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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.	N/A

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.

Failure of the Consultation Procedure These changes were not properly consulted upon. ? The consultation procedure followed by the Vale was inadequate both in terms of the time and the manner in which it was conducted. ? The time allocated did not allow the Parish Council sufficient time to consult with residents and it was only able to respond by holding an Extraordinary Council meeting. ? The contents of the leaflet supplied by the Vale were profoundly unsatisfactory. It set out the Vale?s case for building houses but failed to cover any of the surrounding issues nor did it mention that the Vale was consulting on a wider range of sites. The Vale missed clear opportunities to draw this wider

consultation to the attention of residents: ? The leaflet did not make any explicit reference to the advice that the Vale had sought and received, nor did it state that the Vale was simultaneously

seeking comments on its additional proposals to remove areas other than the Strategic sites from the Green Belt. ? No mention of the extended consultation was made at the meetings which the Vale called to launch the Strategic Housing Consultation process.

The inescapable conclusion is that the manner in which the Vale carried out its review was entirely unacceptable.

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 sites in the Oxford Green Belt that have been identified for housing should be withdrawn from the Plan. All reference to the green belt review and its conclusions should be removed from the plan.