

## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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

Paragraph

Policy

Proposals Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

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.

The Vale's plan proposes to remove Green Belt protection from 5 sites around Cumnor. This appears to fly in the face of planning guidance and government policy. The National Planning Policy Framework makes it clear that Green Belt land may only be used in exceptional circumstances. Unmet housing need does not apparently constitute 'exceptional circumstances' so there can be no justification for removing the Green Belt protection. The Vale's proposal seems to be on a completely arbitrary basis without proper consideration or coherency i.e. just fill in the open spaces in and around the village so that it is a convenient satellite on the fringe of the city which can absorb the population overspill. It smacks of lazy thinking and a woeful disregard for the character and integrity of Cumnor. The Green Belt has helped to protect the distinctive character of Oxford and its environs over the last 50/60 years. Cumnor may need to adapt and change in the future as it has successfully in the past. But any change should be in a properly considered and planned way. The Vale's proposal to destroy the existing protections will set a disastrous precedent. There will be nothing to stop the encroachment of Oxford's urban sprawl. The parcels of land will be at great risk of speculative development which will dribble out in all the wrong ways. It will be tantamount to letting 5 canaries out of their protective cage into a roomful of cats and watching the devastation unfold. These parcels of land should not be removed from the Green Belt.

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