

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. North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

Unsound

Paragraph 2.14

Core Policy 37

The North Abingdon site should not be released from the Green Belt. Abingdon-on-Thames is a Historic market town and has a strong claim to be the longest inhabited town in the country and archaeology indicates that people have been living in central Abingdon since at least the early Iron Age. If the site is released from the Green Belt and housing is allowed, the urban sprawl on this prominent site could destroy Abingdon's unique character.

The land provides a distinct gap between the village of Radley and Abingdon and its development would erode the distinctive sense of place currently enjoyed by both residents of Radley and Abingdon.

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.

The land should remain in the Green Belt and not proposed for housing.

***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:

I have lived in North Abingdon for over 30 years and know the site well. I have researched the site and the Green Belt implications. I do not consider that the Council nor their consultants have properly assessed the physical features of the site nor the full implications of allowing the site to be released from the Green Belt and allocated as a housing site.