

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation :

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

3

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

X

No

4.(2) Sound (Positively Prepared, Effective and Justified)

Yes

No

X

4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate

Yes

X

No

Please mark as appropriate.

5. 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.

Page 37 defines 'Larger Villages' as being "settlements with a more limited range of employment, services and facilities. Unallocated development will be limited to providing for local needs and to support employment, services and facilities within local communities". Harwell is defined as a Large Village, despite the fact that the level of services and facilities are of a low level, more typical of a 'Smaller Village'. There are only three shops and one pub in the village, which provide employment for a very limited number of people. It appears that the assessment of a large or small village and the implications for acceptable development are based on the population of Harwell and not the definitions within the Plan. (For the sake of clarity, it should be noted that the Plan makes a clear distinction between Harwell Village and Harwell Campus and the employment opportunities afforded by the Campus should not be considered in the housing demand for the Village.)

There are no provisions for additional employment opportunities within Harwell and the additional houses will merely provide accommodation for those commuting to jobs in Science Vale, Harwell Campus, Didcot, London and further afield; contrary to the objectives and provisions of the Plan. This will, in turn, add to the already overstretched traffic conditions in the area; especially the A417 and B4493.

6. 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 at 5 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.

Harwell Village should be re-defined as a 'Smaller Village'; based on the definitions within the Plan. After redefinition, the housing allocation should be reassessed according to “development should be modest and proportionate in scale and primarily be to meet local needs”.

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.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

X

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

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

I am happy to be represented by Harwell Parish Council

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.

Signature:

Date:

18/12/14