

Comment

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Consultation Point	Core Policy 15: Spatial Strategy for South East Vale Sub-Area (View)
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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

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?	No
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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.

NPPF requires that all developments shall have infrastructure plans developed in parallel with developments. The Vale's local plan proposes ANOTHER 5,500 houses in Wantage/Grove with no local transport infrastructure to support employment in Science area.

Q5 Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate 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.

The Local Plan proposes an additional 5,500 housing units in Wantage/Grove and the surrounding villages. There are no plans for any local employment, so all 5,000 plus people will require to travel out of the area for employment. Both the A417 towards the Science Area and the A338 towards Oxford are already at or very near maximum rating, with no spare capacity.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Both The Vale and the County Council have admitted that transport to work in Wantage/Grove is inadequate, but neither has published plans to correct failure.

Until this is covered, in accordance with NPPF guidelines transport Infrastructure shall be developed in parallel with housing development, and not retro fitted after completion, the whole local plan should be rejected to be reworked in accordance with NPPF rules.