

## Comment

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### 1. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is legally compliant?

*Please see the guidance note for an explanation of what 'legally compliant' means*

No

### Please give reasons for your answer

A plan paid for in part by the developers themselves means the premiss is flawed at its origin. The outcome is determined by the greed of a developer guided by a non defunct government directive on a 5 year housing plan that is now no longer required.

### 2. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is sound?

*Please see the guidance notes for an explanation of what 'soundness' means.*

The soundness of the LPR should be assessed against the following criteria from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

*Please tick all that apply:*

**Positively Prepared: The plan provides a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed need and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas** . No

is accommodated where practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development.

Justified: the plan is an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence. . No

Effective: the plan is deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground. . No

Consistent with national policy: the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies of the NPPF. . No

**Please give reasons for your answer**

There is a poorly thought out document that fails to recognise the detrimental effect on public health, an AONB and a region that is already unable to cope with its traffic levels, the Thatcham railway crossing is prime example of where the infrastructure cannot support anymore traffic. It has been unclear whether it is 1500 houses, 2500 houses or any number in between. The strategy is now not in line with government policy and so must be reviewed.

**3. Do you consider the Local Plan Review complies with the Duty to Co-operate?**

*Please see the guidance note for an explanation of what 'Duty to Cooperate' means.*

No

**Please give reasons for your answer**

Thames water has not been properly engaged on this project.

**5. Independent Examination**

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearing session(s)? No

**6. Notification of Progress of the Local Plan Review**

**Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?**

*Please tick all that apply*

The submission of the Local Plan Review for Independent Examination . Yes

The publication of the report of the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination . Yes

The adoption of the Local Plan Review . Yes