

## 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
<b>If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.</b>	N/A
<b>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</b>	

**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.**

Whilst it is recognised later within the plan (Paragraph 5.53 ) the particular spatial and functional relationship between Grove and Wantage should be recognised as part of the Settlement Hierarchy defined by **Core Policy 3** , either as part of the policy itself or within the supporting text (clarifications are provided for other settlements as part of the footnotes to **Core Policy 3** ).

This is particularly relevant given the relative levels of development being directed to each settlement by the Plan, and as future decisions regarding development will be made having regard to the settlement hierarchy.

Whilst it may be correct to classify Grove as a ? *Local Service Centre* ? in isolation (and at this time), the specific functional relationship with Wantage and the level of committed development require clarification as part of this policy, so as to ensure that it and the plan as a whole is effective (and sound).

**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.**

As above.

**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?** Yes - I wish to participate at the oral 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:**

To elaborate on representations and participate in discussions on relevant issues.