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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?	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.

Modifications to both local roads and Highways to manage the increase in traffic and pollution will far exceed the Community Infrastructure Levy (and other sources of funding). The funding of the required

new A34 interchange at Lodge Hill (N. Abingdon) is to come partly from the LEP (Infrastructure Delivery Plan Appendix1) but there is no guarantee that this will be forthcoming. Necessary improvements to Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive are to be funded by the County Council (Infrastructure Delivery Plan Appendix 1) but continuing cuts to local government funding mean they are unlikely to have the money for this. Furthermore, a major cause of congestion in Dunmore Road has recently been made more constrained by narrowing of a junction and roundabout on safety grounds. A crossing on Lodge Hill is essential as it is difficult to cross (and there was a recent fatality here). However, a crossing will slow traffic flow further. Even if the immediate improvements identified are made and work this will simply move more congestion onto the A34 (already heavily congested and all the central government currently plans for this is improved signalling) as well as the Abingdon town centre and Thames Bridge where the historic nature prevents improvement.

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.

Either build new housing closer to area of employment or undertake major works to increase the capacity of the A34 and build an eastern bridge over the Thames while also considering train service links to Abingdon.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral 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:

Whilst not necessary as I am sure the Inspector will consider these submissions, I would value hearing the process and would be willing to answer any additional questions