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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? 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.

The proposed sites in North Abingdon are next to a ?Market Town?; indeed a market town which claims to be the longest continually inhabited and with notable historical features which constrain its growth. These sites are, however, in the Green Belt, in an area with already congested roads due to the previously mentioned constraints. The nearest employment site at Radley Road Industrial Estate

is over 3 km away from the centre of the Dunmore Road site (not 2.1 km as specified in SA Report Appendices p.123). That employment site has no further room for expansion. Other new employment sites are considerably further away on busy roads in Culham (5.8Km through Abingdon town centre and the Thames bridge with all its congestion), Milton Park (12.4Km around the congested ring road to the congested A34), Harwell (16.4Km around the congested ring road to the congested A34) or Oxford (8.9Km using the congested A34, congested Oxford ring road and congested Oxford roads); note there are no train services to Abingdon itself. These main new employment sites are outside of Abingdon altogether and only accessible from these proposed housing developments via these already congested roads.

The council seem to have offered no explanation for this contradiction. Even the proposal for a ring road and additional Thames bridge to the east of the town has not been raised for many years.

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, Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the 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:

To overcome these problems there are two options: (i) build the housing closer to areas of employment, (ii) improve transport infrastructure well beyond that suggested by the Council as possible.