

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.	East Harwell Campus (Harwell and Chilton Parishes)
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 increase in housing in the East of Harwell Campus area is likely to result in a significant increase in road traffic in the immediate area. This is due to the large size of the proposed development in conjunction with projected increased employment on the Harwell Campus itself. The A34 trunk road is also immediately next to the proposed area. This increase in traffic will result in an increase in the levels of particulate pollution in the respirable particle size (PM2.5) attributable to vehicular traffic. Recent studies have shown that increased levels of pollution have a significant impact on public health. I do not believe that the council has taken this projected impact into consideration nor do I believe that it has consulted with Public Health England regarding the potential health impacts on the existing and projected population.

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.

As the housing target needs to be met a greater number of smaller sites would disperse the impact on existing and projected communities. This option does not appear to have been put forward as an option to the public for comment.

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

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

To ensure that the issue is correctly understood

Please upload any supporting information

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