

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

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 NPPF makes it very clear that green belt boundaries may only be altered in "exceptional circumstances". Recent government guidance on interpreting NPPF (6 March 2014) states that: "Unmet housing need (including traveller sites) is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the "very exceptional circumstances" justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt." Nowhere in the green belt review of February 2014 does it make clear the "exceptional circumstances" that justify the removal of large areas from the green belt.