

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

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.

I am concerned that a number of sites around the village of Cumnor are proposed for removal from the Green Belt. The reason for this is not clear. The South Cumnor strategic site (numbers 6 and 24 on the plan) has already been withdrawn as unsuitable for new housing. Removing these sites from the Green Belt would open the way for unacceptable levels of speculative development leading to urban sprawl, which would have a severe impact on the environment of Cumnor village.

This is also surely inconsistent with the NPPF, which makes it clear that a Green Belt boundary should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. The claimed housing needs in the Vale's plan, which are unproven, are surely not exceptional circumstances.

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.

I don't believe there are any modifications to this ? the sites around Cumnor should remain within the Green Belt. No good reason has been put forward for removing them. It is a major concern that once the land is removed from the Green Belt it will be at risk of development even it is not immediately identified as a strategic site.

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