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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. 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.

We would agree, that as a minimum, the range of services, facilities and employment opportunities at the Harwell Campus suggest it should be classified as a Larger Village. However, the existing employment opportunities at Harwell Campus cannot be described as more limited in range?, and indeed, further employment provision at the Harwell Campus is proposed by draft Core Policy 6 (Meeting Business and Employment Needs). The proposed housing allocations at Harwell Campus will also provide new primary education facilities, public open space and recreational facilities. Linkages to the employment site for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users will also be provided (as required by the Development Site Templates at Appendix A to the draft Local Plan). As such we consider that there is strong justification for the Harwell Campus to be classified as a Local Service Centre.

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.

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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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

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.*

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

We represent the landowners that control the significant majority of the proposed East Harwell allocation. We wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination to support the Council in demonstrating the soundness of the Local Plan and the deliverability of the East Harwell allocation.