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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.

I am writing to express my deep concerns that the proposed local plan includes so much development so close to the A34 - Motorway. It would be so much better for people to live in a nicer area and there must surely be nicer areas available. I am interested to know what methods the architects would design in to the plans to ventilate all the properties that will be unable to open their windows. As the climate changes and the summers are becoming warmer adequate ventilation is even more vital. Noise - I have lived along Copenhagen Drive in Abingdon and the noise from the A34 is horrendous. I installed at great expense extra noise reduction glazing throughout the property but still the vibrations from the lorries through the day and all night impacted through the walls. I was never able to have the windows

open and installed a electrical ventilation system in the bedroom. People should not have to live in noisy polluted areas when there are plenty of green spaces available. We should reduce the need for power assisted air conditioning units which would most definitely be required. Tilsey Park, Abingdon, situated next to the A34 is a good example of why play and sports areas should not be built near motorways and busy roads. The noise at Tilsey Park is horrendous and extremely unhealthy. There is nowhere else for people to go so everyone has to put up with it. I would like to suggest that those responsible for designing the local plan perhaps spend a few hours at Tilsey Park so they can experience the noise and air quality. Unless the houses are specifically being planned for people that have a hearing impairment and wear breathing apparatus these properties would be uninhabitable.