

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)	Yes
If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.	North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

I assume that the expert planners on the Vale have ensured that the plan is legally compliant, however they seem to have completely ignored all the objections from the people of Abingdon to the last consultation, and have added another 200 houses to this latest iteration of the plan! There is still insufficient vehicle capacity on Dunmore Road, and Copenhagen Drive and Twelve Acre Drive ('inner ringroad') to cope with increased traffic congestion due to new home building off these roads. There are substantial traffic jams on all three roads already at peak journey times, and it is almost impossible to turn right onto these roads out of residential side roads. An A34 diamond interchange at Lodge Hill is needed asap as things stand already - this would be essential before any new homes are built.

Primary school places are already at a premium in north Abingdon. The Charter area of the town, which is due for redevelopment, should be designated as a mix of commercial, housing and leisure facilities to make the most economically viable mix for the area. Building on Green Belt land piecemeal should not be allowed as a matter of principle. A full Green Belt review should be instigated before any existing Green Belt land is even considered for development.

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.

A new primary school is needed at a minimum to meet demand. All new facilities mentioned in Q4 should be in place before any building commences - any S106 monies will be insufficient to pay for all new infrastructure that will be needed. The 'inner ringroad' should allow for future duelling to allow for the inevitable increased traffic pressure should new houses be built on the 'outside' of the inner ringroad. As stated above, a full Green Belt review should be instigated before any existing Green Belt land is even considered for development.

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