DG2.1 and DG2.2; Officers held a series of meetings with the Wootton and St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan group during plan preparation, including a workshop on the plan draft policies, with offers to hold further workshops and meetings. However, the decision was made to submit the plan before this opportunity was taken up and the short timescale between our response and submission of the NDP meant that no additional comments were provided.

Regarding the modifications for the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2, we anticipate the Main Modifications consultation will commence on the 18th February. However the Proposed Draft Main Modifications Schedule has been published as part of the Cabinet papers and is available on our website here.

We note your comment that you are familiar with the exchange of letters between the District Council and the Local Plan Inspector on the Dalton Barracks proposal. The correspondence can be found in full on our website (under section 19) here. For your reference, further correspondence between the Local Plan Inspector and the local member of Parliament about the Dalton Barracks/Abingdon Airfield allocation has recently been added. The Local Plan Inspector states in his response that subject to further consultation, he is satisfied that what has been done may represent a sound approach. The correspondence from Layla Moran MP (18 January 2019) and response from the Inspector (24 January 2019) is available on our website (under section 19) here.

Yours Sincerely,

Adrian Duffield

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