



Vale of White Horse

District Council

**Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities
(Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England)
Regulations 2000**

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	Name of Decision maker	Councillor Roger Cox	
2	Type of Decision (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	Key	Other Yes
3	Date of Decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)		
4	The Decision	To approve a general approach to the council's ability to apply for a waiver to the Designated Protection Area Order.	
5	Reasons for Decision	<p>The Government has introduced the Designated protection Area for rural housing. In DPA all shared ownership housing is excluded from being allowed to be sold outright to the resident. This is designed to keep affordable housing available to local people. The government have designated where DPA s are and this includes much of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse.</p> <p>The council has powers, under the HCA guidelines for affordable housing, to waive the Designated Protection Area restrictions for rural homes.</p> <p>This power is lessened for houses built with public subsidy where we apply to the Homes and Communities Agency for a waiver.</p> <p>We have received representations from Registered Providers on this subject and drafted a policy which is attached.</p>	
6	Alternative Options Rejected	The council could choose not to waive the requirements of DPA either themselves or by not supporting an application. However it considers that this will restrict the ability and willingness of	

		registered providers to develop rural housing. Instead we have agreed with the RPs a position to protect smaller rural developments whilst allowing flexibility for larger developments. The main RP partners have agreed that this is a sensible compromise
7	Resource Implications	None
8	Legal implications	The council is using its power to waive a restriction or, for houses built with public subsidy, apply for the lifting of a restriction on rural housing. The power to do this is enshrined in HCA procedure guidelines.
9	Financial implications	None
10	List of Consultees (See guidance below)	Sovereign Housing Soha Housing
11	Reports and Background Papers Considered	Briefing note attached
12	Date of receipt of Reports	
13	Declarations of Interests	None
14	Dispensations	None
15	Is this decision confidential and if so, under which Exempt category?	No
16	"Call in" Waived?	No
17	Signature and Date	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Decision maker </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> 25th October 2013 Dated </div> </div>
18	This form must be physically handed to a member of the Democratic	<p>Note: The date and time at which this form is received will be recorded by the Head of Democratic Services. The decision will then be published and is subject to "call in".</p> 

	Services Team	Date <u>30-10-13</u> Time <u>9:00</u> Head of Democratic Services Date and Time Form Received <i>PP</i>
19	Details of Publication on the Web and date of expiry of "Call In" Note: This part of the Form will be completed by Democratic Services	Date of Expiry of "Call In" ... <u>6-11-13</u> Date Published ... <u>30-10-13</u> Date hand delivered ^{emailed} to Chair of Scrutiny ... <u>30-10-13</u>