

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

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.

The SMHA is unsound and unsustainable. There is little evidence to suggest the figures are robust. The only analysis we have seen of the plan (by the CPRE) suggest the SMHA figures are grossly

inflated (being 2.5 times the Government's official projections) and based on unrealistic economic growth. This critique of the SMHA was undertaken by a leading planning expert.

The SMHA makes many dubious adjustments to the official statistics which add over 20,000 houses to its forecast of need for Oxfordshire. There also appears to be a link to the number of new jobs to be created in the county. Again these figures appear unsound and lacking in any thorough scrutiny.

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.

The SMHA should be revisited with a more robust and carefully researched prediction of growth expectations, and calling on a range of expert independent advice, to ensure the final plan will serve the community and county well in years to come.

Consultation should enable all to participate in such important decisions and therefore should be undertaken in a number of ways, at different times and at neighbourhood/village level.

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