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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

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.

I live in East Hanney and wish to object to the proposed building of 200 homes in the Village.

On the "Local Plan 2031 Part1: Appendix 8:East Hanney" the land to the South of East Hanney (EHAN05B) is shown as being undeliverable due to a combination of access constraints, a water course through the plot and flooding risk to the North. For some reason this is shown as deliverable on the "Local Plan 2031 Part 1: Consultation on the draft plan".

The land to the South of East Hanney is next to a Flood Zone 2. The increased run off from this development will lead to increased flooding and pressure on the water courses. In particular the North part of this plot already floods. Building on this plot is madness - it will flood at some point and it will contribute to flooding in the rest of the village. These are not called the "Island" villages for nothing - the region around them traditionally floods. Earlier this week the Government announced £297M for flood defences in the Thames Valley - mostly to fix the problems caused by inappropriate building. This development would be against sections 100,101,102,103 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The previous version of the plan "Local Plan 2031 ..Housing Delivery Update - Feb 2014" showed development to the East of the A338. At the "consultation" meeting on the 31st March 2014 the option of a development to the South of the village was not raised and it was a shock to find that location of the site had been changed. This was not a preferred location as some documents have suggested.

This development will destroy the character of the village.

A related issue is the role of the council in all of this. These are our elected representatives who have been forced into taking these measures by central government. They are not acting in our best interests and have resorted to threatening us by saying things along the lines of "If you do not accept plan A then you will be forced to accept plan B - which will be worse". Why bother to vote in the council elections when there is no representation? This is a fundamental failure of the democratic process.

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.

There are no modifications possible - this is a flood area.

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