7 November 2018

To: The Chairman and Councillors Faringdon Town Council

**REPORT TO FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2018**

1. **Local Plan Part Two**. The inspector examining the Vale of White Horse District Council’s Local Plan Part Two wrote to the council and explained that, with some modifications, the plan could meet the tests of soundness required for it to be adopted.

In his letter dated 30 October 2018, Mr David Reed confirmed the council’s plan met its duty to cooperate, that the council was right to use the objectively assessed housing need used in Part One of its plan, and that the approach taken to identify how many houses the Vale should provide to help Oxford’s unmet need was appropriate. He identified one area requiring modification regarding the proposed housing site at Dalton Barracks and the council will consider carefully the inspector’s options for it.

An inspector making recommendations following examination is a routine part of the process for creating a local plan. Therefore, the council will now consider what modifications it will make based on these recommendations in the Inspector’s letter. Our residents will in due course have a chance to comment on those modifications.

2. **Housing Land Supply**. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that the council, as the local planning authority, only needs to show a three-year supply of land for housing, rather than five, until the completion of Joint Statutory Spatial Plan.

3. **South and Vale Business Awards**. I co-hosted the launch of the SAVB Awards 2019 launch for 2019, which was attended by business owners, business leaders and entrepreneurs at the Cornerstone on Wednesday 31 October 2018. Following the success of the Vale Awards last year, this is now a joint venture with SODC.

4. **Car Parks**. There will be free car parking in the Vale car parks at Southampton Street and Gloucester Street for each Saturday from December 2018 for Christmas shopping.

Roger Cox

District Councillor

Faringdon Ward