

## 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)	Yes
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.**

With regard to identifying appropriate land to meet housing needs, the emerging Local Plan proposes removing highly sensitive land from the Green Belt and AONB to allocate it for residential development purposes to meet an unmet need for housing. We question the Council's approach of proposing Green Belt Boundary amendments (which once established, should only be altered in exceptional circumstances; Paragraph 83 of the NPPF) and strategic site allocations on highly sensitive land, which is Green Belt and AONB to achieve the housing requirements. In line with the NPPF and PPG, we do not consider that unmet housing need in the Vale of White Horse District in this instance outweighs the harm to the green belt and AONB and as such does not constitute 'very special circumstances' for removing land from the Green Belt and AONB and allocating it for development given that these are sustainable alternative sites outside of the Green Belt and AONB. We consider that if the Council's approach is inconsistent with advice in the NPPF and PPG.

**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