

 <p>Vale of White Horse District Council</p>	<p>Proposed Modifications to the Submission Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part One</p> <p>Representation Form</p>	<p>Ref:</p> <p>(For official use only)</p>
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Please return to the Planning Policy Team, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton OX14 4SB, or email planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk no later than **Wednesday 14 September 2016 by 5pm precisely.**

This form has two parts –

Part A – Your Personal Details

Part B – Your Representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Main Modifications Consultation Form

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 1 Schedule of Main Modifications includes a series of changes to the published Local Plan 2031 Part 1. These suggested modifications are being consulted on for a period of 8 weeks.

The Inspector is inviting comments on the proposed Main Modifications as part of the Examination process for the Local Plan 2031 Part 1. The Main Modifications have been identified by the Inspector as those necessary to make the Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies contained within the Local Plan sound. The Inspector will consider all representations submitted to the schedule of Main Modifications consultation before publishing his final report.

Submitting Comments:

Please fill in this form and return:

- Via email to: planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk
- By post:
 - Planning Policy
 - Vale of White Horse District Council
 - 135 Milton Park
 - Milton
 - Abingdon
 - OX14 4SB
- Comments must be received by **Wednesday 14 September 2016 by 5pm precisely.** **Comments received after this time will not be accepted and will not be considered by the Inspector.**
- Please complete a separate form for each Main Modification you are commenting on.
- Please clearly identify which Main Modification your comments refer to using the reference (i.e MM1) in the Local Plan Part 1 Schedule of Main Modifications.
- Please do not repeat your previous comments as these have already been considered by the Planning Inspector. **Comments will only be considered that refer to a change as shown in the Local Plan Part 1 Schedule of Main Modifications.**

Part A

1. Personal Details*

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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If you do not wish to be informed of future updates to the Local Plan or other planning policy consultations in your area, please tick this box

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR YOUR COMMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED. BY COMPLETING THIS FORM YOU AGREE TO YOUR DETAILS BEING SHARED AND YOUR NAME AND COMMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING. THESE REPRESENTATIONS CANNOT BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL.

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. Please give the Main Modification reference your comment relates to.

Proposed Modification Number:

Main Modification reference –

MM:6

4. Do you consider the proposed Main Modification addresses the following issues in relation to the policies concerned?

Legally compliant:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positively Prepared:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with National Policy:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please mark as appropriate.

5. If you have answered 'no' to any of the above please specify your reason for objecting below.

You should make it clear why the Main Modification is either not legally compliant and/or unsound explaining why the Main Modification is not:

- positively prepared;
- justified;
- effective; or,
- not consistent with national policy.

Ring Fence Area

Chapter 4:

MM6. (Paragraphs 4.21 and 4.22)

1. We are concerned at the proposed changes to the "Ring Fence Area". Originally this was going to be separate small areas around the developments in the Science Vale, however, the proposed change in MM6 is to make the "Ring Fence" include the whole of the Science Vale and sites and settlements immediately adjacent to it, 'to ensure appropriate flexibility in its operation'.

We believe this could mean that villages like East Challow, Denchworth, East Hanney, Steventon etc. may be included in the "Ring Fence" and may therefore be subject to further development in the future.

We are concerned that this is a way of extending the development area by stealth and we do not support this modification. We therefore see the need for listing the villages, not listed as part of the ring-fence area in the draft plan submitted for the EiP, as specifically excluded from the ring-fence area.

2. We see great advantage, above any arguments of consistency with other Councils' approaches, to maintain the original wording that includes: 'The ring-fence.....intentionally excludes its more rural parts. The ring-fence covers selected main settlement areas (Wantage, Grove, Harwell, Milton)..., and land consented or allocated for development around them'. Otherwise, it is easy to envisage a whole sheaf of undesirable speculative applications leading to unnecessary and time-consuming disputes relating to land which neither the Council nor the Inspector would wish to see developed.
3. In particular, we should wish to see a particular mention of the AONB, and the need for the Council to observe the full level of protection provided by law (whether or not any part is included in the ring-fence).

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Part 1 Main Modification legally compliant and/or sound.

It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

(A) The Plan should revert to the use of the following wording included previously in the draft submitted for the EiP:

‘The ring-fence.....intentionally excludes its more rural parts. The ring-fence covers selected main settlement areas (Wantage, Grove, Harwell, Milton)..., and land consented or allocated for development around them’.

In any case, the following clause should be added:

‘All other settlements adjacent to the Science Vale Area are specifically excluded from the ring-fence: East Challow, Denchworth, East Hanney, Steventon etc.’ (The full list of settlements should be listed).

(B) That any part of the AONB is included in the ring-fence area does NOT in any way reduce the protection given by law to all parts of the AONB.

(continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)

7. Do you have any comments on the updated Sustainability Appraisal or Habitats Regulation Assessment Addendum in respect of this particular Main Modification?

We are proposing a change to MM6 so that the "Ring Fence" does not include sites and settlements immediately adjacent to the Science Vale Area.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 5PM ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representation(s). Further submission(s) will only be accepted at the request of the Inspector.