

PART B – Please complete a separate Part B form for each part of the document you wish to comment on	
Name <i>(to ensure the comments are correctly recorded from each form)</i>	Lynda Moore CPRE Oxfordshire

1. To which document does this representation relate?

Proposed Submission Plan	YES / (please delete)
Policies Map within the Plan	NO (please delete)
Sustainability Appraisal Report	NO (please delete)
Other Document <i>(please specify)</i>	

2. To which part of the document does this representation relate?

Paragraph <i>(please specify)</i>	
Policy <i>(please specify)</i>	SP1 Settlement Hierarchy
Table <i>(please specify)</i>	
Appendix <i>(please specify)</i>	
Other reference in document <i>(please specify)</i>	Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper December 2024

3. Do you consider the Proposed Submission Plan to be:

Legally & Procedurally Compliant?	YES (please delete)
Compliant with the Duty to Cooperate?	YES (please delete)
<i>The 'tests' of Soundness:</i>	
Positively Prepared	NO (please delete)
Justified	NO (please delete)
Effective	NO (please delete)

Consistent with National Policy	YES (please delete)
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4. Please provide the reasons if you have selected 'NO' to any part of Question 3 and consider the Plan to be uncompliant and/or unsound. Please make reference to the part of the document you have identified. Alternatively, please explain why you consider the Plan to be compliant and/or sound.

CPRE Oxfordshire challenge the accuracy and validity of the reclassification of Caversfield into a category B village.

It is currently a category C village in the current Local Plan and was not even listed as a smaller village in the reg 18 version of the new plan. CPRE challenges the classification criteria that has been introduced into reg 19 for category B villages.

Caversfield neatly fits into the category C as it has virtually no services and facilities and public transport is poor. However, presumably it has been classed as B because it is geographically close to a town with a good range of services and facilities. CPRE Oxfordshire believes that this is a low bar for qualifying a village as category B given that one of the overriding aims of the local plan is to reduce travel by private car.

Therefore, for the purposes of the Local Plan geographical closeness should be defined as being within acceptable **cycling and walking distance to a local town with a good range of facilities and services and with acceptable access to public transport**. The frequency of bus services in Caversfield is limited. The walking distances to schools, GP Premises and shops are all above the recommended distances as informed by the Institute of Highways and Transportation.

CPRE Oxfordshire cannot see any justification for amending the existing criteria as defined by the existing local plan which is.

- Population size
- The number and range of services
- Issues within the village which would justify an increase in housing.
- Accessibility of the village to an urban area by private car and public transport
- Accessibility of the village in terms of walking and cycling
- Local employment opportunities

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

5. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. Please provide any suggested wording or re-wording you consider necessary.

Caversfield should be reclassified as Category C

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

6. If you are seeking a change to the Plan, do you wish to express an interest to participate in the Examination?

I wish to participate at the oral examination

YES (please delete)

7. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

CPRE Oxfordshire can assist with local knowledge to support our request for a reclassification of this and other settlements we have asked to be reconsidered should this be required.

(Continue on separate sheet if 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.*

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