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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	Yes
Q2 Do you consider the Local Plan is Sound (positively prepared, effective and Justified)	Yes
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? Yes

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.

We support the Council's inclusion of a policy, which sets out the Vale of White Horse's commitment to ensure that Oxfordshire's unmet need will be met through the Duty to Cooperate.

We do support the Council's approach to ensuring that their own objectively assessed housing need can be accommodated within their own administrative boundary in the first instance.

Notwithstanding this, Vale of White Horse have continued to work with their neighbouring authorities in identifying potential opportunities to provide some of the unmet need, including a full strategic review of the whole of the Oxford Green Belt. We support this approach as there are examples all over the country where a Green Belt review is not being considered, even where the shortfall of housing land is significant.

Should it be found that the unmet need should be directed to the Vale of White Horse, two measures have been put in place to include a review or partial review of this Local Plan, or the preparation of a new DPD to allocate further sites. We support this approach, which has been applied to other Local Plans progressing through the process, including in the London Borough of Croydon, who were unable to demonstrate enough land for their housing need within their Local Plan Part 1, but committed to the preparation of a Local Plan Part 2 (essentially a Site Allocations DPD), in order to allocate sites.

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.

We suggest that timescales for the preparation of Part 2 should be provided in accordance with Paragraph 182 of the NPPF.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

We are acting on behalf of our client who has an interest in the North West Abingdon-on-Thames strategic allocation and as such, we request to participate in the EIP in order to support this site and other policies in the plan.