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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 N/A core policy please select this from the drop down list.

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 Oxfordshire SHMA is based on extremely optimistic estimates of employment growth. These estimates have not been subject to any meaningful scrutiny by the Vale of White Horse District Council Also no account has been taken of environmental or social constraints to the housing target as mandated by the SHMA document itself.

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.

A new SHMA should be prepared based on evidence and not the aspirations of the Oxfordshire Growth Board.

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, Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Whenever I have tried to question the figures in the SHMA Council Officers have said that it can only be challenged at the Examination in public. As I am sure that many developers will be present to praise the SHMA I feel it is important that as many members of the public as possible are present to put their views.