

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.

I propose the removal of the development of East Hanney from the Plan on the basis that it is 'unsound' with particular reference to: Core Policy 7: providing Supporting infrastructure and Services ? to ensure new services and facilities are delivered alongside new housing and employment.

I have no confidence in the ability of the Vale District Council to arrange for sufficient new infrastructure to support the proposed 60% approx. increase in dwellings in East Hanney. The Council seems to think it can just request extra capacity of sewage treatment, school places, electricity, gas and water supplies and it will happen. I am sure it would not be that simple, and such provisions would damage the existing community in addition to the damage caused by the new dwellings. In addition, little consideration seems to be given to the extra road traffic that would inevitably be generated on roads that are already inadequate. The Plan contains no assurances from the various bodies which would be required to supply extra services that such extra services could be provided economically or are even feasible.

The massive investment in higher-capacity infrastructure to support the proposed development of East Hanney, and the ending of the centuries-old small community, seem to be out of all proportion to the almost insignificant contribution to the total of thousands of new homes proposed in the overall Plan.

The major change to the Plan, moving the proposed development from the east of the village to the south of the village, would have a profound effect on traffic and residents were not consulted on that change

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.

Remove all mentions of any large-scale development at East Hanney from the Plan.

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