

## Comment

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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

**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.**

Government guidance (6th March 2014) states that 'Unmet housing need 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'. The Vale has not demonstrated that there are exceptional circumstances.

**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.**

The Vale should justify what the 'very exceptional circumstances' are to justify using a large area of Green Belt in Radley Parish. It should also consider brownfield sites such as Didcot A Power Station.