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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)	Yes
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? Yes

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.

Core Policy 8: Spatial Strategy for Abingdon on Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub Area

2.4.19 Section 5 of the Plan addresses Sub Area Strategies. The Freeholder is primarily concerned with strategy for the Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe sub area, which covers the northern and north eastern parts of the Vale that have strong linkages with the City of Oxford. It contains the market town of Abingdon-on-Thames, the local service centre of Botley and several larger villages including Cumnor, Drayton, Kennington, Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, Marcham, Radley, Sutton Courtenay and Wootton. A large part of this sub-area is currently located within the Oxford Green Belt.

2.4.20 Core Policy 8 (CP8) deals with the Spatial Strategy for Abingdon-on-Thames and the Oxford Fringe Sub Area. The overarching priority for this area is to maintain the service and employment centre roles for Abingdon on Thames and Botley and ensure growth is managed to minimise pressure on the highway network whilst protecting the Oxford Green Belt.

2.4.21 The explanatory text to CP8 explains that a number of sites are allocated for strategic growth at the larger villages of Kennington (within the Radley), Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Radley. It advises that 'The strategic sites will be designed to integrate successfully with the local community and to minimise any harmful effects'. CP8 states that development in this area should be in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in Core Policy 3 (CP3), discussed above. Under CP8, at least 1,990 new homes will be provided in this sub-area in accordance with the spatial distribution identified within the policy. Radley Parish is proposed to accommodate 510 new homes; 240 at North West of Radley and 270 at South of Kennington. CP8 advises that the strategic allocations will be brought forward through a masterplanning process involving the community, local planning authority and the developer and should meet any requirements set out in the Development Site Templates at Appendix A to the Plan. We consider the Development Templates for North West of Radley in the following sections, and provide an overview as to how the site, and the Freeholder's proposed optimum solution as part of an amalgamated North West and North Radley site is the result of extensive engagement with the local community including the Parish Council and this has been borne out by recent consultation with the village.

2.4.22 The Freeholder fully supports the approach to development of the sub area set out within CP8; as per the discussion earlier in this section the overall approach to housing delivery appears to be informed by a robust evidence base. CP8 is considered to be sound.

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