

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. 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? 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 Council has failed to pay sufficient attention to the views of local people and has been almost totally unresponsive to the findings of the so called public consultations.

The Local Plan is completely unsound as it is based on a flawed SHMA analysis, which greatly exaggerates the population and employment growth in the District and consequently recommends an unachievable housing target. This in turn undermines the ability of the Vale DC to meet its 5 year plus 20% housing supply target throughout the period, thus leaving the local communities exposed to a continuation of the current uncontrolled ?developer led? development. It will consequently do incalculable damage to the Vale. Moreover it fails to analyse the cumulative impact of its plan and the ongoing developments and therefore fails in its duty of care for local people.

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 Vale DC should review its housing needs on a realistic basis to ascertain an achievable level of house building and then develop a plan in close cooperation with the other local authorities, so as to provide a sound county wide plan. It is just not possible to produce an effective plan in isolation from the neighbouring districts, particularly around the Didcot area and that south of Oxford.

I would have commented further on more detail had the web comment system be in any way user friendly. It is typical of the poor service provided by this council. Indeed in my view the arrangement was a positive disincentive to commenting on 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