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Soundness - Positively prepared?	Unsound
Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	No
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
Redacted reasons - Please give us details of why you consider the consultation point not to be legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.	The sites are not justified, not positively prepared and not consistent with national policy because:
	There is no unmet housing need across Rochdale to justify building on protected greenbelt land.
	Developers have to prove exceptional circumstances to build on greenbelt land by demonstrating they have examined all other reasonable options.
	The area has increased traffic already due to being in very close proximity to Hollingworth Lake, a tripadvisor award winning attraction, that sees hundreds of visitors on a daily basis.
	The site is not justified and not consistent with national policy.
	The site is not accessible to the Metro (4km away, with no direct bus link)
	local train stations struggle to meet rush hour demand therefore many will use cars which will significantly increase CO2 and is not sustainable.
	The existing roads will 100% not accommodate the extra traffic of 1000 additional cars and other vehicles associated with this, the traffic assessments are unbelievably naive and do not tell the story of the current situation. During commuting times currently, there is already regular delays and congestion. Imagine what the extra pressure of those vehicles and people will do the environment, the health and well being of the community.
	The site fails to comply with PfE Objective 9 and is not consistent with NPPF chapter 8 (para 95).
	It is critical that there is a sufficient choice of school places available to meet the local needs.
	The new primary school being built on Calderbrook Road is for two form entry. The current one is two and a half form entry. This means the area is losing primary places.

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The assessment of the flood risk for the site does not fit with reality. The site

has some degree of flooding. Any building on greenbelt/ green field land within Littleborough & Smithy Bridge could contribute to more instances of flooding. In 2015 Littleborough flooded, and this was with the Green land we have today. Bricks, tarmac and flagstones don"t absorb water. Every house built chips away at the vital protection the greenbelt land provides. If these houses are built the "once in a lifetime"2015 floods could become more common. Building on greenbelt land means concreting over open fields and removing trees that will soak away any flood waters and therefore will pose a significant flood risk. Redacted modification Many brownfield sites are not included and many more will become available - Please set out the as we come out of the pandemic, these should be used in priority to protected modification(s) you green belt. There are enough brownfield sites in Rochdale to meet nearly consider necessary to all of the housing need. □ make this section of the Densities on existing brownfield sites close to transport hubs should be plan legally compliant increased. and sound, in respect The national planning policy framework states greenbelt serves five of any legal compliance purposes: or soundness matters you have identified (1) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas; above. (2) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another; (3) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment; (4) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and (5) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. **Family Name** Jones **Given Name** Aaron Person ID 1286173 Title JPA 24: Roch Valley **Type** Web Soundness - Positively Unsound prepared? Soundness - Justified? Unsound Soundness - Consistent Unsound with national policy? Soundness - Effective? Unsound Compliance - Legally No compliant? Compliance - In No accordance with the **Duty to Cooperate?** The site fails to comply with PfE Objectives 7 and 8, and 6 out of the 7 Site Redacted reasons -Selection Criteria. It is not consistent with sustainable development and Please give us details of why you consider the NPPF Chapter 13. consultation point not Many brownfield sites are not included and many more will become available to be legally compliant, as we come out of the pandemic, these should be used in priority to protected is unsound or fails to green belt. There are enough brownfield sites in Rochdale to meet nearly comply with the duty to all of the housing need. co-operate. Please be Densities on existing brownfield sites close to transport hubs should be

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The area has increased traffic already due to being in very close proximity to Hollingworth Lake, a tripadvisor award winning attraction, that sees hundreds of visitors on a daily basis. ☐ The site is not justified and not consistent with national policy. Any building on greenbelt/ green field land within Smithy Bridge will definitely contribute to more instances of flooding. Smithy Bridge Roads and the surrounding housing areas flood on a regular basis and this is with the Green land we have today. Bricks, tarmac and mortar don"t absorb water. Every house built chips away at the vital protection the greenbelt land provides. If these houses are built then it will ruin a precious and thriving area. Building on greenbelt land means concreting over the open fields on smithy Bridge Road that is a vital flood Plain for the area and ensures wildlife thrive and prosper therefore will pose a significant environmental risk. Redacted modification Therefore, other reasonable options exist and there are no exceptional circumstances to justify building 200+ executive houses on greenbelt and - Please set out the modification(s) you greenfield (protected open space) land. consider necessary to Many brownfield sites are not included and many more will become available make this section of the as we come out of the pandemic, these should be used in priority to protected plan legally compliant green belt. There are enough brownfield sites in Rochdale to meet nearly and sound, in respect all of the housing need. □ of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. **Family Name Jones Given Name** Aaron Person ID 1286173 Rochdale - Green Belt Additions **Title** Web Type Soundness - Positively Unsound prepared? Soundness - Justified? Unsound Soundness - Consistent Unsound with national policy? Soundness - Effective? Unsound Compliance - Legally No compliant? Compliance - In No accordance with the **Duty to Cooperate?** Redacted reasons -There is no unmet housing need across Rochdale to justify building on Please give us details protected greenbelt land. of why you consider the Many brownfield sites are not included and many more will become available consultation point not as we come out of the pandemic, these should be used in priority to protected to be legally compliant, green belt. There are enough brownfield sites in Rochdale to meet nearly is unsound or fails to all of the housing need. □ comply with the duty to Local train stations at Littleborough and Smithybridge struggle to meet rush co-operate. Please be hour demand therefore many use cars now which significantly increases as precise as possible. CO2 and is not sustainable for our environment as it stands. This will only make the problem worse.

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	the state of the roads. Every time there is a crash in the village, there are roadworks during school periods and on the m62 near Littleborough, the village grounds to a halt for hours. Again extra traffic, vehicles and housing only exacerbates the problems that are already there.
Redacted modification - Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this section of the plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.	Therefore, other reasonable options exist and there are no exceptional circumstances to justify building 510 executive houses on greenbelt and greenfield (protected open space) land