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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

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.

Comments submitted duplicate those made by Chilton AONB Action Group, put forward by Pamela Dothie (ID: 871793)

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.

In order to make the Local Plan sound and legally compliant, the following modifications are necessary:

- * Remove the entire allocation of 150 homes on greenfield land from the North West Harwell Campus
- * Remove the additional allocation of 150 homes on greenfield land from the North West Harwell Campus (e.e. reduce the number of houses from 550 to 400)
- * Include provision of up to 400 new homes (including the 125 already given outline approval) at the North West Harwell Campus, provided that all development is contained within the perimeter of the Harwell Oxford Campus and is controlled by the Harwell Oxford Campus

Reallocate the 850 homes from the Harwell East campus and the additional 150 houses from the North West Harwell Campus (1,000 houses in total) to other sites already identified by the Vale of White Horse, for example:

- * a) Valley Park (which has already been assessed as having additional capacity for up to a further 1,200 homes)
- * b) Didcot A (capacity for 425 houses), or
- * c) Rowstock (capacity for 515 houses), or
- * d) Land West of Steventon (capacity for 350 houses), or
- * e) Distributed throughout the West Vale in order to encourage and support economic growth and prosperity more equally across the district
- * Or reduce the total SHMA allocation for the District by 1000 houses
- * Remove the North Wessex Downs AONB entirely from the Science Vale "ring fence" in order to protect it from future speculative development should the Science Vale fall behind in delivery of its housing targets

These steps will make the Local Plan compliant with the NPPD paragraphs 115 and 116, and make the Local Plan compliant with the CROW Act 2000.

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