

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

**1. To which document does this representation relate?**

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

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

<b>Paragraph</b> <i>(please specify)</i>	<b>Para 3.215</b>
<b>Policy</b> <i>(please specify)</i>	<b>COM 2 Affordable Housing</b>
<b>Table</b> <i>(please specify)</i>	
<b>Appendix</b> <i>(please specify)</i>	
<b>Other reference in document</b> <i>(please specify)</i>	

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

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

**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 strongly welcome the intent of para 3.215 in relation to social housing and the recognition that social rent is the truly affordable option for many people in Cherwell. We seek tightening of the wording on this paragraph to ensure that this aspiration can be achieved.

**(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.**

Ideally, CPRE Oxfordshire seek the last two sentences of this paragraph to be excluded and replaced with :

***“A minimum of 35% of all affordable accommodation will be social rented houses”***

This sentence prevents developers from claiming that the site cannot viably accommodate either social or affordable homes. This lack of viability is often cited by developers and has been a contributing factor to desperate need that the district finds itself in to provide more genuinely affordable homes. **It is CPRE Oxfordshire’s view that sites which are not viable for social housing for rent should not be considered.**

Failing this amend, the following alternation of the final two sentences into the following one sentence would give improvement and greater definition of the required social rented allowance.

“However, we will expect demonstrable consideration to have been given to whether or not social rented housing can be viable provided across the site before we consider

affordable rented accommodation **and that a minimum of 35%** of all affordable accommodation will be social rented housing.”

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**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 have within our organisation experts across all fields in countryside protection. We have responded with several Part B forms in this area and consider we are best placed to voice areas of concern in relation to this top consultee priority

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**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.*

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 11:59pm ON FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025 BY EMAIL TO:**

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