

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.	North of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

There are a number of sites which are in the Green Belt or in the AONB. The Plan does not protect these special areas. The proposed development in North Abingdon is all on Green Belt land which currently forms an attractive green gateway to the town. Development of this land would destroy Abingdon's sense of place(from the north), forming instead a continuous urban mass up to the A34. Also, the land is the highest point of the town, so the development would be visible.

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.

The Plan should say that all sensitive land allocated s AONB or Green Belt will be protected, including the green gateway to North Abingdon.

[The SHMA figure is quite possibly too high, so this sensitive land may not be needed, and alternative land currently reserved for the reservoir may become available in 2019]