

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.	N/A
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?	No
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.

Reason for plan to be considered unsound: Road infrastructure: The Plan does not make any provision for significant improvement to the main causes of existing traffic problems in the Vale. The planned growth can only exacerbate these problems. Although several improvements to junctions are included in the plan, the most significant underlying causes of delay, which include the A34 and the A417 being close to full capacity at peak times are not addressed.

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.

Modifications to make the plan sound: The Plan should include proposals for increasing the capacity of roads which are regularly congested due to weight of traffic. Without this the Local Plan is not sustainable, as required by the NPPF.