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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.

In the Autumn statement, the Government ? Mr. Barber?s party - announced a 7 year forecast for growth in Employment in the UK. I hope we?d all agree that a forecast for employment should be a

very good proxy for the rate of population growth, especially as the Government are forecasting relatively benign times and therefore a declining percentage of unemployed people

What do you think the Government's own employment growth rate figure says about the rate of population growth in the UK? Does it match the heady 1% per annum compound rate forecast that VWHDC is banking on? The 1% that makes them want to destroy villages, build roads, join Abingdon to Didcot, build more houses than they can sell, and so on?

The Governments own official forecast for people employed for the coming 7 years in the UK shows an annual compound rise of **0.55%** [source, Autumn Statement, 3 Dec 14, table B1]

As we've said until we're blue in the face [actually, increasingly purple and yellow...] the VWH's population growth rate rises are **a scandalous idiocy**. The VWH have chosen high growth rate figures for reasons best known to themselves, but whatever they are, they aren't rooted in reality. VWHDC refuse to listen when we keep pointing this out, to the point where we are all looking for how the VWH 'make' out of inflating their forecasts to silly levels, because that is plainly what they are doing. The population in the VWH has NEVER grown at 1% pa, let alone for 15 years on the trot. The VWH population growth rate mirrors the UK national average, which is a tad over 0.5% - as Osborne so obligingly confirmed

Ergo, when the doomed VWH local plan is finally printed it had better be on soft perforated paper, because THAT IS ALL IT IS USEFUL FOR

We - including Ed Vaizey - have pointed this out to you time and again, and you dont want to listen, so, you have 'Failed to Cooperate'. Murray's committe has been USELESS, he's been a blusterer all the way thru

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.

Reduce population growth figures and start all over again

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:

Truth must out - the reality needs to be heard in front of a wider audience. I will BACK UP MY FIGURES WITH FACTS - WHICH YOU DONT