

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.	South of East Hanney

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.

Word changes/inclusions:

For clarity and the avoidance of doubt the following minor word changes are recommend as an improvement to the Plan but we do not think these matter makes the document unsound. Please note where we have **underlined** words we are recommending the inclusion of wording.

Without prejudice to the above soundness points raised in relation to this site allocation we recommend the inclusion of the following points to the site specific allocation requirements.

No development should take place within Flood Zone 3 or 2 – For clarity and to be in accordance with the objectives of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Sequential and Exceptions Test evidence based documents. **An appropriate 20 metre buffer zone, free from built development and managed for ecological benefit, to ensure no detrimental impact on the Letcombe Brook wildlife corridor and biodiversity associated with it** . – For clarity and to ensure development on this site allocation will not have a detrimental impact on the biodiversity associated with the Letcombe Brook.