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## Proposed Submission Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

# RESPONSE FORM

Responses are encouraged via the Council's online consultation system available on the website, see <https://aylesburyvaledc.jdi-consult.net/localplan>. However, this form can be returned via email to [localplanconsult@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:localplanconsult@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) or in hard copy if necessary to:

Planning Policy, Aylesbury Vale District Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP19 8FF

**The consultation runs from 9am Thursday 2 November until 5.15pm Thursday 14 December**

This form has two parts:

Part A - Personal Details and Part B - Your comments

## PART A

### 1. Personal Details

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# PART B

# REPRESENTATION FORM

**Please Note:** You do not need to return this form if you have completed a response using the Council's online system for this consultation. Duplicates will not be considered.

**Please specify which section of the Proposed Submission Local Plan your comments relate to by choosing one of the following:**

**Which section are you responding to?**

e.g. Paragraph/Policy/Other

Section 4 – Strategic Delivery

**Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant?**

Yes  No

**Does the Local Plan comply with the Duty to Co-operate?**

Yes  No

**Do you consider the Local Plan to be sound?**

Yes  No

**If you do NOT consider the Local Plan to be sound, please specify on what grounds:**

Positively prepared  Justified  Effective  Consistent with National Policy

**Enter your full representation here:**

## Aylesbury Vale Garden Town

*To ensure soundness / effectiveness of Plan – requires appropriate integration with existing local Green Infrastructure Vision and Principles for planning:*

### Para 4.19 and Para 4.18

**Request specific commitment to work with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (the “NEP”)** in respect of the AVGT (aligned or cross-referenced to the mention at Para 11.9, Detailed Infrastructure – Principles for Aylesbury Vale).

In particular - that the SDPs and design guidance being put together **specifically endorse and put into practice the [Vision and Principles for the Improvement for Green Infrastructure in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes](#)**, as identified by the NEP in 2016 (link provided)..

**Notably, there is a need to put in place early and strategic planning for green infrastructure at all scales of development – and recognise that GI is a necessity into the long-term to provide multiple benefits for sustainable growth.**

**Focusing on early and strategic planning for GI**, to protect, improve, provide and connect GI in line with the Principles will turn the GI Vision into reality and create **a multi-functional GI network in Bucks and MK that improves economic, environmental and quality of life benefits.**

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NB - **Early and strategic planning for connected GI networks at all scales would include the need to** (See Page 18, [Bucks and MK NEP's GI Vision and Principles document](#)....):

- Identify existing GI assets (e.g. map them)
- Identify and protect the benefits and services that GI assets provide; (i.e. identify the functions provided)
- Identify benefits required that GI could provide to future residents, visitors and workers in the area; (i.e. look for gaps in provision and opportunities for where and how it should be improved);
- Look for and identify early, opportunities, including cross-border, to improve, extend, create, protect and better connect GI for all its benefits;
- Identify and put in place measures to provide and maintain benefits of GI;
- Identify how GI can be well-designed, extended, improved and protected – and help provide benefits and services that are valued to future populations – e.g. access, recreation, health and wellbeing, wildlife, water and air quality, food production, community health, recreation, etc;
- Improvement of GI for access and wildlife;
- Provision at the outset for long-term management of GI and maintenance and monitoring of the benefits and service provided.

**If your representation is more than 100 words, please provide a brief summary here:**

**Para 4.18 and Para 4.19**

**Request specific commitment to work with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (the “NEP”).**

In particular - that the SDPs and design guidance being put together **specifically endorse and put into practice the [Vision and Principles for the Improvement for Green Infrastructure in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes](#)**, as identified by the NEP in 2016 .

**Notably, there is a need to put in place early and strategic planning for green infrastructure at all scales of development – and recognise that GI is a necessity into the long-term to provide multiple benefits for sustainable growth.**

**Focusing on early and strategic planning for GI**, to protect, improve, provide and connect GI in line with the Principles **will turn the GI Vision into reality** and create a **multi-functional GI network in Bucks and MK that improves economic, environmental and quality of life benefits.**

**Examples of early and strategic planning are provided in the representation – and include the need to**

- **identify existing GI assets and the benefits they provide and could provide in the future,**
- **identify early opportunities to improve, extend, create, protect, enhance and better connect GI for all its benefits and put in place measures to provide and maintain those benefits into the long-term,**
- **improve GI for access and wildlife, including cross-border – and at all scales of development**
- **Provide at the outset for long-term management of GI, and maintenance and monitoring of the benefits and services provided.**

Please specify the changes needed to be made to make the Plan sound/ legally compliant:

**Community facilities, infrastructure and community cohesion**

**4.18** Providing appropriate new infrastructure to support housing and employment development at Aylesbury is essential to the creation of sustainable garden communities. With growth comes an increased demand for additional community facilities and infrastructure, but it also brings about a need to integrate new developments into existing communities and vice versa. Infrastructure includes hard infrastructure such as roads and cycle routes, community infrastructure such as schools, higher education, healthcare facilities, and green infrastructure such as green spaces and wildlife corridors. Policies D2 and S4 support infrastructure delivery. Design and development of new communities and infrastructure should maximise opportunities for community cohesion.

**Aylesbury Garden Town green infrastructure**

**4.19** In creating a Garden Town, the Plan must include green spaces and natural environments for local communities. Strategic green infrastructure assets should be identified **early at all scales of development, and their benefits and potential benefits for the future** retained and enhanced, including improving connectivity through the development **and cross-border** of green corridors, **protecting and improving sites for biodiversity, wildlife, access and recreation, health, wellbeing and other economic, social and environmental benefits.** Local open spaces should be protected and where possible connected to strategic green infrastructure networks. Aylesbury Garden Town has linkages which should be enhanced to connect the surrounding countryside to the Chilterns and surrounding rural areas.

**In planning and developing Aylesbury Garden Town green infrastructure, we will work collaboratively with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (the “NEP”), the Local Nature Partnership for the area, to ensure our plans align to the NEP’s 2016 Vision and Principles for the Improvement of Green Infrastructure in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes – to help translate the vision into reality.**

**As part of this, we will seek to provide from the outset for long-term management of Green Infrastructure, and the maintenance and monitoring of the benefits and services provided.**

**Do you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination?**

Yes  No

**If Yes - you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

Oral discussion allows for a thorough examination of our concerns and the council’s point of view to inform the Inspector’s decision over the best route to take; alternatively we would be happy to engage with the council to resolve our concerns without the need for such attendance.

**Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.**

**Do you wish to be notified...**

- Y** When the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is submitted for independent examination? **YES** When the Inspector’s report is published?
- YES** When the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is adopted?

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Section 11 – Detailed Infrastructure Policy I1

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**Overall comment on policy:**

Request Local Plan acknowledges the need for collaborative working with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership, (the "NEP"), the area's Local Nature Partnership.

Also for the Plan to consider and plan where the best opportunities were for biodiversity and GI are – ***in advance of development*** - and by considering existing GI assets, features, corridors, what needs to be retained, enhanced, protected and connected, and to look for opportunities, through development, to do this.

If your representation is more than 100 words, please provide a brief summary here:

N/a

Please specify the changes needed to be made to make the Plan sound/ legally compliant:

**Para 11.5 (pg 256)**

The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership (the NEP), which include the local planning authorities on the board, has produced a Vision and Principles for the Improvement of Green Infrastructure in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes (2016) document which updated this part of the Buckinghamshire Green Infrastructure Strategy. Further work is intended to be undertaken by AVDC to update the rest of the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Aylesbury Vale to be in line with the **NEP's Vision and Principles – including for Green Infrastructure to be considered and planned in advance of development, according to where the best opportunities are for biodiversity, GI and its multiple benefits to society, the economy and the environment. This will include the need to consider existing GI assets, features, corridors, what needs to be retained, enhanced, protected and connected according to existing and future needs, and used how to deliver connected, strategic-scale green infrastructure.**

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Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan: Responses should be returned to Aylesbury Vale District Council by 5.15pm Thursday 14 December 2017

(responses will not be accepted after this time)