

**48. Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting council.**

Written response to the question asked by Julie Mabberley, Campaign Manager of the Wantage and Grove Campaign Group, of Councillor Matthew Barber, Leader of the council:

“The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031: Part 1 was adopted at Full Council on 14 December 2016 following the publication of the Planning Inspector’s Final Report. The Planning Inspector’s Report considered whether the plan complies with appropriate national legislation and policy including the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the National Planning Policy Framework. The Inspector concludes that with the main modifications set out in his report that the plan is ‘sound’.

The Local Plan makes provision for delivering sustainable development in a number of ways including specific consideration for health care provision. The Planning Inspector considered a number of specific issues in his report that help the plan contribute to achieving sustainable development such as:

- Issue 2 – the overall distribution of housing
- Issue 3 – the strategy for employment land
- Issues 4, 5 and 6 – the strategies for the three sub-areas identified in the plan
- Issue 8 – supply of deliverable housing
- Issue 9 – district wide policies

Furthermore, in Issue 7, the Inspector considered ‘whether or not the plan makes adequate and soundly-based provision for infrastructure and services to support new development’. The plan sets out policy requirements for each strategic allocation and is accompanied by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan. These make clear reference to the need to contribute to health care provision. In conclusion, the Inspector states that the ‘plan makes adequate and soundly-based provision for infrastructure and services to support new development’.

The Council works closely with health care providers including the Clinical Commissioning Group and meets on a regular basis to assist them to develop their strategy for future provision”.

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