

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Crest Nicholson Land and Partnerships

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

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Paragraph	Strategic Objective SO4: Transport and Travel (p.20)	Policy		Policies Map	
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	Yes	No
4.(2) Sound	Yes		No
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	Yes	No

Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Strategic Objective 4 as currently drafted (together with associated policies within the Local Plan), is focussed too much on the private car, which is identified throughout the Local Plan as a mode of transport to be specifically marginalised, with the curtailment of car-use expressed as an active objective. This is both unrealistic and adopts a focus that is too mode-specific, within a policy that should properly be seeking to increase the availability and attractiveness of sustainable travel choices, not to penalise a particular mode. It is also considered to be unrealistic within a predominantly rural district, where mass-transit solutions are largely unfeasible and where for many residents there will be no realistic alternative to car use. In addition, in a Plan that looks forward to 2040, there should be acknowledgement that alternative fuel sources and developing technologies may lead to changing perceptions regarding the use of private vehicles.

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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. (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.

The policy should be re-cast to reflect the approach taken by the NPPF (paragraphs 102 – 104 particularly), which advocates recognition of the potential future role of alternative technologies; the promotion of walking, cycling and public transport; the assessment and mitigation of any adverse impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure and the promotion of patterns the of development that reduce the need to travel. Focus on a particular mode of transport is not currently supported by NPPF and should not form part of a strategic objective within the Local Plan. The objective should concentrate on encouraging SMART growth by allocating growth and designing developments in ways that reduce travel demand, then facilitate and promote non-motorised sustainable travel choices, then encourage sustainable travel choices, all as an alternative to use of the private car, while acknowledging that in certain cases the private car represents the only travel option.

SO4 should be redrafted to express the objective more clearly in terms outlined above to ensure the policy is both effective and justified.

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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

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:

To assist the Inspector regarding the preparation of a sound Local Plan.

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. Signature:

Date:

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