

## Comment

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<b>Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified)</b>	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.**

My comments refer to the **village of Cumnor**, which faces a doubling of its population but is not an option in the drop-down menu above.

Even if its parish includes the large area of Cumnor Hill, Cumnor itself is a small village with very limited facilities. It cannot sustain an increase in housing at the level proposed.

- 1 The school is full, with access difficult.
  - 2 Roads through the village are narrow and cannot be upgraded. There is only one route to Oxford and the A34.
  - 3 There is a good bus service to Oxford during the day, but the service is erratic after 6 p.m., and there is no viable public transport to areas of Oxfordshire where jobs are expected to be created, for example the Harwell site.
  - 4 There are no medical facilities and the Botley Medical Centre operates at full capacity.
- Addressing these issues would require major development of roads and public services, at a level beyond the finance likely to be available. Of most concern to the villagers is that the character of the village would be destroyed, and its historic nature changed.

**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.**

Development of Cumnor involves changing the status of several areas in the Green Belt. There has been no public consultation on this. A review is urgently needed.

There should be a detailed assessment of the consequences of increasing housing in the village, including infrastructure, taking into account local characteristics, practicalities and villagers' wishes.

**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