## Comment

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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 N/A a core policy please select this from the drop down

list.

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 Yes the Duty to Co-operate?

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 13: Oxford Green Belt

2.4.23 Core Policy 13 (CP13) deals with the Oxford Green Belt, stating that it will continue to be protected to maintain its openness and open character. It states that development will be permitted in a number of settlements, including Radley, which are inset to the Green Belt as shown on the Adopted Policies Map.

2.4.24 The explanatory text to CP13 refers to the Green Belt Review commissioned by the Council and explains that land around the settlements in the Vale has been assessed against the five purposes of Green Belt as set out in the NPPF; ?This review demonstrated that parcels of land, which no longer meet the purposes of the Green Belt, could be released around these settlements?The local Green Belt Review undertaken does not preclude, and would inform a future Green Belt Review, should this be needed, to contribute to meeting any identified unmet housing need within the Oxfordshire Housing Market Area??

2.4.25 The Freeholder fully supports the approach to the targeted release of the Green Belt sites under policy CP13 and considers, for the detailed reasoning in the preceding paragraphs, that the strategic decision to review the Green Belt boundaries and consider smaller sites for release is a positive step to addressing the area?s challenging housing growth requirements. The Freeholder refer back to the previous comments made in respect of the Green Belt Review and the potential release of the North Radley site in addition to that at North West Radley and reiterates its view that while North West Radley could come forward sustainably and successfully in its own right, the delivery of an amalgamated site as envisaged in the accompanying Vision Documentation represents the optimum solution for the village. The Council?s approach to the issue of unmet need arising within the Oxfordshire HMA is commendable and it is encouraging that a pragmatic, realistic approach to addressing this significant issue is being clearly acknowledged within the emerging Plan. The Freeholder suggests that the allocation of the amalgamated site within Radley would provide the community with greater certainty regarding the future of the village and its evolution, bearing in mind the potential for further Green Belt release in the future should such a need materialise.

**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?