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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. 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.

The policy assumes that the only potential issue is not enough land coming forward to meet the housing needs.

There is no contingency or monitoring for a slow down in build rate, which could lead to insufficient housing being built despite land already having been allocated. Assigning yet more land would not help this.

Similarly, there is no contingency or monitoring of the number of jobs being created within the Vale. This is particularly significant given that the housing forecast assumes a massive increase in jobs in

the area. If those jobs do not materialise, or are not created as quickly as expected, then the housing allocations must be re-evaluated.

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.

Revise the monitoring framework, to provide additional checks at least every couple of years:

- a) if there is a slow down in build rates, or
- b) if there is a downward change to the employment forecasts in the SHMA and the supporting evidence base, and hence to provide for a reduction in housing allocations and the removal of strategic sites.

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