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Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

My comments/representation apply throughout the plan but specifically objectives 1 and 3 and policies 10, 11, 1 and 1.

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Again, disappointed the Steering committee chose to ignore my comments submitted as part of the previous consultation. I wrote extensively on why the "evidence" used to justify certain policies could not be relied upon and did not give the "mandate" the plan suggests.

My major issue with this is the contradiction in the plan about attracting young families into village to keep it viable and the school going...and in the same breath the two top policies are all about providing homes for old people/those of retirement age.

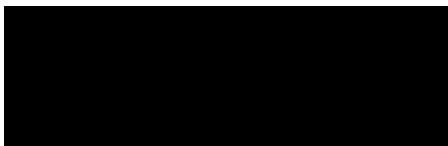
There is an overt bias in the plan for those retired or coming up to retirement. The plan seeks to make Eckington into a retirement village rather than a vibrant community attractive to young families. Inappropriate use of evidence should result in that section being removed (The Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan, The Wantage Neighbourhood Plan).

More consultation should be done on the younger demographic, in this case anyone below 65, should be engaged to ensure their views and needs are captured in the plan. Young families in particular should be encouraged to participate in the process. Having a young family, myself, I know this plan doesn't represent me or any other young family wanting to move into the area. This is the reason the neighbourhood plan failed in Sandon and Burston Parish and was rejected by the examiner.

The Eckington steering Group have approached just the usual suspects (anyone over 50) - children and young people have a different perspective on the area and may come up with new ideas- they are often not involved (Hebden Royd neighbourhood planning group- Held a children's workshop, why didn't the Eckington Steering Group).

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Again my comments could apply throughout but I wanted to specifically address Policy H6

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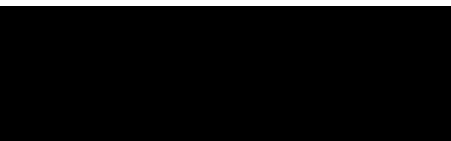
Again, disappointed the Steering committee chose to ignore my and other residents comments submitted as part of the previous consultation.

H6 states "included to reinforce that the specific sites allocated in this plan are exceptions (Roman Meadow and Pershore Road), in that they are outside the existing boundary but have overwhelming community support." This is simply not true! The two large developments do not have overwhelming support. As stated in the previous consultations the original survey conducted in consultation 1 showed overwhelming support for in-fill housing and small developments, it specifically rejected large-scale estates suggested in this plan. Inappropriate use of evidence should result in that section being removed or does not proceed to referendum (The Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan, The Wantage Neighbourhood Plan). It's an appalling abuse of process to create one rule for the Neighbourhood plan and a different rule for everyone else.

Policy H6 is unfair and disproportionate. It is far too restrictive and not supported by evidence, flexibility should allow small-scale development. Neighbourhood planning should not be anti-growth and should encourage sustainable development.

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Paragraph 8.21 Scale of Future Development, Policy H10 and H11

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Most frustratingly the Steering Group have ignored the previous comments I submitted in regulation 14 consultation, discounting large developments in favour of small in-fill housing.

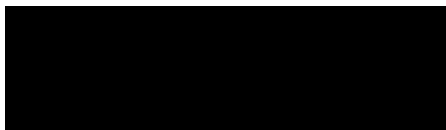
Large housing estates which are not in keeping with the character and local distinctiveness of the village should not be recommended in the plan. This was overwhelmingly confirmed by the evidence collected in 2015 survey, which paragraph 8.21 confirms. The Village overwhelmingly supported small scale in-fill housing. It specifically rejected the sort of large developments this neighbourhood plan recommends. Paragraph 8.22 confirms the plan is going to ignore the survey/evidence results. It relies on subsequent consultations in which participation was significantly lower. Numbers were proportionally so low to have crossed the minimum threshold and it is no longer viable to be relied upon to justify contradicting consultation 1.

This is wholly unacceptable and unfair. These large developments are not in-keeping with the village and not supported by evidence.

The evidence has been manipulated to support the inherent biases in the plan. It references the stage 3 consultation approving these large developments at Roman Meadow and Pershore Road. Only 69 residents agreed to these plans at this event. Whereas at the stage 1 consultation 276 residents voted against large scale development in preference for small developments and in-fill housing. The Steering Group have ignored the previous evidence and only referenced the evidence that "supports" their solution.

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