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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.

These comments challenge the assertion that redevelopment of the so called ?Botley Central Area? supports the aspirations in Core policy 11.

The site boundary proposals are unsound for the following reasons: ? The boundaries of the ?Centre? are presented as a red line on a map and a sketchy description is given in paras 5.28-5.31. ? The accompanying description is seriously misleading. ? Nowhere does the plan acknowledge that the total area embraces two quite separate areas. The eastern end is indeed a commercial and retailing area. The western end is essentially residential and is not in need of redevelopment. The western end includes a vicarage associated with the local C of E church next door and an Extra Care facility for the elderly. None of the facilities in the western end remotely require redevelopment. They are pleasing features of the local landscape and are entirely fit for purpose. ? The Plan?s definition of the? Centre? includes one church but excludes its vicarage and a second church. ? It is essential to understand that the comments in paragraph 5.38 apply only to a part of the eastern end of the site; they do not apply to Elms Parade which few regard as being in need of redevelopment and assuredly do not apply to the western end of the site.

? No justification for the choice of the ?Centres? boundaries has been supplied and they proposed boundaries should be struck from the Plan.

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 red outline in Figure 5.3 should be removed and the associated rubric in paragraph 5.38 modified to reflect the actual position. The sentence ?Botley also functions as a district centre in the Oxford City context? should be removed. Paragraph 5.31 should be removed in its entirety.

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