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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.

This policy states that cooperation with other Oxfordshire Authorities will include a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford green belt. This is entirely inconsistent with the Vale having carried out their

own review, and would seem to raise the possibility of a succession of reviews until the desired answer is achieved each time a new housing needs assessment is produced.

This principle is contrary to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which makes it clear that a green belt boundary should only be altered in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Similarly this principle is contrary to Government guidance (6th March 2014) which states that 'Unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh the harm to the green belt and other harm to constitute the 'very exceptional circumstances' justifying inappropriate development on a site within the green belt'

The overarching principle of the Green Belt should be upheld and no significant development permitted or considered in these designated areas.

Greater emphasis needs to be placed on co-operation with neighbouring authorities, other than Oxford City, in support of their approach to addressing housing requirements locally. Oxford does NOT have a priority position.

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