

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.	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 retail and town centre study includes the figure for the Seacourt retail centre as being relevant, but not those for Oxford city centre which is only 1.6 miles away. The figures then make Botley seem comparable with Faringdon based on floor space. Botley is a local centre as defined by the Vale and not a market town like Faringdon. To compare the two in this way is a nonsense. Botley does not need to perform as a town centre, Abingdon is only 4 miles away and Oxford is even closer.

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.

Ensure any development at Botley is appropriate in size, scale and content to a local neighbourhood centre to meet local needs and no more. Consultation with local residents is paramount and proper consideration should be given to infrastructure constraints. No development prior to infrastructure improvements being in place.

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