

## 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

This plan has caused serious concern since it was originally mooted.

Requirement such as appropriate ecological surveys have not been carried out

The road systems are NOT safe.

There has been a desperation to produce a plan and the plan mooted was allowed after a considerable monetary incentive was given to the planning authorities by the developer of the plan.

Other significant parts of this plan seem to be hardly legal or safe as mentioned below

full assessments not carried out-ecological, amenities, safety

development plan drawn up by developer who gave monetary incentive to planning at west berks council

### 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.** . No

**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**

this is not a brownfield site. It threatens a AONB. Upper Bucklebury has ancient woodland, common land and a completely inadequate and dangerous road connecting it to Thatcham. Large vehicles and tractors always stray over to the other part of the road. In the recent cold snap 2 cars went off the road in one day. Surface water is a problem and Thames water have had many problems in this area

Thatcham cannot support proposed development in ways as mentioned. The existing schools would struggle to absorb more pupils and the primary health board has not been consulted but is very unlikely to permit another medical practice. The current medical practices have no room

There are serious flooding issues with this proposed development. There is always runoff water on surrounding roads from the proposed development. there has not been any flood alleviation work in this plan

all these issues are being dismissed with out any substantiated evidence to reassure communities

**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**

schools and medical facilities have not been thought through

Roads to larger roads and effect on local villages has not been thought through

Trandport links are worse than the used to be in terms of bus access

**4. Proposed Changes**

**Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound, having regard to the tests you have identified above (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).**

*You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.*

The best way of making this plan compliant would be to find an area that does not destroy the countryside and takes safe and sensible forward view for further development as this plan is not appropriate in this area

## **5. Independent Examination**

**If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearing session(s)?** Yes

*If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.*

*Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.*

To be able to hear justification of the dubious way in which this plan has come about and to be able to challenge the proponents of this plan

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## **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