

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. 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? 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.

The proposed development south of East Hanney will have access onto and off the A338. At rush hour times this is already a busy and dangerous road. Public transport opportunities to centres of employment are slow and infrequent (it takes over an hour by public transport from East Hanney to

Milton Park, and longer to Didcot). There is almost no employment opportunity in East Hanney. Therefore, residents of the new development will be travelling to go to work. A principle of the Local Plan is that residents should live near to their place of work. Any development of houses in East Hanney will not be able to fulfil this axiom. The proposed development will seriously increase the traffic on the A338, particularly at rush hour times. The development proposal East of East Hanney allowed access on both the A338 and the Steventon Road, which leads to major employment centres (Didcot, Milton Park, Harwell,), and to the A34. This would alleviate some of the congestion of the A338.

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.

Including the development site south of East Hanney demonstrates that the plan has not been 'positively prepared', as it is consistent with achieving sustainable development. This makes the plan 'unsound'. To make the Local Plan 'sound', the location of the development needs to be reassessed.

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