

## Comment

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**Question 2**

**Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)**

**Question 3a**

**Your Comments**

**Please give details of why you consider that this part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate.**

This is only a very brief message but my husband and I would like to make known our opposition to the planned development. Our main objection is that this will be another example of urban sprawl and loss of green space. The latter affects quality of life for us, contributes to air pollution ( given the role of trees and plants in air filtering) and affects wildlife. This will be to the detriment of existing residents and future generations. There are plenty of underused sites and sites that are eyesores further into town and in the town centre itself which could be razed and redeveloped for housing. A particular site that springs to mind as just one example (admittedly a small area) is the ugly and now seemingly part derelict office block on Northgate roundabout near the former M & S. Much of the area in this side of town seems run down and if the council and developers could work together the town could be better for everyone.