

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.	North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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 plan is unsound as it states that the purpose of the green belt is to prevent urban sprawl but it proposes building on the green belt North of Abingdon. Building on the green belt in this area will involve the sprawling of Abingdon towards Oxford. The housing will increase the area of Abingdon to the edge of the ring road and infill the area between Oxford and Abingdon. Abingdon will be brought into close proximity with Steventon and the housing around Boars Hill and effectively mean that there is a continuous link of housing running from Oxford, via Kennington and Boars Hill (and Radley) all the way to Abingdon. Abingdon and Oxford are already very close to each other and by building over the green belt in the north of Abingdon, there will be little or no physical separation left