

Response to Part B Section 5 Re East Hanney Housing Proposals

There is no evidence that the Council consulted with the local people when changing the proposed development from a site to the East of the village to the site to the south. I consider this proposal therefore not to be legally compliant and that it fails to comply with the duty to cooperate.

The village only just scrapes into the definition of a larger village and will lose this designation when the mobile library service is removed. On this basis the proposal to site around 2000 houses to the south of the village is unsound.

Further reasons why I consider the proposal to be unsound are

- 1) To increase a village of 334 homes by a further 200 will completely change the character of the village.
- 2) The facilities within the village cannot support this development. There is only one small community shop run by volunteers, the primary school is already full and some village children are already having to be taken out of the village to primary school.
- 3) There is no significant employment in the surrounding area. Nearly all the residents of the new homes will therefore have to travel out of the village to work adding to the burden on the already inadequate roads.
- 4) The development impinges upon areas of a recognised wildlife corridor along the Letcombe Brook and would bring about the destruction of an ancient orchard.
- 5) Concerns relating to sewage disposal and increased flooding risk have not been properly addressed.

