

Comment

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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. South of East Hanney

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

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.

Sustainability - This is also a key issue as the proposal of 200 houses in East Hanney, an existing village of about 360 houses, is a village on a village which is not sustainable. The Sustainability Assessment mentioned above states in Para 2. that the site has good access to local community centre, primary school and local shops. This is not true. It is also noted in the SHLAA document that there is no continuous pedestrian access to village facilities from the South site ref EHAN05. This is true, the road is very narrow, cars can not pass in parts of it, the half pavement is dangerous to even walk along and could not accommodate a pushchair or wheelchair. There is no commercially operated village shop, it is a small community shop run by volunteers with a limited supply of goods.

Para 8 of the Sustainability Assessment states that there will be a major negative impact in terms of cultural heritage, townscape and landscape. The impact of a site with 200 houses is totally out of keeping in close proximity to a traditional village, the majority of which, is in a conservation area with listed buildings.

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.

I strongly object to the to the proposed development to the South of East Hanney for the above stated reasons and would ask the inspector to first consider if 200 houses in a village of 360 is realistic and sustainable.

If Hanney has to have some development, then a far lower number of around 50 houses on the East of East Hanney site is the modification I suggest.

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