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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 South of East Hanney core policy please select this from the drop down list.

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 No the Duty to Co-operate?

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.

1. The 2031 Vale local plan claims to be in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, which includes a requirement for local consultation. However the Vale has not consulted locally since

spring 2014 when a site to the east of East Hanney was proposed. Comments on that (see Consultation statement points 239 to 245) were made. The alternative site does not address those original concerns eg is no better integrated into the existing village than the old one, is made on the assumption that local facilities already exist and are appropriate, but they will not be sufficient for a more than doubling of the number of homes and the new site would be equally prone to flooding and increase the flood risk to existing properties.

There was no consultation on the alternative site and the first I knew of it was from the leaflet ?The Future of the Vale Local Plan 2031 Part 1 consultation on the draft plan. Nov 2014? distributed in the mail and an email from VWHDC dated 7/11/14 The Local Plan Appendix 8 identifies a number of sites in and around East Hanney, including EHAN05B that was deemed as unsuitable. That area of land is now included in Strategic Site 6 without explanation as to how the contra-indications would be addressed.

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, No - I do not wish to participate at the oral do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

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