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Q1 To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? Please state the paragraph or policy or policies map. Dalton Barracks

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant? Yes

Q3 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound? No

Q4 Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate? Yes

Q5 Please provide 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 cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Plan is unsound as it has not been positively prepared. Details of infrastructure required to accommodate additional vehicle movements from 1,000 new homes has not been provided. A new cycle route through Sunningwell has been proposed for a new park and ride scheme but this is poorly conceived. The people who can afford to buy a house are not the type of people to cycle to a park and ride to get to Oxford. Also, traffic will be heading in the opposite direction and towards Abingdon. Parents will need to drive into Abingdon to take children to school, adding further pressure on Faringodn Road, Elm Tree Walk and Barrow Road. For the plan to be sound, information needs to be provided on how new infrastructure is to direct traffic away from these routes. The Lodge Hill slip road upgrade will be needed before homes are built.

Q6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate 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.

For the plan to be sound, information needs to be provided on how new infrastructure is to direct traffic away from Faringdon Road, Elm Tree Walk and Barrow Road from vehicles entering/leaving the new development towards Abingdon. The Lodge Hill slip road upgrade will be needed before homes are built as this will help for vehicles trying to head northbound on the A34. There is sufficient space on the site so that development can be focused on the north of the site to create a separate village entirely, protecting the existing Shippon village, which avoids the need for existing houses in Shippon to be removed from green belt land. Improving the junction between Long Tow and the Wootton Road will direct some traffic travelling toward Abingdon down the Wootton road towards some secondary schools. An outer ring road from the current entrance to the airfield at Barrow Road to Whitecross will also help take traffic away from the existing Shippon village, which is already a 'rat run' for parents taking their children to the private schools and Larkmead. The development should be planned so that Faringdon Road, Barrow Road, Elm Tree Walk and Cholswell road do not become main access roads for the new development into Abingdon (particularly the end of Faringdon Road at the gates to the airfield, and elm tree walk as these roads can only currently accommodate one direction of traffic).

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

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