

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

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 three sites proposed in the wantage and grove area total 4750 new houses. The roads out of Wantage (A338 North) and (A417 East) are already beyond capacity at peak times. The adjustments proposed to the junctions at Frilford (A338) and rowstock /featherbed Lane may well help the existing traffic but would be inadequate for the proposed increases particularly at rowstock with increases from more than one direction. There is no mention of the station at Grove being open in the view of how the area will look in 2031. This shows how likely this is to happen in reality. The station could take some traffic from both routes above.

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.

Significantly reduce the number of proposed houses in the Wantage and Grove area as local transport cannot sustain the increases without new roads being built which are well beyond the finances of the local plan. Put a plan in place to open Grove Station (with funding).

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