

## 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.**

Barwood broadly support the approach to the distribution of development set out in Core Policy 3 and 4. The settlement hierarchy follows an appropriate appraisal of existing settlements and Policy

4 seeks to distribute development having regard to this settlement hierarchy. Barwood support the strategic allocation of land for housing in East Hanney but consider that the village could support additional development and that land to the east of the village should be allocated. East Hanney is not constrained by the Green Belt or by landscape designations such as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It therefore compares favourably to other locations in the District where these constraints exist. These include Abingdon, Radley and South Kennington which are located in the Green Belt, and Harwell Campus which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The NPPF is clear in giving these designations the highest status and it requires local planning authorities to have considered all available and suitable alternatives before utilising land in these areas. In this regard Barwood are not convinced that the Council have explored all sustainable alternatives before committing to the removal of land from the Green Belt.

Land east of East Hanney, which was proposed to be allocated in earlier stages of the Plan preparation, is clearly a suitable and sustainable location for growth which is not constrained by Green Belt or an Area of Outstanding Beauty designation.

Furthermore East Hanney compares well with other ?larger villages? where a greater level of growth is proposed. Radley, for example, has a similar level of services and facilities but has an allocation of 240 dwellings notwithstanding its location within the Green Belt.

**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