

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

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.

Additional land included for safeguarding

We are currently in the early stages of detailed investigations into a Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) to the west of Abingdon in the form of a flood storage area to provide downstream benefits within Abingdon. The area of interest in which we are undertaking detailed investigations into the exact location of a scheme relates to land to the west of the A34 and south of Marcham Road, and immediately adjacent to Marcham interchange, known as Abingdon Common.

Whilst a scheme is not fully designed we would not wish development within the vicinity of the scheme to preclude the delivery of a future potential flood storage area. As such we would like to see the land safeguarded within the Plan to prevent development from precluding the delivery of such flood risk management measures.

The principle of safeguarding land would not determine that a flood storage area in this location is acceptable in principle. Therefore, if a scheme were to be progressed, planning permission would be required to determine its acceptability in planning terms.

As such we request the inclusion of a Core Policy within the Plan to safeguard land for the reasons mentioned above. Please find attached draft Core Policy wording, supporting text and a plan showing land for safeguarding for the proposed flood risk management measures.

(See Appendix 1 attached)