

Comment

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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.	North West of Radley

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.

The scale of the proposed development in Radley is unacceptable. The original Draft Plan proposed an increase of over 700 homes within the parish boundary, where there are currently about 900 homes. The current Draft Plan has raised the increase to over 1000 by adding the Eastern Extension to the North Abingdon site, land which lies in the Parish of Radley. The original North Radley site, although now removed from the plan, would still be removed from the Green Belt (why?) thus leaving it vulnerable to future development.

About 500 Radley residents responded to the first draft in April using a standard letter produced by the Parish Council. These were all considered as one objection, despite assurances from the Vale of White Horse District Council Leader on 4th April that they would be considered individually.

The Vale Council also admit that there were problems with its website during the initial consultation. I can't know if any comments were lost as a result, but the Parish Council is aware of an extension being granted to key landowner, Radley College, whose response is dated 11/04/2014 a full week after the close. No such extension was offered to the public.

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 SHMA itself is just a starting point and only part of the evidence base for determining housing need and further work needs to be done to test whether it can be accommodated sustainably before adopting it as a housing target. The VoWHDC should not adopt the SHMA figures unquestioningly and must undertake this further work before adopting the SHMA figures; In particular, the figures must be properly assessed against local and regional social, environmental and infrastructure considerations.

The projected housing demand on which the Plan is based, (the SHMA) is excessive and needs to be revised and based more closely on the Government's own household projections .

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? No - I do not wish to participate at the oral examination