

Independent Examination of Wycombe Delivery and Site Allocations Plan

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Further Statement by High Wycombe Society (025)

Policy HWTC16 - Town Centre Vision

“Following discussions with WDC and a detailed re-reading of the Peter Brett work, we consider that there is too much artistic licence in the WDC DSA Figure 7 and the PB Drawing A.

We agree with the wording of Policy HWTC16, and particularly that of paragraph 5. Opening up of the river culverts has been a particular aspiration of the High Wycombe Society for the past 40 years, and has been enthusiastically and comprehensively adopted by the District Council away from the town centre. Whilst realisation of this aspiration for the town centre is beyond the end of the present plan, it is essential that the present plan does not compromise this aim. The Peter Brett study has shown that the proposal is practical at affordable cost and has defined the optimum route (their Drawings 23884/002/005 or 6). Unfortunately the current DSA Plan Figures 7 and 8 show an extension to Octagon Parade which is much larger than in previous iterations of the Plan and which impinges on the proposed river line. It would also involve building over one of the culverts, which is likely to conflict with Environment Agency policy. We believe that the definitive line of the river should be agreed before the preparation of detailed plans for this area.”