

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. N/A

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? Yes

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.

Reference is made within the plan to infrastructure developments which are indeed very necessary. However, with respect to highways, which are currently inadequate to handle the existing traffic (e.g.

the A34 has a problem of some sort almost every day) there are statements in the plan about working with other authorities to improve this, but historically very little has been achieved to improve traffic flow which was poor when I arrived in the area 15 years ago and has become significantly worse since. It is stated in the plan that a report on improvements to the A34 is not due to be published until 2015 so there is no certainty that any proposals will meet the increasing need resulting from the proposed housing developments in the plan. The plan does not provide convincing evidence that infrastructure improvements necessary to sustain the level of proposed housing will be achieved.

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.

To be sound the likely growth and hence the housing need should be reassessed. The type of housing provision should be reconsidered in order to develop a plan which meets the current and future housing need.

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