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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.	North of Harwell Campus (East Hendred and Harwell Parishes)

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.

2. East and North of Harwell Campus - will constitute large scale development in the AONB.
- Harwell Campus should be deleted from the list of settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy as it does not have the characteristics of a village.
 - There is no demonstrable need for 21,000 houses, as Option A for 13,000 dwellings will have fewer significant environmental effects.
 - Natural England and the AONB Board have objected.

-The public views from footpaths in the AONB will be adversely affected, as footpaths will adjoin the urban area rather than have views over open countryside.

3. The reserve site for 1,000 dwelling at Rowstock - Rowstock does not have the facilities of a village suitable for large scale development. It should be deleted from the list of Small Villages.

- The countryside setting of East Hendred and its Conservation Area would be affected by large scale development between Harwell and East Hendred.

- It would increase pressure for continuous development between Didcot and East Hendred. - The A34 provides a strong defensive boundary to development at Didcot, development at Milton Heights, Harwell Campus and Rowstock would breach that boundary.