

## 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.** 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 submission relates to proposals for the **village of Cumnor** , which is not identified as a specific option in the drop-down menu above.

Cumnor faces an increase in housing that will more than double the size of the village. The proposals are based on projections that I believe are based on overly-optimistic estimates of economic growth. They give an inflated picture of likely job creation and are therefore fundamentally unsound. The consultation process appears to lack depth, and figures have been presented as unquestionable. There is a growing demand for these to be challenged. Independent advice needs urgently to be taken on board. We need to avoid destroying our villages and countryside with housing that turns out to be unnecessary (as already appears to be the case in areas around Didcot, Oxfordshire).

**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.**

An independent assessment should be undertaken of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, with projections analysed in depth. A realistic target needs to be produced, with proper open public consultation in areas of the county most likely to be affected.

**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