

## 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

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.**

3. The Vale policy is for developments to have minimal impact on transport. However increased housing on the proposed site will result in increased traffic joining the A338 which already has two difficult and

dangerous junctions into/out of the village. Currently the A338 cannot cope with the volume of traffic at peak times travelling north towards Abingdon/Oxford or south towards Wantage/Grove for schools, employment, shopping, medical facilities, leisure activities etc. Currently the Steventon road from East Hanney to Didcot is in very poor condition, prone to regular accidents and is not suitable for an increased volume of traffic to the railway station, the A34 or employment in Milton/Didcot. The bus routes (31 and X30) provide an hourly service to Grove/Wantage or Abingdon/Oxford but there is no direct service to Milton Park, Harwell, Faringdon or Didcot. The current frequency would not cope with additional passengers, including those joining from new developments in Grove/Wantage

**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.**

Vale Council should reconsider their site selections and ensure that the only locations identified are appropriate to provide the local housing needs in a sustainable way. This site in East Hanney is unsound in a number of areas of the Vale's core policies on housing development.

**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