

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

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.

There is no proven need for a superstore or 6 cinemas at Botley, there are two supermarkets within 1 mile on the Botely Rd. Botley is a local centre and not a shopping and leisure destination. There is no identified need for this as there are facilites of this nature already close by in Oxford (new westagte

centre, city centre cinemas etc) In terms of hierarchy any large scale developments should be centered around the district centre of Abingdon. The plan is proposing to make the local centre of Botley a bigger development bigger than Abingdon/ Bury centre . Abingdon is more suitable and next best opportunity for leisure development than Botley.

A local service centre does not need such large scale facilities when they are available nearby already.

The Vale is implying that it is not okay for the people of Botley to spend their money in Oxford/a neighbouring district, even though the boundary is only an imaginary line imposed for the local plan, it does not prevent people crossing it. However in proposing such a large scale area for development for the Botley area which is larger than the existing footprint they are hoping to 'claw back' revenue from Oxford city centre, ie it is okay for the people of Oxford and other surrounding districts to cross the boundaries into Botley. In fact in order to make a development sustainable of such a size and scale proposed there would have to be a huge influx of visitors.

Any consultation has been minimal and the needs of local residents largely ignored.

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.

Any development for Botley should be in consultation with local people and should meet the needs of a local centre. This should apply to content, eg: no student housing of which there is not local need, but local housing for local people. Scale/size should have no impact on existing residents in terms of traffic, pollution, provision of services etc.

***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