

## 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.** Vale of White Horse Local Plan--Detailed Policies and Additional Sites

**Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?** Yes

**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.**

The city of Oxford does not, in its draft Local Plan, suggest that it needs so many new houses. The new official Government calculation states that only 15000 houses are needed, half what SHMA forecasts. Oxford could do this itself and not encroach into unspoiled countryside, for example, at Kingston Papuize.

The SHMA 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment is unsound and is being seen to attract tens of thousands of new people into the county, rather than meeting local housing needs. The Government itself has published much lower housing figures for Oxfordshire, including a 33% reduction for the Vale.

Local housing needs should be met but the county should not be industrialised to meet business needs that have not been openly discussed and have been slipped into the new housing policy

The plan does not describe the effects of the proposed Oxford-Cambridge expressway growth corridor, which will potentially bring even more housing into Oxfordshire, along with increased emission- and light pollution.

**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.**

The Government's calculation for Objective Assessed Need housing figures should be used instead of SHMA's, which are unsound.

**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

**Would you like to hear from us in the future?** . I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan