

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. East Harwell Campus (Harwell and Chilton Parishes)

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 proposed allocation of 850 houses on the East Harwell Campus site is not legally compliant because it has the highest protection by Act of Parliament against inappropriate development through

its location in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also prominent when viewed from The Ridgeway. VWHDC has persisted in designating the site for development despite representations from local and national bodies at the consultation earlier in 2014.

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 allocation of 850 houses on the Harwell East Campus site should be removed from the Local Plan.

If the 850 houses are still considered necessary after re-examination of the SHMA, they should be allocated to Valley Park, which has already been assessed as having additional capacity for up to a further 1,600 dwellings.

The accuracy of the SHMA figures should be tested by the Inspector, as recommended by Select Committee of the Communities and Local Government Committee.

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? Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q7 If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The proposed allocation of 850 houses in a nationally protected landscape is unprecedented, and I wish to back up my written representation by participating at the examination.

The recent publication of the report by the Select Committee of the Communities and Local Government Committee has added a new obligation on the Inspector to test the SHMA figures. I wish to participate at the examination to ensure this happens.