

## Comment

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**Q1 To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? Please state the paragraph or policy or policies map.** 13a

**Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?** No

**Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound?** No

**Q4 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?** No

**Q5 Please provide 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 cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.**

**13a - The Bus and Cycleways as shown cause severe detriment to the Greenbelt. The road surfaces, fencing, lighting** (and bus gates or equivalent to prevent unauthorised use) **are inappropriate and intrusive on a ridge feature designated as Green Belt.** The most recent study of the Green Belt, commissioned by the Vale, by Hankinson Duckett Associates notes that these parcels of land “form part of the foot slopes to Boars Hill. Both Parcels are rural in character and are characteristic of the ‘Abingdon to Kennington Limestone Ridge with Woodland’ local Character Area. The Parcels form the rural setting to the village of Sunningwell. Both Parcels also contain numerous rights of way, which provide rural connections between local settlement and the wider landscape. There are open views of the land within Parcels 8 and 9 from these rights of way. **Both Parcels have**

high landscape sensitivity and high visibility and neither is suitable for development in landscape and visual terms". The report goes on to state that both have "a high contribution to at least one of the Green Belt Purposes. None of the Parcels are suitable for development in landscape and visual terms and development within any of these Parcels would harm the openness and integrity of the Green Belt."

12a - The safeguarding proposals for both the P&R and associated public transport links as shown are premature, unnecessary, ill-conceived and illogical due to:

a. Uncertainty of future development of the Dalton Barracks site beyond 2031

b. Uncertainty of the long-term appropriateness of the OCC Local Transport Plan which proposes the "remote Park and Ride Strategy," including Lodge Hill due to the potential impacts of the OxCam Expressway proposals (if a south of Oxford expressway is created, with the intention and effect of freeing up the ring road the current P&Rs will continue to be viable and the outer P&Rs may not be necessary)

c. Existing planning protection due to Green Belt status of the land concerned (Vale as planning authority can prevent all development on the safeguarded land so it's unnecessary)d. The absence of a detailed justification for the outer P&R @ Lodge Hill. The absence of funding for the proposed A34 bus lane. The absence of funding for the cycleway/bus lanes in Sunningwell Parish. The uncertainty of the route's commercial viability. The probability of the route's detrimental impact on the existing 4/4B service. Poor route choices with parts of the route being safeguarded unnecessarily. Failure to engage with landowners and the local community. Failure to examine viable alternative options which could include:-

- i. further enhancements to the existing service bus provision.
- ii. routing dedicated "hopper" buses by the existing road network allowing sustainable access to the P&R for a larger population
- iii. alternative safeguarding of routes that would provide segregated cycleway provision along the Wootton Road and increased access by foot and cycle from the North Abingdon site allocation

**Q6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate 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.**

**Policy 12a**

**I would like to propose that the safeguarding of land in Sunningwell / Wootton and Cumnor Parishes for the Park and Ride and the bus and cycleways as shown in Figure 4.2 should be removed from the plan.**

**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

**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:**

I wish to be represented at the Oral examination by Sunningwell Parish Council and SPADE.

**Would you like to hear from us in the future?**

- . I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan
- . I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates