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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)	Yes
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.

2.3 Appropriateness of the Green Belt Review Green Belt Release

2.3.1 In broad strategic terms, the Freeholder fully supports the Council's efforts to proactively drive growth forward in the VoWH on suitable and sustainable sites, where necessary through the release of land from the Green Belt. This approach is considered entirely compatible with paragraph 83 of the Framework and the advice therein that "Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of the Local Plan".

2.3.2 The NPPF is clear that the Government attaches great importance to the Green Belt; however paragraph 83 provides scope for alteration in exceptional circumstances, such as through the preparation or review of the Local Plan: "At that time, authorities should consider the Green Belt boundaries having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so that they should be capable of enduring beyond the Plan period".

2.3.3 Paragraph 85 of the NPPF advises that: "When drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries local planning authorities should take account of the need to promote sustainable patterns of development. They should consider the consequences for sustainable development of channeling development towards inside the Green Belt boundary, towards towns and villages inset within the Green Belt or towards locations beyond the outer Green Belt boundary."

2.3.4 When defining boundaries, paragraph 84 explains, inter alia, that LPAs should not include land which it is unnecessary to keep permanently open and should define boundaries clearly, using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent.