

## Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2 Examination

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Dear Mr Duffield

VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 2 (LPP2): EXAMINATION

I am writing to confirm my closing remarks at the end of the hearing sessions on 6 September.

At the session on 4 September relating to Harwell Campus, I agreed to allow the Council to submit some wording for a potential main modification in relation to the occupation of the 1,000 dwellings proposed at the site. This should be submitted to the programme officer by 21 September. I will not invite comments on the wording from other participants at this stage as if the proposal progresses there would be full consultation on the proposed main modifications in due course.

I have also asked for some material to understand the content of planning permission P15/V0575/EZ on the site such as a planning statement and/or committee report, together with relevant plans. This should also be submitted by 21 September.

Apart from this, no further evidence in relation to Matter 7 will be accepted as this would be unfair to other participants at the hearing.

On 4 September I also accepted the submission of 'Wantage and Grove Station – Statement of Opinion – Report' as an examination document as this had been published late the previous week. The timing of this was unfortunate in relation to the hearing into Matter 6 that day so I will accept any comments on the document from other participants until 21 September.

Can I raise one additional matter. At my request the latest version of the Wootton & St Helens Without Neighbourhood Plan has been added to the examination documents. Could you set out for me (again by 21 September) the expected timetable for the submission and examination of this plan and how you see this process in relation to the adoption of the LPP2.

Now the hearing sessions have closed I will give careful consideration to the numerous issues raised and write to you again as soon as I can. In the meantime the Council may wish to review the lists of potential main and additional modifications in the light of the hearing discussions. I will consider these in due course.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Dr Maxted, Ms Roberts, all the other Council officers, the legal representatives and consultants who together presented the Council's case so clearly, also Ms David and the other support staff who ensured the practical arrangements at the two venues worked so smoothly. I would also like to thank the County Council officers who were helpful throughout and all the other participants at the hearings for their invaluable contribution to the hearing discussions and my understanding of the plan. Finally I would like to thank Ian Kemp, the programme officer, for his sterling assistance throughout the process to date.

Yours sincerely

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INSPECTOR