

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. 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 believe the plan to build these 800 proposed houses on the Green Belt is unsound. Loss of any part of the Green Belt that divides Oxford from Abingdon is not a good proposal & this development will mean Abingdon's boundary becomes too close to Sunningwell. Building within the existing town limits is a much preferred option. Gaining access onto Dunmore Rd from adjacent housing areas is already a major problem and this development will only make matters much worse. Many of the proposed houses will also be located close to the A34. This road is busy 24 / 7 with fast moving traffic and therefore noise pollution for the residents of these planned properties will be a major problem.

The development is also in the wrong place with regard to waste water provision (being at the opposite side of town to the Sewage Treatment Works -- STW). During times of heavy rain / high water table, the foul sewer systems in northern Abingdon and the trunk outfall sewers into & through the town to the STW already surcharge. Foul water from this development would have to be pumped into the existing sewer system and this 'point loading' is likely to result in foul water flooding adjacent to / downstream of the connection point.

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