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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.

The Local Plan is unsound as it allocates two strategic housing allocations in the AONB which is contrary to national planning policy guidance as set out in the NPPF.

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.

Land to replace such strategic allocations should be proposed including a strategic allocation on land east of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor for circa 500 dwellings in conjunction with an eastern bypass for the village which links the A420 and the A415.

***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

***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:

We are proposing a strategic housing allocation on land east of Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor in conjunction with a new primary school, local centre and an eastern bypass for the village linking the A420 and the A415. The attached illustrative layout demonstrates how the site could be developed with capacity for circa 500 dwellings. The site is suitable and available. This represents a contribution towards housing provision in the District as an alternative to the Local Plan allocations of land east of Harwell Campus for 850 dwellings and land north west of Harwell Campus for 550 dwellings, both of which are located in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The inclusion of such strategic housing allocations in the AONB is contrary to advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)(Paragraphs 115 and 116). It is recommended that both strategic allocations in the AONB should be deleted. The proposed strategic housing allocation adjoins the eastern boundary of an existing Local Plan allocation for 280 dwellings. The proposed strategic housing allocation provides an opportunity to secure significant planning benefits for the village such as a new primary school, a local centre with local shopping facilities and an eastern bypass for the village linking the A420 and the A415 to reduce the level of traffic in the village.