

Comment

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Comment by	Vale of White Horse District Council (Councillor Dudley Hoddinott)
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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

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.

It states in paragraph 5.29 that 'Botley also functions as a district centre in the Oxford City context?'. This is not correct. The shops in Botley serve the local population in the parishes of North Hinksey and Cumnor. The district centres around the city area are much larger than Botley and are more self-contained. Also, there are few students living in and around Botley as it is seen as less suitable to their needs than Summertown or Headington. Botley is a local service centre serving the local people who go into the centre of Oxford for entertainment and for a larger range of shops.

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.

The sentence 'Botley also functions as a district centre in the Oxford City context' should be removed from paragraph 5.29.

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