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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.

Para 5.29 states that 'Botley also functions as a district centre in the Oxford City context'. There is no justification for this sentence. As defined by the Local Plan, the population of Botley in the 2011 census was 10,000. The populations covered by the district centres in Oxford City range between 24,000 and 40,000. The sizes are simply not comparable. There is also ribbon retail development between Oxford City and Botley. This is not the case for the district centres in Oxford City. More seriously, the Plan implies that it can only achieve its objectives by attracting trade from the centre of Oxford. A plan that relies on eviscerating the centre of Oxford cannot be regarded as sound. The

failure to take into account the views of Oxford City means that this aspect of the Plan fails to comply with the duty to cooperate.

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 red outline in Figure 5.3 should be removed and the associated rubric in paragraph 5.38 modified to reflect the actual position. The sentence 'Botley also functions as a district centre in the Oxford City context' should be removed. Paragraph 5.31 should be removed in its entirety.

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