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Yes

Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally

Compliant?

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound No

(positively prepared, effective and Justified)

If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within N/A a core policy please select this from the drop down

list.

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.

We agree that East Challow should be classified in the Settlement Classifications as a Local Service Centre, and that Wantage should be classified as a Market Town. We note that the explanatory text for Local Service Centres states that they are the next best opportunities for sustainable development outside of the Market Towns. However, we consider that this explanatory text should be expanded upon to confirm, as per the explanatory text for Market Towns, that they have good long-term potential for development to provide homes to help sustain, and where appropriate, enhance their services and facilities to support viable and sustainable communities in a proportionate manner.

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.

A further explanation of the role Local Service Centre can play is required, as detailed in the comments made under Point 5 above. These larger villages are sustainable enough to accommodate Districtwide housing growth, and the policy needs to specifically state this.

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, Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The nature of our representations is strategic ad has key implications.