

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 / NO (please delete)
Policies Map within the Plan	YES / NO (please delete)
Sustainability Appraisal Report	YES / 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>	Policy COM 25: Local Green Space
Table <i>(please specify)</i>	
Appendix <i>(please specify)</i>	Appendix 5 Local Green Space Maps
Other reference in document <i>(please specify)</i>	

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	YES (please delete)
Effective	YES (please delete)
Consistent with National Policy	YES (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 are highly supportive of the Local Green Space designations, to allow local communities to protect green space which they value.

However, CPRE feedback from members is that this is a difficult, complex process, with little support given to some small communities who have worked tirelessly and collaboratively to maintain and improve their cherished Local Green Spaces and had their applications refused.

At the Reg 18 stage CPRE registered our disappointment that only 3 LGS had been approved. At this stage we suggested that there was a serious failure in the process and that more needed to be done to raise awareness of this opportunity and to help communities understand what evidence is required to make a successful site nomination. CPRE Oxfordshire offered to work with Cherwell District Council to discuss possible collaboration on this issue, but this was not taken up.

CPRE welcome the increase at this Reg 19 stage to 17 locations. However, we flag up that of these 17, 15 are in Bicester. Our member feedback is that Local Green Spaces in Bicester have had greater support to reach a successful outcome than in other areas. Whilst CPRE are supportive of all these LGS, we would like to see others being included.

The complexity of the process, along with lack of support and feedback has been unfair.

CPRE Oxfordshire seek a review of all rejected Local Green Space applications

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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.

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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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