

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. South of Kennington (Radley Parish)

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.

The Local Plan proposals for a large number of houses NW of Abingdon, N of Abingdon, S of Kennington (Radley Parish) and NW of Radley, does not take into consideration the effect of greatly increased traffic flow on the important Common Toad crossing of the Oxford Road where it passes through Bagley Wood, in Kennington. Every year many toads are killed on this busy road during the early spring, when the toads are migrating from Bagley Wood (to the east of the road) to their breeding ponds in Chandlings Manor School (to the west of the road). A small group of volunteers turn out on wet evenings after dark each year to try to pick up the toads as they venture into this dangerous road with its fast-moving traffic.

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 proposed housing developments NW of Abingdon, N of Abingdon, S of Kennington (Radley Parish) and NW of Radley will create much more traffic using Oxford Road as a 'rat run' between Oxford and Abingdon/Radley/South Kennington, which is likely to greatly increase the toad kill every spring. . Mitigation must be put in place to protect this important toad crossing in Kennington. Toads are a protected species under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, and their populations are declining nationally at an alarming rate.

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