

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. East Harwell Campus (Harwell and Chilton Parishes)

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.

As both a resident of Chilton and someone who works on the Harwell Campus I believe that I am in the minority of people working on the campus who live locally. The council's assumption that locating

homes in the East Harwell Campus will provide for the existing and potentially increasing numbers of employees on the site is not based on sound evidence. I do not know of anyone in the village or the Harwell Campus who has been surveyed by the Council regarding their either their existing commuting habits or their likelihood of moving to the proposed development. A short and informal survey of existing Chilton residents indicated that less than 10% responding households have anyone working on the Harwell Campus and the majority of working residents who responded commute a considerable distance to work from the area. Without the evidence to justify the large development the argument that development will be for workers at the Harwell Campus is not sound. Furthermore, employers on the Harwell Campus often have transient employment placements given the international nature of the work. This type of short term employment means that people are more likely to rent for short terms which does not lead to the development of a community.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral 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:

To ensure that the point is correctly understood as both an existing resident and local worker