

## 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.**

Although a reasonable proportion of the proposed housing is supposed to be 'affordable' the plan requires that on each site the regular and the 'affordable' housing are to be in the same style. Historically this has mainly consisted of individual houses rather than communal developments such as flats.

Since the current acute housing need is in large part comprised of first time buyers (or renters) this type of development is unlikely to meet their needs. Some thought to provision of flats ideally in an urban setting, close to shops, leisure facilities and transport hubs thus mitigating road transport issues, and using less land, would likely be more appropriate to this group (and also to the increasing population of the elderly).

**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