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)	

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.

There is an inconsistency in the housing allocation figures presented within Policy SDA06. Paragraph 3.39 of the Regulation 19 Local Plan states that Wichelstowe is expected to deliver a further 1,620 homes over the plan period. However, Policy SDA06, paragraph 2, identifies a minimum housing allocation of 2,336 dwellings at WS01 over the same period.

This represents a discrepancy of 716 dwellings, equivalent to approximately 44% of the figure presented in paragraph 3.39.

This discrepancy creates uncertainty regarding the anticipated scale of development at Wichelstowe and raises questions about the evidence underpinning the allocation.

In particular, the Local Plan does not clearly explain which figure forms the basis for assessing the infrastructure requirements associated with the development, including transport, education, healthcare and community facilities.

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.

Swindon Borough Council must reconcile the housing figures presented in paragraph 3.39 and Policy SDA06, providing a clear explanation of the anticipated housing capacity and delivery trajectory for WS01.

Where the figures represent different measures of housing capacity or delivery, this distinction should be explicitly explained within the supporting text.

The Council should also demonstrate that the infrastructure requirements identified within Policy SDA06 have been assessed against the appropriate housing figure and that the allocation is supported by the relevant housing delivery and infrastructure evidence.

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.