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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	No
Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified)	No
If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.	South of East Hanney

Q4 Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

There was no proper community consultation on the South of East Hanney site. It was substituted for the original proposed allocation for a strategic site to the east of East Hanney at a very late stage . It appears that East Hanney Parish Council had a very limited time to respond only after the Vale's Cabinet had agreed the change to the South site and the wider community had no opportunity at all to comment. By the time Vale' s full Council discussed the strategic sites a handful of residents in the village were aware of the change and two asked questions which were not adequately answered.

Plan is not sound even by the Vale's own assessment of the South of East Hanney site. (topic paper 3 strategic site selection)

in the sustainability appraisal it finds no likely major significant positive effects and 2 likely negative effects relating to objective 7. The Landscape Capacity Study finds limited potential for development and in some areas harm to the wider landscape. Significant infrastructure would be needed for water supply and waste water capacity. The entire site is in flood zone 1 but border zones 2&3 to the west. There is serious concern identified about the impact on the ecology with the extremely sensitive areas adjacent to the site.

To make a recommendation in favour of the site given the appraisal above appears perverse. In addition to give the green light to the section on historic environment and cultural heritage is wrong as there is strong local archaeological knowledge to the contrary.

Q5 Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The South of East Hanney site should be removed and the original East of East Hanney site which was included in the February 2014 Draft Plan and underwent proper public consultation should be included. This site does not have the negative impact on East Hanney in terms of landscape, ecology, flooding and archaeology and would ensure a Local Plan which is sound.

***Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.*

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Q6 If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

***Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

As a former Chair of the Vale's Planning Committee and a former member of the RTPPI Executive and particularly involved with Planning Aid I have a strong interest in ensuring proper community involvement in the development of a sound Local Plan for my area.