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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.

My major concern is the large-scale plans for a relatively huge increase in the size of Stanford ? which is already classed as a ?large village?.

It seems to me that the presumption is that the larger villages are the best targets for the biggest expansion. This is frankly entirely the wrong way around. The council states that it intends to try to preserve the character of the local villages. By expanding villages which are already large, you will be doing exactly the opposite. Enlarging any villages which are already ?large? will turn them into small towns.

If you must enlarge any villages, the obvious place to start is with the smaller villages which have the capacity to grow without being entirely ruined. This should be accompanied by installing additional infrastructure, which some of the smaller villages desperately need. These are the places which are actually being neglected and left behind in the rush for modernization.

Stanford-in-the-Vale is getting new houses now, but there is no particular improvements to the current infrastructure.

However the 'Supporting Growth in the Vale' leaflet says you plan to expand the Primary School. You can't. Certainly not without ruining that too. It's in the centre of the village and is completely surrounded. It's also pretty much full - which proves Stanford can't grow any more without being irrevocably spoiled.

The only really sensible and reasonable way to increase the Vale's housing stock is to build one or more entirely new villages / towns, planned from scratch with modern infrastructure.

The rest should be brown-field in-fill.

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