

## Comment

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	Yes
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.**

There is an unsustainable incompatibility between the need to preserve employment land and the extension of retail space to Park road, Faringdon, where town councillors have a stated wish to see existing light industrial/ office space changed into retail. This is highly undesirable for the town's character and its employment capacity. Retail space should wherever possible be retained in the town centre in order to support the viability of existing town centre shops, and to preserve the traditional character of the market town. 'Out of town' shopping is not only inappropriate to the town & damaging to its currently coherent structure, it would have a negative effect on the residential area of Park Road, generating additional traffic and congestion, air pollution, noise, etc. A clear spatial and functional

separation between retail and other employment uses should be maintained in Faringdon, except where above-shop office space makes these uses compatible in the town centre.

**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.**

See above. A statement should be added to the effect that separation between retail and employment uses should be preserved, and a commitment given to preserve existing employment land uses in Faringdon, and not to convert such land to retail use.

***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