

## Comment

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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?** No

**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 plan is unsound in these ways:

Policy 7 ? There is inadequate transport infrastructure to support the Plan:

Firstly, routes to Didcot and Harwell (where the supposed new jobs are to be) are already loaded beyond their capacity.

Secondly, it cannot be assumed that the new home owners will work at Didcot and Harewell. They will also work in London, Central Oxford, Witney, Thame, High Wycombe, Oxford Southern Industrial zones, Bicester, Banbury etc. The routes to all these places are also loaded beyond capacity. There are long queues at all major junctions, and by the Vale's officers own admissions, proposed road improvements will be wholly inadequate for the increase in population.

Thirdly, the sites 4,5,6 & 24 at Cumnor are to the West of the village; all journeys to areas of employment must be through the village on roads that are narrow and constrained from being widened.

**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.**

1. There must be a full and transparent consultation on the re-drawing of Green Belt boundaries.
2. Housing allocation must be reduced in line with the Government's own forecasts. If this were done, there would be sufficient available land without stealing from the Green Belt.
3. Adequate transport provision must be made to allow residents of new and existing settlements to go about their business in a timely manner. This must include new rail stations outside existing towns to give rail access to the new housing, major expansion of capacity of the A34, or a scheme to separate N-S traffic from local traffic west of Oxford, and a guarantee of increased bus subsidies

**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