

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. North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

I do not believe that the enormous physical impact of the proposed housing on a prominent site physically sited on rising land above other housing on Long Furlong and Peachcroft, can be sufficiently

mitigated by landscape measures. We also contend that the land in its current state has an important contribution to the Green Belt. The land is currently farmed and the land is widely appreciated by local residents for its open aspect, a key feature specifically mentioned for preserving Green Belts, and also for recreational purposes including the footpaths across the fields, wildlife and trees. This is in addition to Tilsley Park, a sports centre and the adjoining recreational areas to the immediate west of the site. The Government states that one of the five purposes of the Green Belt is 'to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment'. Developing these two sites (including an area of ancient woodland) would undoubtedly result in significant encroachment on a valuable and prominent site in open countryside. Additionally the land is classified as grade 3 Agricultural land which is considered to be valuable in agricultural terms.

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.

This building development on green belt land should not go ahead.

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