

## Comment

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<b>Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified)</b>	No
<b>If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.</b>	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 NPPF, paragraph 115, places AONBs in the highest category of landscape protection. Paragraph 116 states that planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas, with certain exceptions that we consider do not apply in the areas identified for development in the Plan.

Core policy 3 includes large developments on greenfield sites in the North Wessex Downs AONB: 850 houses East of Harwell Campus. Part of the 550 houses North of Harwell Campus on a greenfield site

(part is on brownfield site within the Harwell Campus boundary) Apart from the direct loss of AONB land, these developments would set a precedent that would lead to further building in the AONB, resulting in serious denigration of the local environment.

Remove all development within the AONB outside the Harwell Campus from the plan. A reduction in the numbers of houses required that would result from a re-evaluation of the housing requirement would mean that approximately 1000 houses are not required.

**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.**

Remove all development within the AONB outside the Harwell Campus from the plan. The loss of approximately 1000 houses can be met by reducing the overall target for new housing (see above comment on CP4)

**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