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Representation

Please use a separate form for each representation.

Which part of the Publication Plan does your representation relate to?
Policy LOC1

Tests of Soundness

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound in terms of being:

Justified
Effective
Positively prepared
Consistent with National Policy

Reasons

Please give the reason(s) why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the statutory Duty to Cooperate.

In addition to our concern with Policy 10 we also note that Policy 7 has been reworded in a way that ‘waters down’ planning protection in the countryside.

policy 7 ‘planning permission for development within the open countryside will not be granted except where otherwise provided for in this plan’.

Is being replaced by LOC1 ‘development in the open countryside is carefully managed to safeguard the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside’.

What is the legal definition of ‘intrinsic character and beauty’? It is too vague. LOC1 needs to be far clearer.
Surely we should be tightening controls on building in our green countryside spaces in the light of global concern for Climate Change and Habitat Loss, not relaxing the controls! This is illogical in 2020.

**To conclude:**

LOC1 should be much clearer and robust in its attempts to protect our open countryside or it could be subject to abuse in the future.

Notifications

Do you wish to be notified?