

Matter 1 Written Statement – Ian Parkinson (725)

I would like to add some further responses to Wycombe District councils Local Plan. But may I explain my interest firstly I am a concerned resident of Princes Risborough and was also a member of the Princes Risborough Steering group for most of its existence. I have found many of the issues raised in the minority report resonated with my experiences so had no hesitation with adding my name to it. With a background of 30 years of experience managing finance departments around the world, I took my time responsibilities on the Steering group seriously and researched planning issues and legislations, and as expected it discovered it is a complex field and not as black and white as it was often painted by WDC. My view on the plan is closer to those of RARA, than WDC, and I have assisted them in producing their responses, but I have different views that from them on some issues, which I would like to put forward at your enquiry bringing a different perspective to some of the matter, which I have already applied for earlier this month.

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3) There were four MOUs, were dated after the time of the publication of the Local Plan for consultation, therefore I am only able to comment on them now.

MOU 9 regarding the agreement with Network rail, the plan for the Bridges in relationship to the relief road, it has been indicated that the bridges will not be altered but the road lowered, however the MOU mentions moving of the bridges and roads. This could provide a better solution but would have a major effect on the surrounding properties and so should have been given the opportunity to be discussed.

MOU10 the agreement with Aylesbury Vale council, that AVDC propose to build houses in Buckingham and Winslow that are not in the same House Marketing area as WDC, so raising questions of whether WDC's unmet need can be met by AVDC. It also states that Princes Risborough is a main area of additional employment land, but any nett increase is minimal when this type of land lost for housing to accommodate the Local plan is included, in fact a substantial amount employment land was lost in the four years prior to the local Plan, which if included, make this statement misleading

MOU11 the agreement with Oxfordshire councils in September was limited to just discussing housing numbers. However, in common with the Oxfordshire council I felt this should include agreements on joint services and the possibility of improving access to the M40, so relieving congestion on the A4010 between Risborough and Wycombe, so I am happy to see this now included in an MOU, but I am concerned about its vagueness and lack of any commitments to resolving these issues, just an agreement to talk about it.

Some of this could be positive but they have not been able to be scrutinised, and having been prepared for four years, these issues should not be being resolved after the deadline

6)As part of the Steering group I am aware that we had no input into the Local plan despite it being stated we would have. When the Steering group provide a united representation to the councils first public consultation, all points raised were ignored. As the Steering group developed WDC's approach got more dictatorial, as it was stated we were only there to be informed, and then we were not allowed to talk about it because of confidentiality, so even the aim of being a tool to inform the

residents of Risborough stopped being a goal. Therefore, with consultation through the steering group impossible, and the public voice ignored no input at a local level was possible, unless it was supportive of WDCs objectives.

11) Having a strategy of houses in the North and jobs in the South, will only create more unnecessary commuting Journeys which could have been reduced with a better integrated plan. This would have helped improve the air quality and reduce climate change gas emissions, and meet most of the aims of the NPPF, instead of only one

Can I take this time in thanking your staff in the assistance they have provided in this process and in particular Ian Kemp in his patients in answering my many questions.lok8lllo

Yours respectfully

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