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Q1 Do you consider the Local Plan is Legally Compliant?	Yes
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 of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

The plan is unsound as it is predicated on public transport links with Oxford being excellent. There is one main bus service from Abingdon to Oxford, with no easy alternatives from North Abingdon. This is not an excellent public service link. I use this service to commute to work and by the time a bus reaches North Abingdon during the morning commute, it will regularly be full with no seating available and sometimes no standing room either. Journey times are variable as well due to the service using the A34. Again during the morning rush hour the bus will regularly queue on the A34 if there is any issue. It is unsound to describe public transport links with Oxford as excellent when they are over-stretched and unreliable as to journey times.