

Comment

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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)	Yes
If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.	East of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor
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?	Yes
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.	

I believe the Council have undertaken a robust and thorough exercise in determining the future housing needs of the Vale, which are substantial, not least due to the strong local business environment which will be put at risk if the Vale does not meet its housing needs.

I am a co-Founder and Director of Newton Europe Limited which is a thriving operational consultancy business based in Kingston Bagpuize. We work across the UK in both public and private sectors delivering award winning operational improvement programmes. We recently won the UK Business Awards "Medium Sized Business of the Year".

We employ c.185 people in the UK, of whom c.50 are based in Kingston Bagpuize (making us the largest local employer). We are growing at 25% per annum as demonstrated by a team of 5 in our recruitment function who are permanently sourcing new joiners.

Kingston Bagpuize is a thriving village which will be enhanced by both current and future development, which will be highly beneficial to our business as we seek to recruit new staff. We have a broad range of staff, many living in the village, others further afield and some relocating from around the UK and overseas (most recently from Paris). Housing is a constant issue for our employees, many of whom would like to live nearer the office.

The site to the East of Kingston Bagpuize will work well with the village's existing layout, will have almost no environmental impact due to the non-descript land on which it will be sited, will help sustain employment and facilities in the village (as outlined above specifically with my business) and, as I understand it, can be rapidly moved forward for development due to its highly deliverable position.

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