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Dear Planning, Policy team

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 Proposed Main Modifications required to make the Local Plan Review sound which is part of the Inspector's issued preliminary findings (without prejudice to his final report).

It is stated in the Schedule of Proposed Additional (minor) Modifications (AM) that; *Additional modifications (sometimes also referred to as "minor modifications") are changes which do not materially affect the policies in the Plan and therefore they do not fall within the scope of the Examination. This Schedule is published for information only.*

We have reviewed the Schedule of Proposed Additional (minor) Modifications (AM) and find that some EA comments agreed with the LPA in the agreed in the Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency have not been included in the proposed additional modifications. We are unclear if these comments have been or would be considered and included in the adopted plan.

We note modifications suggested for polices in Chapter 8 *Non-Strategic Site allocations: Our Place Based Approach*, which the LPA agreed to include in the local plan (as we agreed with the LPA in the SoCG [REDACTED]) has not been included. We list particularly the sites/policies below.

- RSA1: Land north of Newbury College, Monks Lane, Newbury
- RSA2: Land at Bath Road, Speen
- RSA3: Land at Coley Farm, Newbury *[site is removed from the plan as development has commenced on site]*
- RSA4: Land off Greenham Road, Newbury *[site is removed from the plan as development has commenced on site]*
- RSA5: Land at Lower Way, Thatcham
- RSA6: Stoneham's Farm, Long Lane, Tilehurst *[site is removed from the plan as development has commenced on site]*
- RSA7: 72 Purley Rise, Purley on Thames *[site is removed from the plan as development has commenced on site]*
- RSA8: Land adjacent to Bath Road and Dorking Way, Calcot
- RSA9: Land between A340 and The Green, Theale
- RSA10: Whitehart Meadow
- RSA11: Former Theale sewage Treatment Works, Theale
- RSA12: Land adjoining Pondhouse Farm, Clayhill Road, Burghfield Common *[site is removed from the plan as development has commenced on site]*
- RSA13: Land north of A4 Bath Road, Woolhampton
- RSA14: Land adjoining Lynch Lane, Lambourn
- RSA15: Land at Newbury Road, Lambourn

- RSA16: Land north of Southend Road, Bradfield Southend
- RSA17: Land at Chieveley Glebe, Chieveley
- RSA18: Pirbright Institute Site, High Street, Compton
- RSA19: Land west of Spring Meadows, Great Shefford
- RSA20: Land off Charlotte close, Hermitage
- RSA21: Land to the south east of the Old Farmhouse, Hermitage
- RSA22: Land adjacent Station Road, Hermitage
- RSA23: Land adjoining The Haven, Kintbury
- RSA24: New Stocks Farm, Paices Hill, Aldermaston
- RSA25: Long Copse Farm, Enborne
- ESA1: Land east of Colthrop Industrial Estate, Thatcham
- ESA2: Land west of Ramsbury Road, Membury Industrial Estate, Lambourn Woodlands
- ESA3: Land to the south of Trinity Grain, Membury Industrial Estate, Lambourn Woodlands
- ESA4: Beenham Landfill, Pips Way, Beenham
- ESA5: Northway Porsche, Grange Lane, Beenham
- ESA6: Land adjacent to Padworth IWMF, Padworth Lane, Padworth

As these were soundness points which we raised, will these be addressed via another mechanism in the plan making process to ensure it is captured in the local plan? Kindly advise and direct us to where these comments/information will be contained. If you also require any further information from us, please let us know.

Kind regards

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**From:** PlanningPolicy <PlanningPolicy@westberks.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 06 December 2024 10:30

**Subject:** Consultation on the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 Proposed Main Modifications

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The West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (LPR) is currently being independently examined by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's role is to assess whether the LPR has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound (positively prepared, justified, effective and

consistent with national policy). If the Inspector concludes that the LPR is sound and meets the necessary tests, it can then be adopted by the Council and will form the Local Plan for the District.

The Inspector issued his preliminary findings on 31 July 2024, and a note on the Main Modifications consultation on 24 October 2024. The findings are without prejudice to his final report but set out the Main Modifications he considers are required in order to make the LPR sound. These proposed Main Modifications are now subject to an 8-week public consultation from Friday 6 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.

It is important that any proposed Main Modifications do not undermine the sustainability process that has informed the preparation of the LPR. The Council has therefore updated the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA), and produced an addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), both of which accompany the LPR. We are therefore now inviting representations on the following documents between **Friday 6 December 2024 and 11:59pm on Friday 31 January 2025**:

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (November 2024)
- Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Policies Map (November 2024)
- Updated Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) Report – Proposed Main Modifications (November 2024)
- Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Proposed Main Modifications (November 2024).

All documents relating to the Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications can be viewed electronically on the Council's website at <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/lpr-proposed-main-modifications>.

**Please note that representations may only be made in relation to the documents as set out above.** If you previously submitted representations to the earlier consultations on the LPR the Inspector has already considered these during the examination and there is no need to make them again.

**Representations must be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday 31 January 2025.** Late representations cannot be taken into consideration by the Inspector. The Statement of Representations Procedure attached explains where the relevant documents are available for inspection and how your comments should be submitted. I hope this is helpful, but if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Policy Team on the contact details below:

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Yours faithfully,

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Executive Director for Place

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