

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.

Having written critically to you opposing further development in Cumnor, my wife and I feel it to be only reasonable that we should comment further on the new Local Plan Proposals. We think it to be a sound policy that the Vale villages should escape major developments and that developments should be substantially to enlarge the urban centres in the area. Apart from aesthetic considerations the simple answer is that whereas it is possible to adapt and expand the infrastructure in an urban area it is almost impossible to do this satisfactorily in a village. This argument sidesteps the fundamental and vital issue which is are the figures for new jobs and new homes likely to prove accurate? At best the housing development should be guided and limited by the actual creation of the new jobs, and not be permitted to take place in advance at a developer's request.

On the particular problem of development in Cumnor, we think it is contradictory and counter-productive for the Vale to state its policy on development and then state propose to remove Green Belt protection

from certain areas in the village all of which form a vital part of the rural ambience so distinctive of Cumnor. In any case, Cumnor has had, and continues to have, substantial development in recent years. We trust the Inspector will receive details, for every Vale parish, of new housing units constructed since 2000.