

## 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.** N/A

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.**

Reason for plan to be considered unsound: The Plan justifies several development sites on their proximity to employment sites, with a consequent reduction in travel need. In particular, this is used to justify building within the AONB adjacent to the Harwell Campus. However, no evidence has been provided that the proposed housing adjacent to the Harwell Campus would be affordable to the Campus's employees. If the proportion of residents in these sites that are employed on the Campus is smaller than assumed because house prices are too high, then there is less justification for building in the AONB and the transport infrastructure proposed will be inadequate.

**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.**

Modifications to make the plan sound: An assessment of the affordability of housing for future employees should be carried out for each of the proposed sites.