

Comment Receipt

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Question 1

To which part of the Local Plan does your representation relate? [Please state the policy reference, paragraph number, figure number or Policies Map reference]

1.23

Question 2

Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is:

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| a. Legally compliant | No |
| b. Sound | Yes |
| c. Complies with Duty to Cooperate | Yes |

Question 3

Do you consider this part of the Local Plan is not sound because it is not:

Question 4 - Your comments

Please give details of why you consider that part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or not sound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. If you wish to support any of these aspects, please give details here.

Paragraph 1.23 says that in the assessment of planning applications, Neighbourhood Plans have equivalent status to the Local Plan in the decision making process. This appears to contradict paragraph 1.7 of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, which reads: "The Council wants to ensure that when new planning policies are proposed and when planning applications are made, everyone with an interest has an equal opportunity to influence how decisions are made." Giving Neighbourhood Plans equivalent status to the Local Plan elevates the influence of those Parish Councils that have a

Neighbourhood Plan. That is to say, it creates an inequality of influence between Parish Councils that have a Neighbourhood Plan and those that do not.

Question 5 - Changes sought

Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.

In the assessment of planning applications, the opinion of Parish Councils that do not have a Neighbourhood Plan needs to have equivalent status to a Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 6 - Attendance at examination hearings

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings? No - I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings