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Individual Response to SODC about Local Plan 2034

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1. I would like to be added to the database for receiving further information about the Local Plan 2034
2. If I am able I would like to participate in the oral hearings part of the legal examination in public
3. Please would the SODC acknowledge receipt of this email.

**I do not find the Local Plan 2034 legally compliant or sound
With reference to STRAT 12 Northfield-**

I have never had a chance to be consulted at an earlier stage of the planning of Strat 12 Northfield, which is why I am writing this objection.

SODC planning to provide even more houses than all those needed in South Oxfordshire (calculated by the Objectively Assessed Need process) cannot constitute an "exceptional circumstance" for building on Green Belt land and is against their own policy "STRAT6: Green Belt" in the plan. There are no "exceptional circumstances" .

Building Northfield conflicts with the National Policy Planning Framework pp 133-37

Oxford City council claims a huge need for housing that is not yet confirmed. There is an undoubted need that could be met by building on employment land and at greater density. It is unfair to prioritise the city over the residents of the villages in South Oxon, who chose (and paid for) living in a village and not a suburb.

Northfield has 1,800 homes which will increase noise, air and light pollution. The main road through Horspath is already very congested at peak times. There is no public transport at present and the proposed rail station near Blackbird Leys will need to include a split-level rail junction which is likely to be very expensive if built at all and need further areas for parking.

The SODC has not provided any meaningful public consultation regarding its promotion of 6 housing sites within the Green Belt.

Large areas of the Northfield site are too frequently flooded for it to be suitable for housing.

We chose this house in Horspath because we wanted to live in a village (we is my husband -deceased- and myself) separate from Cowley and near green belt land. This was so important to us that we bought this house even though we couldn't really afford it - the mortgage was 50% of my husband's salary. I don't want to live in a suburb of Cowley/Oxford

Almost every day I walk round the village, taking in the views of the fields and countryside, and often walk further towards Wheatley and Garsington. I value highly being able to see fields (from my house as well as walking) and do not want to see Northfield housing estate instead.

The rural landscape and environment will be gone forever if Northfield is built.

Please take Northfield completely out of Local Plan 2034.

Clare Abbott

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