

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)	No
If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.	N/A
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?	No

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.

My comments relate to Cumnor which is not in the dropdown box for specific sites.

There is a lack of appropriate infrastructure to support the Plan around the village of Cumnor 1) Assuming that the number of jobs created is accurate (which I would question) the A34 is inadequate already and would need to be the main transport link from Cumnor to the great majority of newly-created jobs in the science area near Harwell. 2) Access to 4 out of the 5 sites would be via a single lane one-way route through the centre of the village which runs past the village school and is already deemed dangerous and inadequate at current traffic levels. Proximity of property on either side of this route and the village layout means widening/alternative routes are not viable. Access to the other site (site 3) would either be directly onto the A420 or would have to go down roads which would be inappropriate for increased traffic. 3) Doctors facilities are already at capacity at the local Botley centre 4) The local primary school has only one class per year and is already at capacity. Even if the school capacity could be increased there is no way to improve access to the school for children to be dropped off and picked up - the road is too narrow.

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.

1. A proper public consultation & review on this green belt area. There has not been one
2. Proper assessment of deliverability especially with regard to infrastructure, taking into account specific local characteristics (example one-way roads incapable of handling more traffic)
3. An understanding that Cumnor is not a "larger village" it is a smaller village at its core and has expanded significantly over the last number of years. Removal of land from the greenbelt and ultimately housing will change the character and nature of the village for ever.

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