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Chapter and policy number	Comment	Do you consider the Local Plan to be Legally Compliant? (yes/no)	Do you consider the Local Plan to be Sound? (yes/no)	Complies with Duty to Cooperate (yes/no)
Chapter 5 Offices, Para. 5.1.1	<p>"This paragraph lays out a need for significant increase in office space - which is then used as justification for the rest of the section. The evidence for such a need is murky at best. The report which informed this was written by Arup and Frank Knight - two companies who are hugely biased towards a growth in office space. You're never going to see an Architecture & Engineer consultancy, nor an estate agent, write a report saying we've got enough offices now.</p> <p>We're seeing a big trend towards more people working from home than ever before. Lots of offices are sitting mostly empty for the majority of the week (Friday through Monday). If you're going to base your strategy contrary to these trends we're all seeing, you're going to need an evidence base much stronger than ""a couple of companies who make money from constructing and selling offices say more offices is good""</p> <p>The City Plan should commission a report into the need for office space in the City from someone who doesn't have a vested interest in the outcome.</p>	Yes	No	Yes