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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. North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

The primary areas identified for job growth are Didcot, Harwell and Milton Park. However, the sites identified for new housing do not align to the job growth areas. The proposal to build 800+ dwellings

in North Abingdon (and the further development in North West Abingdon) are several miles away from these areas and seem likely to increase the congestion on the A34 at peak periods as well as significantly increasing traffic on Boulter Drive. This is likely to lead to increased, and increased unpredictability in journey times as well as increased emission and noise pollution in the Dunmore Road area. This appears inconsistent with the objective of minimising commuting. Would it not be more sustainable to build the housing close to where the jobs are projected to become available?

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