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| Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? | No |
| 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 |

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.

Environment ? blind acceptance of SHMA figures has ignored the preservation of the environment and led to inappropriate allocation sites within the Green Belt, greenfield sites and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Vale District Council only seeks to address sustainability from the developers' perspective, ignoring the environmental strand. Participation in a recent parliamentary Select Committee forum, regarding the implementation of the NPPF, highlighted that the government's intention was that *all* strands of the NPPF sustainability criteria are equally considered and *all* should be satisfied to allow development. It is not a matter of a balance towards sustainability, developments are either

sustainable in their entirety, or they are not. The Vale's Local Plan has not adequately addressed the sustainability of the allocated sites on all fronts. There is no sound infrastructure planning for footpaths, play areas and natural and amenity green space. Reports produced by the Vale fail to address the current state and capacity of the facilities or the impact the Local Plan may have on the use of these facilities.

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.

This version of the Local Plan still appears developer-led and, if implemented, will adversely affect existing and future residents of the Vale. We ask that these concerns are fully addressed before proceeding.

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, Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the 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:

Watchfield Parish Council, would like the opportunity to participate, directly or via a WVV representative, at the oral examination of the Local Plan and/or to present further and more detailed evidence in support of some or all of the representations set out. We also wish oral evidence, and any further written evidence which may be required of him by the inspector, to be presented by our road transport consultant Bob Hindhaugh and/or his associate Simon Boone.