

## 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.** South of East Hanney

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?** Yes

**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 feel that the Local Plan with regard to East Hanney is unsound. It has allocated East Hanney a quota of 200 houses to be built. It was very borderline in qualifying as a 'larger village' and building this number of houses would increase its' size by more than 50%. This would significantly change the sense of community of the village. The village has only a volunteer run village shop and no particular source of employment so all the occupants of the new houses would be required to travel to other centres for work and shops. I regard this as an unnecessary burden on the local road infrastructure and an unsound suggestion to place houses there. It would make much more sense to place them closer to employment centres.

Plans to build the houses to the South of East Hanney would make them upstream of the current settlement and therefore cause added risk of flooding to the established housing stock. The original proposal to put them East of the village seems much more sensible to reduce flooding risk. Building houses to the East of the village would also give an additional option for traffic to use the Steventon Road and not only the A338, as would happen if they were built to the South.

**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.**

To reduce the number of houses allocated to be built in East Hanney in proportion to the size of the village and to re-consider the East site for their location.

**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