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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)

Do you consider the Local Plan complies with the duty to co-operate? No

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.

This document appears to indicate that the Council intends to build on Sainsbury's car park which seems a very bad idea. Balham has very little green space in the town centre, so rather than building another concrete block, taking more light and sky space from the area while adding greatly to greenhouse gas emissions, the Council should turn the car park into a proper green space, a non-car park. There are some magnificent mature trees in this space already which could be retained. The

current plan will probably fell these – what a travesty that would be. This space would make an excellent central hub for the town, would add to the vibrancy and desirability of the area and importantly provide some green lungs in this space currently dominated by short hail vehicle travel. Some minimal supermarket parking could be left for those who are unable to walk/cycle/use public transport.

There is a climate emergency, we have to act now and redesign the way we live. This could be an iconic project on the way to a lower carbon world. Balham Town Park; you heard it here.

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.

See above

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) Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

This document is dense and barely accessible to proper public scrutiny. You need actual people who live here to participate rather than impose the will of faceless bureaucrats.