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Please give reasons for your answer

The strategy is in general sound but many aspects are described as West Berkshire will support or encourage, but no indication is given of how they will be funded.

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With respect to run-off on pre-developed sites the maximum discharge rate equivalent to 50% of the existing 1 in 100 year runoff rate is not acceptable. There is normally an logarithmic relationship between probability and run-off data. Thus 50% of the existing runoff rate has a probability of about 0.1 i.e. is a 1 in 10 year event. This is unacceptable and could lead to relatively frequent flooding. A 1 in 50 year runoff rate would be much more appropriate

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5.30f Refers to local communities taking responsibility for the upkeep of their public spaces. This would appear to be a move from the usual maintenance by local authorities. If parish councils are to lead such maintenance, there needs to be consultation on how this is to be achieved and financed

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All proposals demonstrating biodiversity gain of 10% minimum “ if intended to mean ALL planning proposal would seem to be impractical as this would include every house extension requiring planning permission. That this is the intention is reinforced in 5.87 by “The assessment should be proportional to the scale of the development and so for householder and most minor applications this will initially involve a Preliminary Protected Species Survey or Preliminary Ecological Appraisal”. It is unlikely there are sufficient ecologists available to produce such surveys for every planning application.

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6.36 identifies Mortimer as a Service Village whereas in the hierarchy of settlements it is defined as a Rural Service Centre i.e. one level higher

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The policy defines rules for loss of business development with reference to town/district centres or the countryside . It doesn't distinguish rural service centres like Stratfield Mortimer which are neither of these. It would appear that, as we are outside a DEA, every conversion of a shop or farm building into a house will require significant marketing evidence and we are not sure that this was intended

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As a parish council we do not seem to be informed about changes to mobile home parks which may be reducing the number of homes and would wish to see this as part of the planning process so we can engage in safeguarding their loss as affordable housing.

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West Berkshire Council is already informed about major development plans at AWE which will impact local roads, businesses, accommodation and services but this is not referred to or taken account of in the LP

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The criteria for supporting development on existing educational site do not include any measure of forward planning. There should be included something like 5 or 10 year school population forecast as waiting till the need reasonable need can be actually demonstrated is too late. Schools need time to plan and build for future populations, not the current one.

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