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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. LPPT2

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.

Q2 The bus and cycleway proposed for the green belt and farm land between Dalton Barracks/Marcham and Lodge Hill would be highly detrimental to the green belt and affects the footslopes to Boars Hill. Both parcels of land identified by Hankinson Duckett Associates, note that they form an area of landscape sensitivity and and high visibility, and are not suitable for development. They also contain many rights of way which provide rural connections between local settlements and the wider landscape. The safeguarding proposals for the P & R and associated public transport links are premature, unnecessary, ill-conceived and illogical. Historic rights of way would be impacted, and would seriously impinge on the community's quality of life and right to enjoy the countryside and historic rights of way. Can this be legal?

Q 3 The safeguarding of land for the bus, cycleways and the Park and Ride is unsound because of the uncertainty of the future development of the Dalton Barracks site beyond 2031, the uncertainty of the long term viability of the OCC Local transport plan which proposes the remote Park and Ride strategy due to the impacts of the OxCam Expressway which may result in the outer P & Rs becoming unnecessary. There is an absence of funding for the P & R sites and for the proposed bus lane on the A34, absence of funding for the cycleways/bus lanes in Sunningwell, uncertainty of the route's commercial viability and the route's detrimental impact on the existing 4/4B service.

Q 4 There has been a failure to engage with landowners and with the local community, and failure to examine viable alternatives ie enhanced bus service on existing routes including hopper buses and segregated cycleway provision on the Wootton Road. We endorse the SPADE and Sunningwell Parish council's consultation responses.

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.

To make the proposals sound it would be beneficial if the above suggestions were implemented - ie using existing roads for enhanced public transport and cycleways,

Safeguarding of land in Sunningwell Parish for bus and cycle lanes and P & R is therefore unsound and should be removed from the plan, and nothing should be implemented without comprehensive engagement with the local community and landowners.

The P & R would be better situated at the Marcham interchange serving the Dalton Barracks development, which creates a transport hub for South bound journeys to Milton Park, Harwell, Abingdon and Oxford.

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