Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Number	3.59–3.61	Policy Number and Name	SDA12 Land at Wroughton	Policies Map (Section or layer)	WR02 – Akers Land / Land to the rear of Prospect Hospice

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes		No	✓
4.(2) Sound	Yes		No	✓

Please tick as appropriate

Representations should focus on whether the emerging Plan is legally complaint and sound in accordance with paragraph 36 of the 2024 NPPF. This means assessing whether it has been positively prepared, is robustly justified and evidence led, is effective, and is consistent with national planning policy.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.
If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan please also use this box to set out your comments.

The Local Plan allocates 300 homes at WR02 but does not explain within Policy SDA12 how that figure has been calculated.

Table SDA12.1 identifies an indicative capacity of 300 dwellings at WR02. However, the Local Plan does not explain how this figure has been calculated or demonstrate that it represents an appropriate and achievable level of development for the site's physical characteristics, environmental constraints and infrastructure requirements.

The site assessment does not provide a sufficiently transparent explanation of the assumptions underpinning this capacity.

Policy SDA12 establishes specific placemaking requirements, including the protection and enhancement of Wroughton's landscape setting, the retention and provision of landscape features and the integration of development with the existing settlement. But there is no evidence that the allocation of 300 houses has taken these matters into account.

Policy SDA12 further requires development to respect Wroughton's rural character, historic settlement pattern and landscape setting, with density transitioning towards the countryside. Swindon Borough Council should demonstrate how 300 dwellings could be accommodated while satisfying these requirements.

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. 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.

The allocation of 300 homes at WR02 must be reviewed and supported by a transparent, proportionate and site-specific assessment demonstrating that the proposed scale of development is appropriate and achievable.

The following modifications are necessary to make Policy SDA12 sound.

1. Publication of a detailed site capacity assessment
Swindon Borough Council should provide a site-specific assessment explaining the derivation of the indicative capacity of 300 dwellings at WR02. The assessment should demonstrate that the proposed capacity can be achieved without compromising the environmental, design and infrastructure requirements of the Local Plan.

2. Review of the proposed housing capacity
Furthermore, the allocation of 300 dwellings should be reconsidered in light of the findings of the detailed site assessment.

Where the evidence demonstrates that a lower capacity is necessary to secure an appropriate development density, protect the landscape setting or provide necessary infrastructure, Table SDA12.1 should be amended accordingly. The housing capacity should be determined by the site's realistic development potential rather than by an assumed numerical target.

Where a revised capacity is established for WR02, the housing delivery assumptions underpinning Policy SDA12 and the wider Local Plan should be updated to reflect the realistic development potential of the site. This should include any necessary amendments to the housing trajectory and associated monitoring arrangements.

Please note, in your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

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

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

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.

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

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.*

9. Do you wish to receive notifications about the progress of the Local Plan, including future consultation updates, submission of the Plan for examination and adoption of the Plan?

☑ Yes ☐ No

If you have selected yes, notifications will be sent via email where an email address has been provided.