

## 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.** N/A

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.**

Policy 13

Why are the five sites mentioned around Cumnor village being proposed for removal from the green belt? Why is this actually necessary? Sites 6 & 24 have already been withdrawn from the plan

because of its unsuitability for housing so why should it not reside still in the green belt? The Green belt review deemed sites 4 & 5 inappropriate as they lay within the Cumnor conservation areas such that removing them from the green belt would serve no purpose surely? Why does the council insist on removing them then? Site 3 lies next to the busy A420 and would remove the clear break between village and this main road. It would leave the areas open to strip development destroying areas of natural beauty. Removing sites from the Green belt leaves these sites open to speculative development as is very likely due to your over inflated SHMA forecasts the council is 'unable' to meet the 'housing targets'. You're going to force 'strip development on us' without any real consideration of the impact. Please have a look at what speculative development has done to the Cumnor Hill in places and the strain on the local infrastructure, traffic, sewage, schooling, etc

Policy & So where is the infrastructure to support this Plan? The local school is at capacity and I am sure you can see has little space on which to expand...are you going to build a new one? Local shops, doctors, leisure facilities etc, where are they in the grand scheme of things? Look at the state of the A34, the main transport link for these 'newly created jobs' at Harwell (we will see how many actually end up in the county!!), it along with the carpark that is the A420 is struggling with traffic now without opening up vast areas of the green belt to the potential of several tens of thousand more cars in the areas....The Cumnor Hill to Botley, A34 link road is already a choke point without adding any more potential traffic to it, whether that be future new commuters or heavy equipment and materials transported to concrete over vast areas of the 'former' green belt.

**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.**

Proper review, take expert advice, listen to them. Develop a proper consultation process and give it adequate time to review the proposals properly and to see if they really are necessary other than to help 'force' the issue of housing on these areas in the future. Look at the areas in question and try and imagine the total chaos you will potentially open up to the people of West Oxford for example

Look at the road systems, local infrastructure and put those in mind 'before' you open the flood gates to destroying the green belt

**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