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Abingdon-on-Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub-Area

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally

Compliant?

Yes

No

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound

(positively prepared, effective and Justified)

If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within

a core policy please select this from the drop down list.

North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

Please see my responses to Chapter 4 where I have set out why the development of N. Abingdon is not sustainable and have explained that the road connections are already at capacity. [Additional public transport will not help as there are already frequent bus services and the buses have to use the congested roads, meaning the at peak times the bus timetables are meaningless. Abingdon has no railway.]

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 number of houses planned for Abingdon should not be allocated anywhere (if nowhere is suitable) until it can be shown that there is really a need for them. [The SHMA figure seems too high as explained earlier in my response.