

## 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

**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 appears to be based entirely on the figures presented in the Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) which was produced for the Council by an external consultant. The very high forecasts for housing in the SHMA are extremely controversial and have been greatly criticised by a number of organisations as well as politicians. Indeed, in one critique by a leading planning expert, it has been concluded that the estimate in the SHMA may be too high by a factor of two. There has already been extensive housing development in the area due to speculative building, with many more already approved planning applications in the pipeline, and the Plan appears ignore these. Neither does it take into account the environmental and social issues which would result from such a massive

rapid increase in population in the Vale. Rather, it appears to assume that such expansion can be absorbed with few serious problems, which is far from the truth.