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Biodiversity (<u>View</u>)

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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally

Compliant?

No

No

Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound

(positively prepared, effective and Justified)

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.

4. The Vale has core policies on ecology and biodiversity yet seems to ignore these in the selection of this site. The area is bounded by a designated wildlife area, the Letcombe Brook acts as a natural

corridor for wildlife and is home to several protected and uncommon species including water voles and kingfishers. Major development of the type proposed will significantly detract from the natural environment.

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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