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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

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.

- 1 I fully agree with the arguments presented by CPRE showing why the SHMA figures should properly be regarded as inflated and unsustainable.
- 2 The SHMA relies on the Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), to provide the economic base line and the associated adjustment for planned jobs growth on which its predictions are based.
- 3 The SEP has not been subject to full and appropriate public consultation or any independent scrutiny, and is therefore not a fair basis upon which to make policy decisions. Has it followed due democratic process?
- 4 I support the CPRE's conclusion that the Oxfordshire SHMA is utterly disproportionate and unrealistic.
- 5 The NPPF requires the economic, social and environmental aims to be pursued jointly and simultaneously?.
- 6 The SHMA is overly influenced by the Oxfordshire SEP. Because this has not been subject to any public consultation, the growth targets have been effectively excluded from the local planning process, and there has been no opportunity to assess the economic, social and environmental aims.

The risk of serious harm from over development is a serious threat . Builders' preferences for lucrative greenfield land will lead to a pattern of development that is 'modern-box like' cramped, low cost housing and will

- 1 put inappropriate pressure on rural Oxfordshire and will divert urban investment and regeneration elsewhere in more suitable sites.
- 2 The requirement to fit into the built environment of the principally historic village, is all too readily disregarded by the authorities, who look at numbers, rather than the aesthetic and wider impact of their decisions. Due regard to and consideration of the views of the community should be shown respect and due diligence by those entrusted to investigate these decisions.
- 3 This will be damaging as an attractive location and detrimental as a future place to live. It will impact upon house prices and change the nature of the community. In particular, the damage to areas such as Cumnor as a small village, with a vibrant supportive community, will be irreversible.
- 4 The emphasis on 'new build' means that the vast majority of new households cannot afford to buy or rent new houses at market prices.
- 5 More thought and investment should be given to changing the current housing market and industry structures to provide 'genuine solutions' to those in need of affordable housing, within communities where jobs are really located, without long, difficult commuting.
- 6 There are nationally so many existing homes/buildings in disrepair/decay that these should be brought back into functional use , by both local and national monetary grant support to restore and renovate.

This would then support the apprentice schemes which support sustainable buildings using traditional skills and materials, rather than lining the pockets of developers, who speed build homes that will most unlikely survive the test of time.

- 1 Oxfordshire is already planning its new town in Bicester. Perhaps this could/should absorb all future new building quotas where the infra structure is being planned to cope?

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 SHMA figures should only be taken into account, alongside the figures derived from published government household projections thereby using the most probable values for all input parameters rather than extreme figures.

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