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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.

Green Belt Review ? It is generally agreed that a review of the greenbelt should normally involve the 5 affected Councils. ? I accept that under exceptional circumstances the Vale would be entitled to carry out a unilateral review. It cannot be too strongly stated that the circumstances surrounding the Vale?s review do not meet those recognised by Government. ? It has now emerged that the Vale is currently involved in a general review of the green belt with other local councils. This cannot co-exist with the unilateral review that was conducted by the Vale. The latter review is therefore ultra vires and should be annulled.

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The sites in the Oxford Green Belt that have been identified for housing should be withdrawn from the Plan. All reference to the green belt review and its conclusions should be removed from the plan.