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This policy classifies the settlements in the Vale according to their role and function.

The Vale reviewed each village using a scoring system against the facilities available. The cut off was 14 points. East Hanney scores exactly 14 and becomes defined as a large village. This definition stretches credibility. We are about 340 houses with a small non profit making Community Shop run entirely by volunteers. The only place of worship is a small chapel which only recently reopened with a non mainstream congregation. The primary school caters for several villages, has just over 100 places available and is full. Children are now being bussed out of the village. The library is a mobile library and the service is to be withdrawn. The withdrawal of this service in itself declassifies the village as large. Much of the village is unlit and some areas have no pavements. This does not fit my description of a large village.

The village does not have the quality of facilities that the Vale suggests and there is no plan, that I have been able to see, that indicates that any are going to be provided. It is quite wrong minded to expect this village to absorb a 60% increase in housing. At the moment, there are 70 houses being built which lie outside this plan. In reality that's an increase of 79%. I do not agree with the Vale's assessment of the village and therefore believe the plan is not justified as required by the NPPF and is unsound.