

## 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.** 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?** 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.**

These representations have been prepared by Oxalis Planning on behalf of Barwood. Barwood have interests in land to the East of East Hanney ? east of the A338 and south of Steventon Road.

Barwood wish to object to the Spatial Strategy which is considered to be unsound, and would encourage the District Council to review their decision not to allocate land to the east of East Hanney.

Whilst the Spatial Strategy for the District appears to have appropriate regard to the objectively assessed needs of the area, Barwood are aware of the significant housing needs that will be generated by the ongoing growth of the City of Oxford and the potential implications of this growth, in terms of potential un-met needs, on the housing requirements in Vale of White Horse.

The distribution of development set out in the Plan broadly follows a rational and sustainable approach to distribution having regard to the existing pattern of development in the area, however Barwood consider that the specific allocation of sites fails to respond appropriately to the evidence base. The Strategy is therefore not justified because it is not the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on the proportionate evidence available.

Barwood have two major concerns regarding the Spatial Strategy and in particular the proposals contained in Core Policy 4. These relate to: 1. The distribution of development and the opportunities for growth at East Hanney. 2. The approach to and justification of the allocation of land for housing in East Hanney.

In particular Barwood consider that the decision not to allocate land located to the east of East Hanney (as previously proposed in earlier stages of the Plan preparation process) is unsound. The evidence, including the Council's own evidence base, strongly supports Barwood's case that the land to the east of the village is the most sustainable location for growth in the village and is a suitable, viable and deliverable proposal.

**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?**

Yes - I wish to participate at the oral examination