

# #34

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## Page 2: Part A

### Q1 Personal Details\*

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Last Name	<b>Mackaness</b>
Job Title (Where Relevant)	<b>Company Director</b>
Address Line 1	
Line 2	<b>Boughton</b>
Line 3	<b>Northampton</b>
City/ Town	<b>Northampton</b>
County	<b>Northamptonshire</b>

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### Q2 Personal Details Continued

Postcode  
Telephone Number  
Email (If provided we will always contact you this way)

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### Q3 Agents Details (If Applicable)

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Q4 Agents Details Continued

**Respondent skipped this question**

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## Page 3: Part B

**Q5 To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? Please state paragraph Number/ Policy Number/ Policies Maps**

RA2 Secondary Service Villages

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**Q6** Do you consider the Local Plan is:(Please tick in the box below as appropriate and then provide details in the space below)

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| (1) Legally Compliant?                      | <b>Yes</b> |
| (2) Compliant with the Duty to co- operate? | <b>No</b>  |
| (3) Sound?                                  | <b>No</b>  |

**Q7** (1) Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant, be as precise as possible. **Respondent skipped this question**

**Q8** (2) Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan does not comply with the duty to co-operate, be as precise as possible.

Boughton's amenities are limited to a public house, Primary School and a village hall with very limited parking. There is also a Pocket Park. Other needs, such as GP services, secondary schools, shops, post offices and employment opportunities are met by other larger villages, such as Moulton and Brixworth or by Northampton itself. None of these are walkable.

**Q9** (3) Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not sound, referring to the tests of soundness as appropriate, be as precise as possible.

The plan is unsound because Boughton is listed as a Second Service Village. It should be redesignated as an "Other Village" for the following reasons:

The scoring system is fundamentally flawed. One only needs to consider Boughton compared to villages such as Byfield, West Haddon and Braunston, which have considerably more amenities.

Why does Boughton score 10 for single public house when other villages, such as Braunston and West Haddon have several pubs?

There are no shops or takeaways in Boughton. The village pub is open six days a week for limited hours and does NOT serve takeaway, so why was Boughton allocated five points for "other shops and takeaways"?

There is a small business provision: this is in the form of Kimbell Mews where Eurobrand Foods is based. The company has taken over new premises elsewhere and is soon to move over half its staff to these premises. Compare this to Braunston, which also scored five points for employment opportunities. Braunston's includes a general store, a Post Office, a hairdresser, a community café, Gongoozler Café, a canal museum, boat hire, a marina, a fish and chip shop, a chandlery, Wharf House Narrowboats and 13 other business. Take another village, such as Spratton. This also scored 5 but has a number of employment opportunities including a large, independent prep school, a butcher, a hairdresser, a café and a village shop.

Boughton has been awarded 1 point for a playground and 1 point for a sportsground. The village has a small pocket park with some play equipment for children but no sportsground or sports equipment. In effect, the same amenity has been incorrectly counted twice.

Boughton has been awarded 5 points for allotments. These are not council run and are maintained entirely by volunteers. The plots are by no means comparable in size to those one would find on a council-run allotment and number just six. Given Boughton is a village with in excess of 300 houses, it is hard to see this as a significant service.

**Q10** Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at part 4(1) or 4(3) above where this relates to soundness. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this 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.

Quite simply, Boughton has been put in the wrong village classification

**Q11** If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? (please tick as appropriate)

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**No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination**

**Q12** If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

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**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q13** Do you wish to be notified of further progress of the Local Plan

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**Yes**