

RSS EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC SOUTH EAST

STATEMENT BY CPRE OXFORDSHIRE; PARTICIPANT 3423

9C REST OF OXFORDSHIRE

9c.1 Does the draft RSS take into proper account the capacity of towns/locations in the rest of Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire for sustainable development? If not, how would any additional growth here impact on the Central Oxfordshire, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Vale, and Western Corridor Blackwater Valley sub-regional strategies?

CPRE has already stated that we do not see any rationale in the Central Oxfordshire sub-region.

- i) We believe the main housing outside Oxford City should go to the country towns of Banbury, Bicester, Witney, and Didcot.
- ii) Bicester and Banbury are the only towns of any size in North Oxfordshire, and there are no villages it would be sensible to put forward as sites for more housing than would meet local needs.
- iii) In the rest of the county there are towns such as Thame, Faringdon and Wallingford where small extensions could well be sustainable.
- iv) We cannot foresee any circumstance where it would be necessary for development from Oxfordshire to extend into Milton Keynes, Western Corridor or Aylesbury Vale.