

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.	South of East Hanney

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 Sustainability assessment for the land south of East Hanney states

2. Availability of services and facilities in towns and rural areas.

The site was appraised to lead to minor positive effects in terms of availability of services and facilities. The site has good access to local community centre, primary school and local shops, however access to a leisure centre, a GP and a secondary school is not as good.

There are no shops in East Hanney, only a small volunteer run community shop. The primary school is currently running at full capacity and children are having to go to schools in other villages. There is no community centre, just a hall for hire.

3. Reduce the need to travel and promote sustainable transport.

The site was appraised to lead to minor positive effects in terms of reducing the need to travel and promoting sustainable transport. The site has reasonably good access to shops and services, Abingdon town centre and bus routes.

Nothing about the proposed development is likely to reduce the need to travel. On the contrary it is more likely to lead to an increase in travel with potentially 400 more cars taking people to and from work, service facilities and schools. The current bus service is not adequate enough for most people to use for travel to work. Getting to Milton Park or to Didcot railway station is not viable by public transport.

9. Reduce air, noise and light pollution

The site was appraised to lead to minor negative effect in terms of air, noise and light pollution. The scale of growth would likely increase traffic and air, noise and light pollution however they are not appraised to be significant due to other mitigating policies in the plan.

The development would have a major negative effect. High increase in traffic will increase pollution particularly when linked to the other local developments and the high increase in traffic using the A338. There are currently no street lights in East Hanney so any lighting that the new development has will greatly increase light pollution. There are no confirmed mitigating policies identified to be put into place prior to any development

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