

Part B – If necessary please complete a separate Part B form for each representation

4. To which part of the Submission Version of the Local Plan does this representation relate?
(Please specify where appropriate)

Paragraph Policy Policies Map

Site Reference Settlement

5. Do you consider this part of the Submission Version of the Local Plan:

*Please refer to the Guidance notes for an explanation of terms

a) Is Legally compliant Yes No

b) Sound Yes No

If no, then which of the soundness test(s) does it fail*

Positively prepared Effective

Justified Consistent with national policy

c) Complies with the duty to co-operate Yes No

6. Please give details of why you consider the Submission Version of the Local Plan is not legally compliant, 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, soundness of the Local Plan or compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments

The NPPF at paragraph 89 sets out types of development which will not be deemed as inappropriate in the Green Belt. These include "limited infilling in villages..".

The text at paragraph 4.33 requires infilling to be within a "small gap within an otherwise continuous built up frontage". This term will cause uncertainty and potentially restrict housing supply, not boost it as required by the NPPF Para 47.

Policy at DM4 restricts infilling to 'small settlements'. The NPPF uses the words 'villages'. At Table 5.1 the LPA classify 4 villages as 'large villages'. The implication is that these large villages will be denied legitimate infilling. This is contrary to the NPPF. Unnecessary restrictions on housing growth should be avoided to be compliant with the NPPF.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

7. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Submission Version of the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified in the question above (Positively prepared/Justified/Effective/Consistent with National Policy) where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Submission Version of the 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.

Para 4.33 should be amended to delete the restrictive reference to "a small gap in an otherwise built up frontage".

Policy DM4 should be amended so that references to "small settlements" are changed to "villages"

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

8. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at the hearings

Yes, I wish to participate at the hearings

9. If you wish to participate at the hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

10. Please let us know if you wish to be notified when the Epping Forest District Local Plan is submitted for independent examination (Please tick)

Yes No

11. Have you attached any documents with this representation?

Yes No X

Signature:

Date:
