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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.	South of East Hanney

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.

ALL COMMENTS BELOW RELATE TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 200 ADDITIONAL HOUSES TO THE SOUTH OF EAST HANNEY

I consider the local Plan not to be sound for the following reasons:

1) Schools - The proposed additional 200 houses will mean that the current school will not be large enough to cater for the additional demand on school spaces. We have two children under the age of 3 and are already concerned that due to the lack of investment in the local school following recent developments there will be insufficient capacity to cater for our young children even at present. In the

school year commencing September 2015 there are 15 places to the school available with 22 school children wishing to attend.

2) Flooding - The village itself is constantly under threat from flooding (letcombe brook flooded severely in 2007 and came very close once again in 2014 to bursting it's banks), and any further development especially one so close to the brook will make this situation worse.

3) Loss of character to the village ? if the village of East Hanney (approximately 350 houses) has a further 200 houses added, this will increase it's size beyond recognition. This is a small village and suggestion that a development of this size will have any positive effects on the character of the village are clearly unsound.

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.

1) Flooding ? Any development of any size adjacent to Letcombe Brook will increase the likelihood of flood risk in East Hanney. This development must be moved a substantial distance away from the main watercourse.

2) Loss of character of village ? Any development should be limited to very small numbers (say 20 houses maximum).

3) Schools and education ? Any development whatsoever in the village should be met with a corresponding increase in size and capacity of the local school.