# Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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

| Paragraph Number | 3.36 – 3.40 | Policy Number and Name | SDA06 Wichelstowe | Policies Map (Section or layer) | |
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

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| 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.

Policy SDA06 does not provide sufficient clarity regarding the future provision of bus services to support the continued residential development of Wichelstowe. Wichelstowe must be served by an accessible, reliable and sustainable public transport network, particularly given the scale of the development.

While Policy SDA06 identifies a potential Wichelstowe bus gateway, the policy does not specify how improvements to bus service provision will be secured, including service frequency, connectivity, funding arrangements or delivery timescales.

The earlier Regulation 18 policy expressly referred to new bus-priority routes through Wichelstowe and into wider transit corridors. The equivalent wording does not appear in the Regulation 19 site-specific policy.

Without clear expectations concerning the provision and phasing of public transport improvements, there is a risk that further residential development will increase reliance on private vehicles, contrary to the Local Plan's wider sustainable transport objectives.

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.

Policy SDA06 must be strengthened to establish clearer requirements for public transport provision at Wichelstowe.

In particular, the policy should require development to support convenient and reliable bus connections between Wichelstowe, Wroughton, Swindon town centre and other key destinations and identify the bus-priority infrastructure required to support the development, including clarification of the proposed Wichelstowe bus gateway.

Swindon Borough Council should also demonstrate how the proposed public transport network will support the Local Plan's objectives of reducing car dependency and promoting sustainable travel in Wichelstowe.

*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.