

Comment

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? No

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

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? No

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.

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There is a large development in Didcot, the Great Western Park, that is a much larger development than those proposed around Abingdon. Part of those plans included infrastructure and amenities (shops, schools, post boxes, bus routes, etc) but the focus has been on the houses and none of the infrastructure has been built, or is progress. The occupants who have moved into this site are stranded and have to find other ways to get to amenities that they were promised by the developers and council. Who is to say that this will not be repeated so that the focus is on more houses with the promises of infrastructure improvements that may (or may not) eventually be built.

There is also a site in central Abingdon, the Old Goal, which was supposed to have public facilities but there were deals done at the last minute so that the whole site is residential housing, that is not even in keeping with that of the town centre. Ugly square, flat roofed houses have been built in a town that dates back to the Iron Age.

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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.

Improvements to infrastructure are made before the development of houses -eg four way A34 access at North Abingdon

The council listen to the advice given to them in the development report to not build on top quality agricultural land and retain the Green Belt area between Abingdon (the oldest populated town in the country) and Oxford.

There is an argument for building on land to the West of the Tilsey Park, Abingdon. Any such development will be bordered by the A34, therefore this would form a natural boundary for the housing, but I cannot see that this housing stock would be desirable to the potential buyer as this is a busy route and there would be noise issues, such as those encountered in Botley (West Oxford) where there are special walls installed to reduce the road noise for the local residents.

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