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Do you consider the Local Plan is legally compliant? No

Do you consider the Local Plan is sound? No

If you have entered 'No' to the above, please answer the below. Otherwise, please go to the next question. Do you think the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (Please tick all that apply)

- Positively prepared
- Consistent with national policy

Please give details of why you think the Local Plan is not legally compliant and/or is unsound and/or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.

If you wish to provide comments in support of the legal compliance and/or soundness of the Local Plan, or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please note your response should provide succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the response. After this stage, further submission will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

In my view, the local plan is not legally compliant with national policy to cut carbon emissions by 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels. It is therefore unsound.

It is not positively prepared in that the changes suggested will have a strongly negative effect on the character of Balham town centre.

Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, when considering any legal compliance or soundness matter you have identified in the question 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 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.

Please note your response should provide succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the suggested change. After this stage, further submission will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

In order to cut carbon emissions, much stronger measures need to be taken to reduce car use - which means enhancing walking, cycling and public transport not increasing car parking space. We also need increased and enhanced open space.

WBC should convert a large part of the present Sainsbury's car park into open space, with more trees and other plants.

Under no circumstances should there be buildings of 5-6 storeys or 7-8 storeys on this space. They would completely overshadow the surrounding area which - although unfortunately largely a car park - nevertheless has a nice open feel.

Balham does not need further retail outlets. According to the local plan, 14% of shop spaces are already empty. If we are to make any progress in addressing the climate and ecological emergency, we cannot have more and more 'comparison shopping' - we need less and less of it.

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

If you are seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)? (Please tick box as appropriate)

No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)