

Comment

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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)	No
If your comment(s) relate to a specific site within a core policy please select this from the drop down list.	South of East Hanney

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.

A principle of the Local Plan is to increase resilience to climate change and flooding. The site South of East Hanney was appraised by the Vale to bring about a ?neutral effect in terms of climate change and flooding. The site could result in the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land. The site contains a small area of flood risk.? The comment regarding flooding would appear to be nonsense in the face of documented evidence to the contrary. The East Hanney area is prone to flooding and the existing village has experienced significant and damaging floods in 2007 and 2014 also, according to the Environment Agency?s "Areas Susceptible to Ground Water Flooding" map, **all** of East Hanney is

at the highest risk of groundwater emergence. Development on the site South of East Hanney under current proposals will increase flood risk to the whole of the existing settlement. We believe the above demonstrates that inclusion of the development site South of East Hanney in the Plan proposed by the Vale is not consistent with national policy as required by the NPPF, and is therefore *unsound*.