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Form for commenting on the

**Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan
Issues and Options Consultation Stage**

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Part 3 Your comments

Question 1

Has the HEDNA come to the correct conclusion on potential growth and if not what should the correct figure be?

Summary:

We are not in a position to comment

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

Question 2

Has the HEDNA made the correct adjustments to the Government's projections and if not what should the adjustments be? For example, might the need for more economic growth mean we should have more housing?

Summary:

We are not in a position to comment

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

Question 3

Is the HEDNA's conclusion on affordable requirements a valid one or should the requirement be higher or lower?

Summary:

The requirement should be specifically for more small, affordable housing for local people, young families and the elderly

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

Question 4

What should be the Council's approach for meeting the housing needs of the elderly?

Summary:

Smaller 1 and 2 bedroom housing should be made available and affordable.

There should be a wider variety of provision made for the needs of the elderly, supported by local amenities such as;

- A practical and regular bus service to reach local towns
- Local meeting places to support the Healthy Places Initiative
- Social Support

Detailed Representation:

Empty box for detailed representation.

Question 5

Do the HEDNA's conclusions on employment growth reflect your expectations and if not what should it take into account?

Summary:

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

Question 6

How should the Local Plan address the need for traveller pitches?

Summary:

Not in a position to comment

Detailed Comments:

Question 7

Do you agree with the conclusions of the HELAA and if not what should it say instead and why?

Summary:

Yes, with regard to Ickford.

Unable to comment regarding any other Parishes.

The Ickford Parish Council resolved on a majority to agree with the report regarding the 4 specific sites previously proposed and rejected.

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

The Ickford Parish Council would consider alternative sites subject to criteria discussed and agreed at a public meeting. This includes, severe and ongoing drainage, local flooding issues and sewerage capacity not meeting the current needs of the village.

Question 8

Is the Settlement Hierarchy correct and if not why is it not correct?

Summary:

We wish to contest the settlement hierarchy. We appear to have been re-categorised from a smaller to a larger village based purely on 1 set of criteria - number of amenities.

We are not within 4 miles of a town and we have very limited employment, so although we have some amenities today, (shop/PO, primary school, pub) we certainly do not meet all sets of the criteria.

Our facilities and services have not increased since we were a small village. It seems that the formula has changed to tip the balance. The first criteria that we would fail is the village size - at 680 residents we would be smaller than the large village category.

The 5th criteria was a qualitative assessment which we felt was wrongly assessed as only 1 of the previous 4 criteria would classify Ickford as a large village.

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):

Question 9

Out of the following options, which do you prefer? Please rank 1 to 3, with 1 being your most favoured option..

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Question 10

Please explain the reason for your preference. If you do not like any suggested option, please explain why and suggest an alternative.

Summary:

We do not feel we are in a position to comment on the above as we are unsure of the consequences of any decision we might make.

The consequences of any of the above options is very unclear, however the Parish Council have previously resolved that the classification of Ickford as a large village is unacceptable

Detailed Comments:

Question 11

Is there any option you consider we should not consider further? If so, please state below, giving reasons.

Summary:

Detailed Comments:

Question 12

Options A to E propose to allocate growth over the plan period to the district’s villages and parishes in the form of an allowance for Larger and Smaller Villages (as defined in the Aylesbury Settlement Hierarchy, 2012) and rural parishes with no settlement categorised ‘Larger’ or ‘Smaller’ in the Settlement Hierarchy. At the next stage of preparing the Local Plan we would identify site allocations for Larger Villages broadly in line with this allowance and indicate the level of growth for Smaller Villages and Rural Parishes –the latter could be treated as an average. Do you agree with the suggested approach to allocating housing growth to the villages and parishes? If not, please suggest an alternative.

Summary:

We agree with the principal of the approach but not with our own specific classification as a large village purely based upon our amenities.

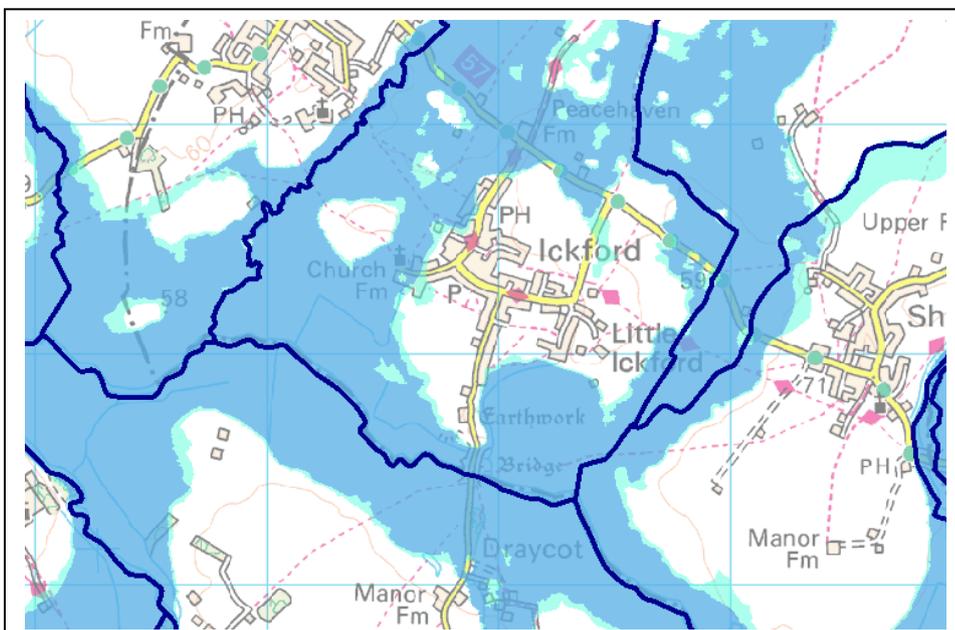
We are very concerned that these are tangible amenities with no guaranteed longevity or financial support coming from any grants. Our social group are run by volunteers and our local small businesses (pub and shop) are already under great pressure.

The hierarchy does not seem to take into account the constraints already felt of the capacity of our inadequate drainage, sewerage system and the fact that Ickford is situated in the middle of a flood plain. (please refer to image below)

Should all of these factors be taken into account we believe Ickford could not cope with an increase of houses of up to 30% (equates to 120 new homes).

We feel that a fairer, more detailed assessment needs to be undertaken of Ickford in order to propose a smaller number of houses that the current facilities could handle.

Detailed Comments (if you are suggesting a change, please indicate as precisely as possible the amendments(s) you would like to see):



Question 13

The Council would welcome comments on which of options it should pursue with regard to landscape designation and protection. Which of the following options should the Council pursue?

- Redesignate all AALs and LLAs as locally valued landscapes and include a policy to enable the assessment of planning applications and appeals
- Only redesignate the AALs and LLAs recommended as having value in the LUC report for consultation 'Areas of Attractive Landscape and Local Landscape Areas Advice to Aylesbury Vale DC (October 2015) and have an assessment policy
- Have no formally designated locally valued landscapes but have a policy setting out landscape issues to be taken into account in planning applications and appeals, or
- Have no designations or policy and just rely on the NPPF.

The completed comments must be received by AVDC by 4 December 2015.

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