

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. North West of Abingdon-on-Thames

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 Green Belt review has failed to take into account local community views, no consultation was carried out in the local community of Wootton and no representations were sought or allowed. The whole purpose of the Green Belt as stated in the Local Plan is to prevent urban sprawl and to maintain

the unique identity of rural villages. If the land identified in Wootton village was to be removed from the Green Belt then development would inevitably follow and this would lead to the gradual merging of a number of villages between Cumnor and Abingdon. The local infrastructure is not sufficient to meet new housing demands. In addition there are a number of brown field sites around Wootton and other villages all of which could be used for development without the need to destroy the Green Belt around the village and Abingdon and Oxford.

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.

Full consultation with the local community to understand why it is believed that the identified land should no longer be in the Green Belt. The changes to the Green Belt 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