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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

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.

Placing housing to the North/north-west of Abingdon when the main employment opportunities are to the south of the town will place additional stresses on the road network; the distances are such that

walking and cycling are not really an option; bus do not serve these routes. The vulnerability of A34 and lack of alternative routes leads to severe congestion at peak times, and at other times if there is an incident on it. Increased traffic through Abingdon to Culham Science Centre, and round the orbital road will increase air pollution in the town. Pathways and cycle routes will be needed to promote walking and cycling within the community. The necessary crossings will cause further problems for traffic flow on the orbital road of Abingdon and Lodge Hill (which is very difficult to cross ? witness the recent fatality here). Recent changes to a roundabout and junction on the Abingdon ring road to improve safety have made congestion worse: further development will increase traffic and need even greater safety precautions which will further exacerbate congestion

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.

Build house near employment such that walking and cycling are options for commuting and school journeys

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Whilst not necessary as I am sure the Inspector will consider these submissions, I would value hearing the process and would be willing to answer any additional questions.