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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)	Yes
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.

68. Amend the North of Harwell Development Template (Appendix A) as follows: Use: Around 550 1,400 homes, subject to masterplanning Key Objectives: ? The development of this site shall take into account the design and layout of the existing commitment to the south (permission for 120 homes) and be master planned to collaborate with the East of Harwell Campus to deliver a self-sufficient and sustainable community. ? To contribute to balanced employment and housing growth in the Science Vale area. ? To contribute towards infrastructure in the Science Vale Area Strategy as set out in the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan. ? To ensure that development is sensitively planned to reflect the site's location within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Urban design principles: ? Masterplanning should take into account the strategy for growth in this area and ensure that development positively contributes to the wider objectives of Science Vale; a vital area for UK economic growth. ? Proposals should have regard to the recommendations set out in the Harwell Campus Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). Higher density development should be concentrated in the southern previously developed part of the site.

? The design of development should reflect the existing character of the Harwell Campus ~~character of the adjacent Harwell Campus~~, creating a cohesive identify for the development Campus as a whole. ? Adopt a permeable, perimeter block layout to optimise connectivity within and beyond the site to employment, housing and facilities. ? Carefully consider street frontages in order to create an appropriate building line and incorporate active frontages. ? Public open space should form a well connected network of green areas suitable for formal and informal recreation ? Buildings should be predominantly two storeys.

Utilities: ? Upgrade the sewer network. Access and highways: ? Investigate access arrangements. ? Site access would be taken from A4185 Newbury Road at the location of the existing residential access. ? Contribute towards any necessary mitigation measures identified through the site Transport Assessment. ? Provide improved pedestrian and cycle links to Chilton Primary School. ? Site layout should ensure public transport can be accessed through the site or that the site is within walking distance of improved bus services within the campus. ? Construct Curie Avenue and internal roads within the new development to Oxfordshire County Council adopted road standards.

Social and community: ? A new ?two form entry? primary school (on 2.22 ha of land) will be required to accommodate growth at ~~East of Harwell Campus~~ and North West of Harwell Campus. This is likely to be located on green field land within the allocation thereby minimising the impact on the AONB. ~~to the east of the East of Harwell Campus site and contributions will be required towards it.~~ ? Contribute towards the expansion of the appropriate secondary school in the area. ? Contribute towards improving the existing services and facilities on the ~~adjacent~~ wider campus.

? Allow appropriate access to existing public open space and recreational facilities opposite the site and/or within the campus. Environmental health: ? Decommission the sewage treatment works. ? Undertake contaminated land investigations to ensure that the land is safe and suitable for the intended use. Landscape considerations: ? The site lies within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). A comprehensive landscape scheme will be required to minimise impact on the AONB. ? The mass and scale of the built form will need to be designed to avoid being visually obtrusive when viewed from the surrounding countryside within the AONB. ? Landscaping and design features should be used to minimise any noise and light pollution impacts on the AONB.

? Plant a new woodland edge along the northern and western boundary. ? Retain existing trees and hedgerows where possible. Biodiversity and green infrastructure: ? A campus-wide mitigation strategy will be required and a suitable receptor site/ nature reserve identified. ? Contribute towards redressing the identified Green Infrastructure deficit in the area surrounding Harwell. Flood risk and drainage: ? Incorporate Green Infrastructure within SUDs to improve biodiversity and water quality. ? Mitigation measures may be required to prevent any detrimental impact on groundwater quality. ? A porous pavement system rather than soakaways should be used due to the underlying chalk geology.

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:

The Harwell Campus is central to the Council's spatial and economic strategy. It is therefore vitally important that the Harwell Campus Partnership has an opportunity to present its objections to the draft local plan both orally and in writing.