

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.

The proposed development of 1000 new houses in Abindon North & North West will dramatically worsen existing traffic congestion; it will likely cause an increase of around 1500 cars using Dunmore Road, which is already a bottleneck during the rush-hour. We already have difficulty pulling out of our estate onto the Dunmore Road due to the amount of traffic, and several accidents have already taken

place, including two fatalities of local school children. The proposed development is adjacent to the A34 which is already the sixth most congested road in the country. Putting up to an additional 1500 cars on to this stretch of road would have a serious detrimental impact on traffic flows during the morning and evening rush hours. This would adversely impact not only local traffic but also through traffic on a major national artery with all the inherent economic implications.

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 district council has now revised its original plan to include a much needed upgrade to the Lodge Hill interchange. This needs to be completed to reduce traffic congestion in Abingdon to levels which can sustain the existing level of build far less any new proposed development.

The proposed plan would make the traffic congestion even worse and should not go ahead.

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