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Dear Sir,

Re: SLR Air Quality Report prepared for VOWH District Council – *Cumulative Impact of Planned Growth on AQMAs, PC03.4.2, 30 November 2018*

We note that the VOWH District Council has sent you a copy of the above report. We feel compelled to draw your attention to a similar study of the cumulative impact on air quality, prepared by MEC consultants, which has recently been submitted as part of the supporting documentation for a planning application for development on Land East of Kingston Bagpuize, P18/V2791/O.

The MEC report is available in the supporting documentation for the application as Appendix 06.1 '*Air Quality Assessment*' to the Environmental Impact Assessment and is summarised in Chapter 6 of the *Environmental Statement Land East of KBA*.

In contrast to the SLR report for VOWH DC, which asserts that the impact of growth on the Marcham AQMA is 'negligible', the MEC report, prepared on behalf of the promoters of the Kingston Bagpuize site, demonstrates that by 2027 the cumulative effect of developments on the air quality on some receptors in Marcham could be 'substantial'.

We note that the SLR consultants' assessment for Marcham is little more than a meta-analysis of the RPS consultants' report prepared for VOWH DC during the hearing, HEAR04.5. At that time we drew your attention to the flaws in that report, principally on the grounds that the traffic from committed developments to the west of Marcham had been underestimated. We also questioned the methodology used by RPS. Our reasoning may be found in HEAR04.5.1; the MEC report supports our conclusions.

We believe it is essential for LPP2 as a whole that the full impact of all approved and current developments on Marcham air quality is taken into account when assessing the acceptability of each potential allocation and urge you, therefore, to take serious note of the MEC Air Quality report.

Yours faithfully

Prof. John Cobb,
on behalf of Fyfield Land Action Group (FLAG)

CC Dr S. Fraser, Clerk of Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council