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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.

Regarding policy 13 - Green belt we really need to preserve the Green Belt for the following reasons:

To retain the character of the county of Oxfordshire, as this is why so many people choose to live here, visit here (including tourist which equals significant income for the county!).

Green area supports both food production and provides a safe haven for wildlife - remembering that wild and green areas help keep the balance in the environment (eg trees consume CO2 to produce Oxygen, Bees pollinate plants necessary for food production, etc)

To keep in check the growth of the Oxford city conurbation as well as the major towns and villages of Oxfordshire. None of the residents, nor the visitors (ie tourists which bring in income) want to see the beautiful county spoiled. Growth is ok, but managed by those without anything to gain, which may also include the local authorities if they generate income from the sale of green belt land (that is not the purpose of government local or central, the role is to represent the people and their wishes).

Sustainability, once developed land is lost and the natural health and beauty of that land is lost forever. Having green spaces between populated or commercial areas helps maintain a cleaner, less polluted environment which is better to all people, animals and plants.

Brownfield sites should be utilised first, even if a little more expensive and the environmental and eco benefits are so much greater than destroying health and wellbeing supporting green belt and green areas.

Managing development on spaces, ie avoid green belt and green areas and when allowed building developments should be scaled and sympathetic to the surrounding area. Where development is allowed it must not be unchecked commercial development that is not appropriate, supported by community groups and in keeping with the local community and its character..

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