

Comment

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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.

Character of villages ?the Local Plan states that the special character of villages (Shrivenham and Watchfield) should be conserved or enhanced. The Plan does not contain any policies for how this is to be achieved or the criteria used for maintenance character. There must be a policy included to eliminate coalescence of villages. Watchfield and Shrivenham are mentioned in the same breath, yet they are two separate villages, currently divided by the golf course. Where are the policies for preserving this buffer and retention of green space between villages? A complete absence of a policy for proportional development of villages shows that the character is unimportant to the Vale. A huge

increase in the size of a village will immediately detrimentally impact on the character. Equally, the absence of the link of housing to employment will mean new village residents will inevitably have a lengthy commute to work destroying the community aspect of villages.

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.