

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. 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.

The basis for establishing acceptable housing density is flawed. It is a sad indictment that a Local Plan aspiring to be fit for purpose from now until 2031 should refer to 'medieval villages' and century old practice as a basis for determining modern housing density or as justification for cramming in modern developments, and hold them up to be 'successful high density settlements'. It is self-evident that a Local Plan based on such densities is by definition regressive, by any modern standard of quality of life. Poor life expectancy, widespread disease, poor sanitation, infestation, and epidemic tragedies such as plague and fire were common amid such housing density. Surely this is not something to aspire to, nor to consider 'successful' by reasonable modern definition.

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.

Base housing density on properly researched modern standards for quality of life.

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