

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. East of Sutton Courtenay

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.

The plan is massively ambitious based on unrealistic targets given previous patterns of growth. It also places too little stress on infrastructural improvements to serve the increase in population and activity.

The existing infrastructure is increasingly under pressure just to deal with present loads and I find myself more and more in unacceptable traffic jams. Given the plan repeatedly cites the word 'sustainable', there is no chance of sustainability given the gap between the plan's housing and employment ambitions and the ability of the infrastructure to deal with this.

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.

There is no account for the wave of current (pre plan) housing development proposals and permissions overwhelming the recommendations for new housing and what should happen should these new developments match if not exceed the plan's recommendations. For example, Sutton Courtenay already has many new houses being built, We have just suffered a new application for 150 houses. If all current applications and permissions go ahead, this will easily exceed the 220 houses cited in the plan for our village. What happens then? Is the plan's allocation still valid given the village will have already met its quota for development? This is a very important question and there seems to be no answer to it in the plan. It's a grave concern throughout the county. Please advise if I have missed something on this point.

I also have reservations regarding the suitability of the site specified in the village for 200 houses. I believe it floods a lot and would cause problems for the new residents and neighbours alike.

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, Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination
do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Because I don't believe anyone has listened yet sufficiently