

Comment

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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. South of East Hanney

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? No

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 second chapter of the NPPF document is entitled 'Achieving sustainable Development'. There are twelve 'Core Planning Principles' stated. The first one (Section 17 refers) states that planning

should be genuinely plan-led, empowering local people to shape their surroundings, with succinct local and neighbourhood plans setting out a positive vision for the future of the area. Plans should be kept up-to-date, and be based on joint working and co-operation to address larger than local issues. The County Council plan initially was to build to the East of East Hanney. There were a number of concerns voiced by local residents at a meeting to discuss this. There was then a switch, sometime after the consultation period, to an alternative site South of East Hanney. There was no consultation with local residents, nor consideration sought of their views. This shows that the development is not plan led, has not empowered local people to shape their surroundings. It is clearly a plan not based on joint working and cooperation. The proposed development may well end up becoming more closely aligned with Grove, a larger town with many more facilities (2 shopping areas and a total facilities score of 35 as compared with East Hanney's 14). There are potentially better roads, foot and cycle paths linking with Grove, thus making it likely to be further divorced from the East Hanney village community.

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.

There needs to be consultation with the local residents about the development south of East Hanney to allow local people to shape their surroundings. This will achieve the aim of making this part of the Local Plan legally compliant.

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, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? No - I do not wish to participate at the oral examination