

Comment

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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

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? No

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.

We assume that our comments relating specifically to Cumnor are included as part of the drop down menu that covers Abingdon- on- Thames and Oxford fringe sub-area, as Cumnor is not mentioned separately.

The proposal to remove the five Green Belt areas around Cumnor is of great concern. There has been no explanation as to why this is necessary. If this should happen it leaves the land open to piecemeal development which could destroy the character of the village forever, and would inevitably turn it into a poorly designed suburb of Oxford.

The plan is unsound and inconsistent with planning guidance and government policies on the protection of Green Belts. The NPPF position is that 'Green Belts should only be altered in exceptional circumstances?'. We can find no evidence that circumstances are exceptional.

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.

A public consultation and review is needed on this green belt area, and which is representative and reflects the views of the community.

A detailed assessment of infrastructure is needed including, roads, education, health, social/community facilities, and including health and safety considerations.

***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