

## 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 Shrivenham
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?	Yes

**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 Local Plan 2031 states at 2.14 that ?It is important that development protects and maintains the special characteristics of the built and natural environment of the Vale to ensure it remains a popular

place for people to live, work and to visit.?. This is not achieved by increasing the size of the village of Shrivenham by such a dramatic extent. **SO 1 is to** ?Provide for a range of homes across the district to?meet the identified need?, expanded by **Core Policy 4** which specifies the scale and location of new housing ensuring development is built in the most appropriate locations. There is not an identified need in the local area for such a large number of houses, nor is Shrivenham an appropriate location, as the people who would live in these houses would have to commute to work, most likely into Swindon, thereby defeating the objective of minimizing commuting and thereby decreasing sustainability, whilst seriously exacerbating the extant traffic problems on the A420 (especially when the very large additional numbers of houses that are proposed east of Swindon and in Faringdon, creating a ribbon of development along the A420.

Larger villages such as Shrivenham are defined as settlements with a more limited range of employment, services and facilities, and the Plan states that ?Unallocated development will be limited to providing for local needs and to support employment, services and facilities within local communities.? - 500 houses is far in excess of this.

The section on ?How the Western Vale Sub-Area will change by 2031? states that the countryside and villages will have maintained their distinctive character - clearly this will not be true for Shriveham as it will have been swamped by the new houses. It goes on to states that ?the larger villages will have retained their services and provide for residents? day-to-day needs. New residents in the villages will be helping to sustain the services and social life of the rural communities.? Shriveham?s services are already at, or beyond, capacity and further development will exacerbate this situation.

In short, Shrivenham has already expanded as far as it should without destroying its character and overwhelming its services. The North Shriveham allocation of 500 houses is completely inappropriate.

**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.**

Remove or drastically reduce the North Shrivenham allocation of 500 houses.

***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