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Dear Planning Policy Team,

Oxford City Local Plan 2036 Main Modifications Consultation

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the Main Modifications to the Draft Local Plan 2036. We wish to provide the following comments and observations.

Main Modification 6 – Policy H1 1861, 47.1, MM6

The Council welcomes the amendment of policy H1 to increase the number of homes delivered within the City. This has increased from 8,620 to a minimum of 10,884 (this figure is set out in note OCC.1B).

It is recommended a further factual correction is made in respect of MM6 (page 36, paragraph 3.11) to reflect the adoption of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2 (Date October 2019).

Main Modifications to policies containing housing site allocations SP1-7, SP12-SP19, SP23-SP60 and SP62-SP66

The Council welcomes the inclusion of minimum housing numbers for each site.

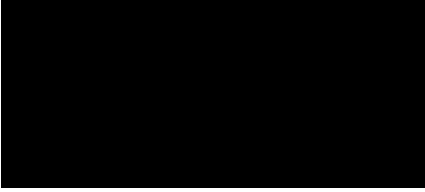
Policy RE1 – Sustainable design and construction 1862, 47.2, MM15

In 2019, the Vale of White Horse District Council, like Oxford City Council declared a climate emergency. Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that development plan documents should include policies that help to contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to climate change and it is noted that this policy seeks to achieve this. This Council therefore welcomes the further modifications included for this policy to help ensure a sound plan.

Concluding remarks

I trust the above observations are helpful. Please contact the Planning Policy Team at the Vale of White Horse District Council if you wish to discuss the Main Modifications further,

Yours sincerely



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