

## 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.	South of East Hanney
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.**

#### Pet Predation

An often overlooked consequence of development, next to either a LWS or rare biodiversity asstes, is that of the pets people have.

The Pet Food Manufacturer?s Association 2013 report says that 19% of all UK households have at least once cat.

The Mammal Society?s five month research assessed that:

?Based on the proportion of cats bringing home at least one prey item and the back-transformed means, a British population of approximately 9 million cats was estimated to have brought home in the order of 92 (85-100) million prey items in the period of this survey, including 57 (52-63) million mammals, 27 (25-29) million birds and 5 (4-6) million reptiles and amphibians?.

200 homes are being proposed to be built alongside a LWS and a protected Chalk Stream, so it is a reasonable assumption that 40 new cats will be in this sensitive area at the cost of 1700 mammals and birds in the first year. The Mammal Society?s research showed that protected species such as bats, owls, water voles and protected birds are represented in a cat?s prey.

This rare biodiversity we have in this area of East Hanney is under threat and a reversion to the East would stop this threat.

**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