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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

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 2 states that cooperation with other Oxfordshire Authorities will include a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford green belt.

This is inconsistent with the Vale having carried out their own review, and would seem to raise the possibility of a succession of reviews each time a new housing needs assessment is produced. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that a green belt boundary should only be altered in ?exceptional circumstances?.

Government guidance (6th March 2014) states that ?Unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the ?very exceptional circumstances? justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt?