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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

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.

- 1 The comments about the lack of reality in the SHMA figures and target construction figure looks inflated and over optimistic, so developers will secure the newly identified development sites with planning consent for construction, purely for their personal means to make money.
- 2 The Vale accepts that it cannot make up the backlog of the five-year housing supply within the time span, so it has subscribed to an economic plan that generates an unnecessary need for even greater construction. It begs the question why there is a perceived need for building in the affluent south of the UK, when there is a greater requirement for regeneration and development in the North, Midlands, Wales etc.

The National Planning Policy Framework identifies three requirements for sustainable development ? economic, social, and environmental

Economic

- 1 The infrastructure is overstretched and the money proposed to help with the A34 is barely enough to resolve this issue.

Social

- 1 I totally support the CPRE's comments concerning the social and environmental issues. Green belt should mean 'green' and remain so, as was sold to us as an

Environmental

- 1 The NPPF requires plans to contribute to protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment. The Update plans the piecemeal addition of houses on a number of green-field sites (many in places where they will permanently impact on the character of existing country villages), a major encroachment into the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and building on 4 areas currently classified as Green Belt. It also proposes to remove 18 other areas from the Green Belt that 'may be considered for development as part of preparing the Vale Local Plan Part 2' (Housing Delivery Update, February 2014, para.4.23). These plans demonstrate disregard for the environmental requirements of the NPPF and recent Government guidance (October 2014).

Green belt was created to ensure the country had an environmentally protected area for those living in it, near it, or to go out from the city to enjoy it, offering somewhere to walk, breathe fresh air and value the natural world. One large conglomerated sprawling city is not ideal. Whilst it is accepted there is a national need for housing, it needs to be more carefully planned and placed and certainly NOT on current green belt land.

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.

Sites should not be included in the Plan.

The Vale should critically review the figures emerging from the SHMA to avoid the unsound aspects highlighted above, and to prepare an appropriately revised plan, with due regard to all interested parties ie the community.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination