

Comment

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	Yes
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.	N/A
If you think your comment relates to the DtC, this is about how we have worked with the Duty to Cooperate bodies (such as neighbouring planning authorities)	
Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Co-operate?	No

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.

Reason for plan to be considered unsound: The estimate of 23000 new jobs, based on the SHMA, has led to a requirement for 20560 additional homes in the Vales by 2031. To provide for this large number of homes, several sites in areas with questionable sustainability have been included in the plan. The SHMA estimates are based on a number of assumptions that have been challenged by the Oxfordshire CPRE and others. Considering historic rates of growth in jobs and houses makes it appear highly unlikely that the estimated high rates of increase in jobs will be achieved by 2031. If they are built, it is likely that large numbers of houses will be bought by people wishing to commute to Oxford or London, the exact opposite of the intention to reinforce sustainability through enabling people to live close to their place of work.

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.

Modifications to make the plan sound: Re-evaluate the number of new jobs that will be created in the Vale during the plan period, with a consequent reduction in housing requirement over the period

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