

5. 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.

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The supporting text (paragraph 5.74) refers to Figure 5.5. This shows a (presumably indicative) alignment for the Science Bridge. There is no evidence that this alignment is the one that will ultimately be pursued by the County Council, as we understand that detailed proposals have not been published. For this reason, and given that the southern extremity of the Bridge alignment falls within the Valley Park allocation, it should be made clear that this is an indicative alignment and could be subject to change. Otherwise it could unnecessarily constrain the developers of Valley Park in producing a comprehensive masterplan. As this is not a final alignment, it would be more appropriate to encourage cooperation between the developer and County Council to agree on a preferred alignment for the bridge.