

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.	N/A

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.

I would like to make the following comments on the Local Plan.

You are proposing to build upon green belt land without carrying out a proper review. The whole purpose of the green belt is to prevent piecemeal development. You are proposing to build in the existing green belt and calling it a review.

There is no way that the figures in the SHMA can be provided in the timescale mentioned. It is suggesting to increase the number of dwellings in the Vale by about 40% and is simply not feasible.

The proposal for housing in South Jennington is a misleading statement, the area is actually in Radley parish and your calling it Kennington would appear to be a deliberate attempt to mislead.

The suggestion to remove the Playfield Road and Forest Side playing fields in Kennington from the green belt is ludicrous. They are the only areas for sport and recreation in a village of five thousand plus people.

The road that runs through Kennington and Radley is already bottlenecked at peak times and the proposal for approximately seven hundred new dwellings will lead to chaos. Sugworth Lane is already used as a rat run and the extra housing and the proposed double diamond at Lodge Hill onto the A34 will lead to increased traffic on what is essentially a country lane which is already falling to pieces despite piecemeal repairs recently.

The schools in Radley and Kennington will be unable to cope with the extra influx. Kennington school already has pupils from Rose Hill, Wood Farm and Blackbird Leys who are brought by car, which causes intolerable traffic congestion around the school at peak times.

It would be sensible to carry out a proper review of the Green Belt in partnership with the other local councils and then to produce a local plan identifying sites for development. The way in which the present plan has been produced gives the impression that deals have already been struck without a proper investigation.