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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.	South of Kennington (Radley Parish)

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 addition of significant numbers of houses in the space between Abingdon and Kennington is not sustainable with the infrastructure that is available. There is good evidence from the significant traffic congestion within Kennington during the recent roadworks to improve the Hinksey Hill interchange that adding additional traffic through Kennington causes significant congestion. The jams were not caused by traffic queuing back from the roadworks, but because the volume of additional cars were not able to pass through without congestion.

The opening of south-facing slips at Lodge Hill will make Kennington an attractive rat-run when the A34 is queuing northbound (as happens regularly) and further exasperate the problems that are already evident.

Furthermore, the subsidence and damage caused to the roads surrounding Kennington shows that the current roads are not capable of handling a small increase in traffic, and the current draft of the local plan makes no mention of improving or repairing these.

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