

## 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)** No

**If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.** South of East Hanney

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.**

The proposal to build 200 additional homes to the 340 existing units is far too bold a plan. The village is not set up for a plan of this size which in effect would increase the village housing stock by some 60%. When you consider the new housing would be mainly starter homes then the population would increase substantially beyond that figure: presently a high proportion of the housing is for couples of senior age without children and the new units would be with children mainly under 11s. We have limited amenities within the village. No doctor, no dentist and only a small community shop. The village school is of insufficient size to cope with a large scale addition to the existing site. There is only limited public transport with infrequent buses to Didcot and Milton where a lot of the job expansion is planned and none at all to Harwell another large employer in the area.

The village suffers from drainage and flooding is a significant hazard. It can only get worst from any proposed development from water run offs. The large scale developments upstream in Grove and Wantage along the Letcombe brook will only exasperate the issue.

That said a development South of the village if such a plan has to progress would be an improved situation rather than the plan originally to put the estate to the east of the A338. Such a development would split the village and make pedestrian access to the centre very difficult and dangerous particularly for young children making their way to and from the village school.

It does seem the proposed increase in the housing stock and population in East Hanney is at a scale far higher than other villages and it is suggested the officer looks very closely at all the various plans to ensure a fair distribution of new houses is in evidence. He/she should consider the real safety issue if a development is contemplated to the east of the A338 as pedestrian access to the heart of the village and school would be hazardous.

**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?** No - I do not wish to participate at the oral examination