

VALE OF AYLESBURY LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

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Inspector's Questions to the Council:

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Q116 National Guidance (paragraph 021, reference ID: 2a-021-20160401) advises that local planning authorities should plan for sufficient student accommodation whether it consists of communal halls of residence or self-contained dwellings and whether or not it is on campus. Whilst recognising that the evidence base acknowledges that about 1.5% of the private rented sector are occupied by students and that this element of student housing will be encompassed by generally applicable housing policies, it is remarkable that VALP includes no specific provision for other kinds of student housing which are differentiated in planning terms, despite the existence of a University (the Independent University of Buckingham) within the district. Would the Council confirm that it has considered and taken into account the need for student housing within the District?

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