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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.	South of East Hanney
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.

Ref: CP8 Spatial Strategy Abingdon on Thames and Oxford Fringe Sub Area Proposed Strategic Site to the South of East Hanney

The strategic plan published by the Vale has proposed a site to the south of East Hanney, this is a new site and not subject to prior consultation.

As a consequence there has not been an appropriate consideration of public opinion relevant to the current proposal. The proposal does not therefore take into account any consideration of the wishes of the residents community, or an understanding of the issues arising from development of the site, which we as local residents understand, is an obligation of The Vale.

Previously, the site proposed was to the east of East Hanney and this was the subject of an open public meeting and consultation. The outcome from this meeting was that there was little public opinion against the area proposed, the ware to the East being agricultural land with good access to both the A338, and the Steventon Road. There are also footpaths through the village from the East to the school and the heart of the village.

The VOWH report in their Local Plan 2031 said that 'land east of East Hanney we replaced with an alternative to the south of East Hanney better connected to the village and also preferred by the community'. We are angry as it is incorrect to say it is better connected and a complete fabrication by The Vale that the south is preferred by us because no consultation was undertaken in order to ascertain our opinion.

As part of this response we want to highlight to The Vale and the Inspector the significant impact which a development of the land to the south of East Hanney would have compared to that which would have been the case with the East.

There are issues in a number of areas from the new proposal these include:

? The Vale's assessment on sustainability ? Conflict with national guidance of the NPPF ? Loss of important ecological habitats ? Risk of flooding to the existing settlement ? Impact on the conservation areas and the village's identity ? Direct and adverse impact on our properties as the site proposed is immediate to our homes and an existing Local Wildlife Site ? Increase in traffic and mobility issues; within, and turning in and out of the village.

This reflects a large group of residents who support this response, their views being reflected because of the immediacy of the site to their homes, and the direct impact that any development will have on their lives.

This view also reflects the general view of the community as evidenced by the ballot organized by the Parish Council which was overwhelmingly opposed to the new plan to develop the site to the south of East Hanney.

The site to the East by comparison was non contentious and did not impact immediately on any existing residents. We do not know why the Vale has switched sites without consultation, and cannot see how the South can be promoted above that of the East where there are known to be far fewer issues. There are significant complications that the site to the South attracts combined with the loss of our heritage.

You will have received the Parish Council response which is a genuine response from the whole community which we support. This document is intended to give you an insight to the concerns of the residents who are immediate to the development and whose lives would be seriously impacted.

We believe The Vale's plan to build on the southern site is illogical, unfounded and misinformed.

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