

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? Yes

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.

Legally Compliant: the Green Belt Review was undertaken with no consultation. This consultation seems to be the only way to comment on the Green Belt Review. This approach is not compliant with

the duty upon the local authority to consult on major changes to planning policy at appropriate moments along the way in a clear and transparent way.

Unsound: the decisions to take certain areas out of the Green Belt are unsound. For example, the areas 4, 5, and 6 around Cumnor are all highly visible from large distances, as Cumnor lies at the top of a large hill. Therefore development in these areas would likely harm the rural character of the Green Belt.

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.

Legally Compliant: a Green Belt review consultation needs to be undertaken, justifying why each parcel of land is being recommended for removal.

Unsound: more detailed assessment is required of each area, and the visibility of each site needs to be considered in more detail. Areas around Cumnor for example need to remain within the Green Belt for reasons of visibility.

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