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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

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 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.

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.

Consistent with national policy: the plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies of the NPPF.

Please give reasons for your answer

I am of the opinion that the basis for the amount of development in general has been set on out of date information given that there is now a strong desire to balance the development between the north and the south of the country. Added to this the Thatcham area has taken an inordinate amount of the West Berks development over the last 50 years, when compared to the rest of West Berks. The proposed Thatcham development will result in lost greenfield division between Thatcham and Bucklebury, when there is a considerable amount of Brownfield sites available.

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

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

The adoption of the Local Plan Review