

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.

The methodology for classification of larger and smaller villages is flawed through its use of sustainability marks for facilities without qualifying the capacity of those facilities which may be outside the control of the council and can change at any time thus impacting the sustainability of those villages eg, if a

bus route is withdrawn or a post office is shut in that village , the marks for the sustainability (based on the vales own town and village facilities study) of that village could then fall below one level and move a village from the larger category to the smaller category. At this point it should then be reclassified as small and by the vales own classification this would then render it unsustainable for the same level of development.

There is also a big difference within the larger village category between the size, character and facilities of each village, eg- Cumnor has more in common with Appleton than with Kennington or Wooton, yet Cumnor and Kennington and Wooton have the same classification, whereas Appleton does not.

This approach is self evidently flawed and inadequate as a basis for assessing sustainability.