

## Wiltshire Local Plan

Publication Stage Representation Form

<b>Ref:</b>	<b>(For official use only)</b>
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**Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation.**

**Please note**, in your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

3. To which part of the Wiltshire Local Plan does this representation relate?

Policy: 3	Paragraph: 3.52-3.54	Table:	Figure:
Site:		Other:	

4. Do you consider the Wiltshire Local Plan is:

(i) Legally compliant	Yes:	X	No:	
(ii) Sound	Yes:		No:	X
(iii) Complies with the duty to co-operate	Yes:	X	No:	
<i>Please indicate with an 'X' as appropriate</i>				

4b. If you think the Wiltshire Local Plan is not sound, please indicate the reason(s) why:

(1) Not positively prepared	X
(2) Not justified	X
(3) Not effective	
(4) Not consistent with national policy	X
<i>Please indicate with an 'X' as appropriate</i>	

See separate statement of representation procedure (guidance note) for further information on 'soundness'.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Wiltshire 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 Wiltshire Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Policy 3 identifies Chippenham as a 'broad location for growth'. This is already in addition to its identification as a 'principal settlement' being the 'primary focus for development' and the housing and employment growth already proposed via a large strategic site allocation towards the end of the Plan period under Policy 6.

This section of Policy 3 and the supporting text in Paras. 3.52-3.54 is not considered to be positively prepared, justified by robust evidence or consistent with national policy in Paras. 22 and 66 of the NPPF because it plans for additional housing development in Chippenham beyond the objectively assessed housing needs for the town for the Plan period, which can be met by completions/commitments plus a new site allocation.

Housing needs to be accommodated beyond the Plan period should be left to a future Wiltshire Local Plan or Review and should not be prematurely assessed decades in advance.

In addition, there is a danger that by including the vague concept of a 'broad location for growth' without any further details or evidence of why this is required, this could give the wrong signals to developers and result in speculative applications being submitted on unsustainable greenfield sites around Chippenham, contrary to any properly masterplanned development on allocated sites in the Wiltshire Local Plan. This situation could be exacerbated until such time as Wiltshire Council regain a 5 year housing land supply.

Therefore Policy 3 is not considered to be sound.

*(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)*

5a. If you wish to make a separate representation, relating to legal compliance, soundness or the duty to cooperate in relation to the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (SA), please make them here.

*(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)*

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Wiltshire Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Wiltshire Local Plan 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 Town Council considers it necessary, in order for the Plan to be sound, that the section of Policy 3 referring to 'broad locations for growth' and Paragraphs 3.52-3.54 are deleted.

*(Continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)*

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

<b>No</b> , I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)	X	<b>Yes</b> , I wish to participate in hearing session(s)
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8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

<p>Other parish/town councils are likely to object to Policy 3 because and the Town Council would like to be involved in those discussions if the Inspector considers it necessary to hold a hearing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Continue on a separate sheet/ expand box if necessary)</i></p> <p><i>Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.</i></p>
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9. Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?

*Please tick all that apply.*

The submission of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review for Independent Examination	X
The publication of the report of the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination	X
The adoption of the Local Plan Review	X

Please ensure that we have either an up-to-date email address or postal address at which we can contact you.

Signature:		Date:	
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