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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. Appendices; land safeguarded for grove railway station

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.

LEGALLY COMPLIANT - i don't see how anyone can answer this question. The general public do not have sufficient knowledge across all subject matter areas to give an informed opinion on the legality of the process. One point I believe to be valid; the national policies around light and noise pollution are ignored. There is no reference within the plans to the impact on the local communities of Hanney and Grove of the noise, light and dust pollution or indeed any suggestions on how these could be mitigated. It is almost as though the tax payers in this community are invisible. Therefore i have to say no.

UN SOUND - With reference to the proposed Parkway station at Grove / Wantage, the current preferred location will jeopardise the viability of a major local employer and an employer which brings over 1000 jobs to the area and a significant amount of prestige. The future of Williams Formula One could be in question because the wind tunnel, which is instrumental to their whole operation, will be compromised by having such close proximity to the station. The economic cost to the area of losing this one business would be significant, as indeed would the compensation which they would be duly entitled for relocation. The cost is disproportionate to any potential gain and is simply not justifiable. For this sole reason the proposed favoured site should be revisited and an alternative should be sought which wouldn't jeopardise the Williams operation. Secondly, the access road to the proposed station is directly off A338 and is in my opinion not suitable. There is a limit to how much more traffic can be brought onto the A338, which would be the case here, and how many more access ways can be created off this road. The A338 at this turning is still single file traffic with cars approaching at speed, increased by the raised bridge over the rail line. The turning, even with improvements, isn't suitable for the volume of traffic and access is onto a small and narrow private road.

DUTY TO COOPERATE - It appears that consultation has taken place. I will raise the question as to whether it is sufficient. I hope the rail electrification project has taught policy and decision makers about the very great cost of such projects to the tax payer and that while having ambition is good, the risk profile is generally greater.

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.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE. - Mitigate light, noise and dust pollution by selecting a site which would already be sheltered from any residence such as further down the track and using fencing, hedging, trees etc to mitigate the environmental damage on residents.

SOUND - There are two preferred locations. Williams F1 should be consulted on the suitability of the proposed site for the successful continuation of their operations in Oxfordshire. There is agricultural land in abundance along the track and there has to be an alternative which would mitigate against the disturbance to the largest employer in this area.

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

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