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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.

Oxford Preservation Trust objects to the Council's approach to development in the Oxford Green Belt. It remains our view that any review of the city's Green Belt would need to be carried out in a considered and comprehensive manner and involve all the adjoining authorities in accordance with the 'Duty to Cooperate'. There is no current agreement to review Oxford's Green Belt in this manner and as such

OPT considers it inappropriate and without justification to bring forward individual sites on an ad hoc basis within the Green Belt.

An emphasis on managing growth whilst protecting the Green Belt is repeated throughout the new Local Plan 2031. Paragraph 5.41 states that the local Green Belt Review undertaken does not preclude, and would inform a future Green Belt Review, should this be needed, to contribute to meeting any identified unmet housing need within the Oxfordshire Housing Market Area. This is not an acceptable approach as no Green Belt sites should be developed in this piecemeal fashion, prior to a countywide review. As such we do not accept the legitimacy of the approach taken by the Vale to use Kirkham Landscape Planning Limited to produce a local Green Belt Review. The conclusions of the review that propose alterations to the Green Belt boundaries at the edge of the settlements should not be accepted as it is 'cherry picking' sites in the Green Belt.