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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
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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.

Submission Draft

The submission draft local plan acknowledges the challenges created by unmet housing need within core policy 2 and this refers to the need for a full strategic review which will include consideration of potential for new settlements. However this represents a failure to deal with and to deliver a number of houses required by the market as identified within the Oxfordshire strategic housing market assessment.

The current part one local plan includes large housing allocations in unsustainable locations such as Milton Hill and adding further large extensions to Didcot, these is fundamentally poor quality planning which places large numbers of new homes in a relatively isolated position with a minimum opportunity create new communities.

The consideration of Oxford Garden City is a proposal has been wholly negative with no attempt to engage constructively. The scheme of this size cannot be delivered and the infrastructure consequences cannot be addressed unless local authorities are prepared to work in partnership with the promoters. The range of stakeholders is very large and a high level of coordination between them is required in order to establish what can be achieved and what barriers exist. There are numerous aspirations in the local plan such as the delivery of Grove station Core Policy 19 the improvement of the A34 Core Policy 34 and the general desire to see economic growth and prosperity through the provision of services Core Policy 7 the meeting of business and employment needs Core Policy 6. Oxford Garden City as a new settlement offers a unique range of opportunities to deal with and provide a wholly sustainable new place in Oxfordshire. It is uniquely positioned in the South of England in terms of its relationship to the A34 and Paddington mainline with close accessibility to Oxford.