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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.	North West of Abingdon-on-Thames
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.

The Local Plans are unrealistic, being based on predictions of growth and housing need that exceptionally high. At this level of inflation, the policies become unsustainable, as is well demonstrated in the submission by CPRE.

The Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire predicts a an extremely optimistic picture of growth and job creation that is unlikely to accord with reality. The Plan has not been subject to indepedent, public review, nor has it faced standard tests of robustness.

I am alarmed by the statement:

Planning applications that accord with this Local Plan 2031 (and where relevant, with any subsequent Development Plan Documents or Neighbourhood Plans) will be approved, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

This appears to remove the detailed requirements that are currently in place and replaces an assessment based on local environmental characteristics and local opinion with a general blanket policy. In villages where Green Belt protection is to be lost, there will be no protection against widespread development and much of the county's heritage will be lost under unsuitable housing estates.

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