

Comment

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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.	East Harwell Campus (Harwell and Chilton Parishes)

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.

I would like to strongly object to the draft Local Plan Part One 2031 on the basis that it is ?unsound? for the reasons below:

The new houses are within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty which is of international importance, recognised as a Protected Landscape by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The NPPF places AONBs in the highest category of landscape protection and affords them ?great weight? in the decision-making process. Further to this the NPPF confirms that AONBs are one location where restrictions apply to development and accordingly that: ?Planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional

circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest.? The rural environment was one of the key reasons we moved to Chilton and this is now set to be destroyed.