

## 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.** 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.**

I do not consider this plan to be sound, prepared effective or justified for the following reasons:

? East Hanney is not a large village because it does not include: o A proper village shop ? the current shop is run by volunteers on a part time basis o The mobile library service is being discontinued o No services for teenagers o 10 villages with populations greater than East Hanney have not been earmarked for development o 200 houses would increase our village by 60%

? Transport links (bus only) are unsuitable because: o As there is no employment in East Hanney, residents would require public transport to take them to their places of employment (Milton Park and Harwell, for example). The current bus routes only run from Oxford to Wantage and do not offer services directly from east Hanney to their place of employment. This would add to the existing traffic problems as residents would require car transport o The A338 is already congested at rush hour times, so additional dwellings would produce more cars further adding to the congestion. There have already been fatalities on the A338, so additional traffic will potentially cause more problems o There are no cycle routes or pedestrian paths from East Hanney o The road network through the Hanneys is very narrow and constricted by Letcombe Brook

? Area proposed for housing is unsuitable because: o The area is prone to flooding. East Hanney has been flooded on a number of occasions. Further housing would increase the flooding risk. Volunteer residents already give regular attention to clearing Letcombe Brook and the surrounding area. With additional housing, the flooding would become more pronounced. o There would be loss of biodiversity due to the area proposed for housing sites a number of wildlife species which requires protection

? Sewage capacity is unsuitable because: o The current sewage works are at full capacity and are causing local issues o Without investment into this facility, the current plant will not cope o Thames Water have no plans to invest in this facility (to my knowledge) o There is no sound infrastructure planning for water, drainage, waste management and sewage treatment in the Vale (reference VoWHDC water cycle study)

? Schools and education are unsuitable because: o The local primary school is at capacity and is unable to take in any more pupils and there is little or no room for expansion on the current site o Some children already have to travel by car to other primary schools located in other villages because they are unable to be educated in Hanney o The secondary school in Wantage is not easily accessible by public transport, so school buses have to be provided

**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.**

I do not consider this plan complies with the Duty to cooperate because: ? The site was changed from East to South without the residents being informed. Residents should be given the opportunity to review the proposal of 200 houses to be built on the East side ? Residents have not been fully informed about this proposed development ? The plan has not been thought through and considered sufficiently (see points made in above section)

The conclusion is that the allocation of 200 houses in East Hanney is not suitable and should be removed from the plan

**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