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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.

There seems to be only cursory mention of expansion of the secondary school in Wantage. The school is apparently to run out of places in 2016. Surely the Local Plan should include expansion of the existing school or provision of a new one in Wantage. The appendix which provides more detail on infrastructure funding allocation shows that the Crab Hill development will not be making any contribution to the increased capacity of secondary schooling in Wantage. How is this capacity increase to be funded as the Airfield and Monks Farm contributions are to fund the new secondary school on the Airfield?

The new primary school to be built on Crab Hill does not seem to be completed until some 500 units are built. What happens before then as existing primary schools are at capacity?

The document refers to both CIL and S106 but it is not clear of the timeframe in which such monies should be spent and even less detail on exactly where in the area it will be spent. Furthermore, it is not clear what existing S106 monies from sites such as St Mary's, St Gabriel's have been spent on or indeed if they have been spent.

There is no mention of funding being provided for expanding the medical capabilities in Wantage or Grove other than a catch all sentence at the beginning of section 2.1.