

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.

Core Policy 18/Appendix E – Land for Safeguarding for Future Transport Schemes - maps

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The map (shown on Page 73 of the appendices document) shows safeguarded land for both the Harwell Strategic Link Road and Southern Didcot Bypass – for safeguarding purposes referred to under Core Policy 18 (although Appendix E is not referred to in Core Policy 18, which it should be, in line with the other sub-areas). The area shown for the Southern Didcot Bypass is excessively large and would preclude the ability of a viable and deliverable housing development to come forward in this region in conjunction with the strategic housing allocation for Valley Park. This Southern Didcot Bypass is also not specifically referred to in Core Policies 17 or 19. As such this part of the plan is unsound, in terms of not being justified, effective or consistent with national policy.