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| **Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:** | | | | | | | | Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 | |
| **Please return by** **5pm on Wednesday 22 November 2017 to:** Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email [planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) | | | | | | | | | |
| This form has two parts:  **Part A** – Personal Details  **Part B** – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make. | | | | | | | | | |
| **Part A** | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Personal Details\* | |  |  |  |  |  | 2. Agent’s Details (if applicable) | | |
| \*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. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Job Title (where relevant) | | Director | | |  | |  | | |
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| **Sharing your details**: please see page 3 | | | | | | |  | | |

**Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation**

Name or organisation: CPRE Oxfordshire

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy Policies Map

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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: (*Please tick as appropriate)*

4. (1) Legally compliant NO

4. (2) Sound NO No

4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate N/A No

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| 5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.  If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments. |
| Oxford-Cambridge Expressway & Growth Corridor  The probable Expressway development is effectively confined to a footnote in the Plan, and its magnitude unrecognised, when it will (if it proceeds as expected) be by far the largest transformative planning event in the District, and will affect the extent and location of site allocations made in the Plan.  The proposal is for a new Growth Corridor between the M4 and M11, branded the Oxford-Cambridge arc, within which would be a new Expressway. The aim of the Expressway is not connectivity but to facilitate a million more houses and the development of businesses to employ their occupants. On a pro rata basis that is 10,000 houses per mile of its length.  Although CPRE are campaigning for a Public Inquiry into route choices, Highways England’s current plan is to announce its preferred route in July 2018 (perhaps before the Inspector’s decision letter following the Vale EIP) and confirm it in July 2019 following a Public Inquiry into the single preferred route.  The aim is to commence building the route in 2025 or earlier, that is well within the period of this Plan review. The alternative routes presently under consideration are an upgrade of the existing A34 to improve flows and capacity or a new road branching off it between Didcot and North Abingdon, heading East across the Green Belt South of Oxford.  Either way, the development and the housing and employment obligations it entails will be far and away the biggest event during the Plan period which runs to 2031.  Although the Vale had written to the NIC in August advocating a Southern Route and proposing it *will best deliver the (growth) outcomes sought by the commission,* and the Vale’s “Didcot Garden Plan” published in June 2017 explicitly advocates a Southern route, this Plan Review merely states that the development *could have major benefits in relieving strategic traffic from the A34 and bringing further investment to the Science Vale.* Use of the word “relieving” implies that the Council favours a new Expressway South of Oxford rather than upgrading of the existing road, but the Plan Review is silent on the major environmental impact, and the implications of the obligation for the 100,000 new houses and 700,000 jobs the Expressway carries with it.  We say that that approach is unsound and that the Plan needs to be more open about the nature and implications of by far the largest likely development during the Plan period, which could radically alter and increase the site allocations within it.  (Continue on page 4 /expand box if necessary) |

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| 6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant 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. |
| To be sound, and given that the route of the Expressway will be known by July 2018, the Plan should be suspended until it can be re-assessed and include the implications in the Plan period of the Expressway, given that Highways England plan to start construction as early as possible after the 2019 Public Enquiry, perhaps as soon as 2020, only three years from now, and with eleven years of the Plan period remaining.  At the very least an annex to the Plan Review should be provided, detailing the implications of the Expressway, which have clearly been carefully considered by the Council, and whether or not it would affect or increase proposed numbers, sites or allocations.  (Continue on page 4 /expand box if necessary) |

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

**After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.**

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

**Yes**, I wish to participate at the

oral examination

YES

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| 8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why  you consider this to be necessary:  It is expected that this matter will be the subject of argument across the floor at the Inquiry, and that by that time there will be more certainty informing the proposals. It will be helpful to the Inspector if we participate. |
| ***Please note*** *the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.* |

Signature: Date:

**Sharing your personal details**

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

**Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name.** If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by Vale of White Horse District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

**Would you like to hear from us in the future?**

I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan

I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates

Please do not contact me again

**Further comment:** Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

**Alternative formats of this form are available on request.** Please contact our customer service team on 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial) or email [planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

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