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**Respondent**

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**Response Date**

12 Dec 2025

**Do you consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan to be sound? The requirement for a plan to be sound can be found in the National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 36.**

No

**If you selected 'no', do you consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan to be unsound because it is not:**

Positively prepared Justified Effective Consistent with national policy

**Do you consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan to be legally compliant?**

No

**Do you consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan to comply with the Duty to Cooperate?**

Unsure

**If you consider the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan is not sound, not legally compliant or not in compliance with the Duty to Cooperate then please provide details. Please be as precise as possible.**

NSC is unable to comply with any duty to cooperate in regards to the use of agricultural land as the land is already being used for food production. Loss of land will affect local, regional and national food security as debated in Westminster on 18 November 2025. As stated in the debate by Robbie Moore MP Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), "... WE ARE, QUITE SIMPLY, IN A FOOD AND FARMING EMERGENCY" Any cooperation should be restricted non-agriculture related brownfield use.

**Please set out any modifications you consider necessary to make the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan legally compliant and sound in respect of any issues you have identified.**

Create protective farming, food production and food security policies, related across all NSC policies. Ensure any NSC decision or policy has been considered in relation to farming, food production and food security. Create strategic gaps around all urban areas to protect rural agriculture/ farming communities.

**If you wish to support the soundness or legal compliance of the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan please provide details.**

**If your representation is seeking modification to the North Somerset Local Plan 2041: Pre-submission Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearings?**

Yes, I wish to participate in the exam...

**If you wish to participate in the examination hearings please outline why you consider this to be necessary.**

The current proposed Local Plan does not address the critical, life affecting, issues of farming, food production or security, It does not protect the future physical, emotional or economic health and wellbeing of our residents and communities at local, regional or national levels. As stated in the Westminster debate on 18 Nov 25 by Robbie Moore MP Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), "... WE ARE, QUITE SIMPLY, IN A FOOD AND FARMING EMERGENCY". NSC's Local Plan and related policies must actively support current and future farming, food production and food security

**Attachments**

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