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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. 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.

I'm struggling to find the justification for so many new jobs. The figures for Harwell don't add up. If we are expected 5400 jobs in Harwell, then surely most of the 2500 space and satellite jobs will be there

yet this seems to have been counted in addition? There are existing satellite companies at Harwell, so it would make sense that this figure is a large percentage of the 5400 Harwell site jobs.

I also cannot understand how a large increase in agricultural jobs is going to happen when solar farms are replacing a lot of the existing farm land?

If the jobs figures are incorrect, then the whole basis for the new houses is invalid.

In addition, the jobs figures are based on 2011 estimates I gather. If so then do they actual track with the current employment levels in the vale?

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 jobs figures have to be justified in far greater detail. Any other action is grossly negligent.

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