

Comment

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Consultation Point	Core Policy 1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development (View)
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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.

Development on the scale and at the rate proposed by the Draft Local Plan cannot, by any measure, be considered to be sustainable. Therefore according to the NPPF, there can be no presumption in favour of the development as proposed in the plan. If Core Policy 1 is based upon a presumption of sustainable development, then it has no basis. If not, then the inspector has a duty to reject the plan, if it does not comply with extant planning policy, eg with regard to Green Belt, AONBs and specific sites. Otherwise the possibility of refusing permission for development on sites where planning restrictions would normally apply, must be allowed.

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.

The suggestion that the Plan represents sustainable development should be removed.

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