

## 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.** 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?** 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.**

Placing housing to the North/north west of Abingdon when the main employment opportunities are to the south of the town will place additional stresses on the road network; the distances are such that walking and cycling are not really an option; buses do not serve these routes. The vulnerability of

A34 and lack of alternative routes leads to severe congestion at peak times, and at other times if there is an incident on it. Increased traffic through Abingdon to Culham Science Centre, and round the orbital road will increase air pollution in the town.

The proposal does not in any way help with access to Oxford. It already takes an hour to travel the 6 miles from N. Abingdon to the centre of Oxford at peak times, and the huge number of additional vehicles on the A34 from the new developments will increase this significantly.

**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