

## 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

**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.**

Government guidance (6 th March 2014) states that ?Unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the ?very exceptional circumstances? justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt?

The quote above shows that the green belt should not be removed unless there are exceptional circumstances. I do not believe that the green belt land forming the triangular field at the end of Twelve Acre Drive and bordering Radley Road and the Peachcroft Estate (Plot 17 on the Green Belt review) should lose its green belt status as it provides a valuable space to prevent coalescence between Radley and Abingdon and serves the main purpose of green belt land. This land was bought by Radley

College using money that they raised through donations in 1930 with the express purpose of keeping the land as an open space indefinitely . This was endorsed in a Covenant signed in 1930 by the vendor and the buyer and in 1972 by a legal agreement (these are shown on the land registry charges). I feel that this fact reinforces the need to keep this field in the green belt, especially as it is at about the furthest distance from any primary school in North Abingdon and at the moment out of the catchment area for the already overcrowded schools. This would mean increased traffic in Abingdon if housing were permitted on this land, which is possible if the green belt status is removed, as parents would have to take their children to school out of the area.

**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