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Question 1b

Do you consider that the Local Plan sound? No

Question 2

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

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Consistent with national policy

Question 3a

Your Comments

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Question 5

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

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Question 1b

Do you consider that the Local Plan sound? No

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Comment by	Muriel Kelly (1250940)
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Consultation Point	Policy ENV 7 Biodiversity and Geodiversity and Development (Strategic Policy) (View)
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Version	0.3
Question 1b	
Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?	No
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Comment by	Muriel Kelly (1250940)
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Question 1b	
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Comment by	Muriel Kelly (1250940)
Comment ID	DBLPPS463
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Consultation Point	Policy DC 1 Sustainable Design Principles and Climate Change (Strategic Policy) (View)
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