

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

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Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

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Q2. Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and means of contact is required for your comments to be considered:

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Q5. For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates. You can view a list of policies here. If you wish to comment on one of the evidence documents or the policies maps, please state the document title as well as the paragraph or policy reference.

Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT 6: Green Belt

Q6. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered (OPTION HIDDEN FROM LIVE SURVEY)
are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?	X			
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q7. Please provide further information in relation to the previous question. e.g. why you do or do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound.

I believe that exceptional circumstances do exist which justify the proposed alteration of the Green Belt Boundary to accommodate the proposed developments at Culham Science Centre, Adjacent to Culham Science Centre, Berinsfield, Grenoble Road, Northfield, North of Bayswater Brook and Wheatley.

Q10. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q11. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q12. For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates. You can view a list of policies here. If you wish to comment on one of the evidence documents or the policies maps, please state the document title as well as the paragraph or policy reference.

Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT8, STRAT9, STRAT10, STRAT11, STRAT12, STRAT13

Q13. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered (OPTION HIDDEN FROM LIVE SURVEY)
are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?	X			
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q14. Please provide further information in relation to the previous question. e.g. why you do or do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound.

The strategic developments at Culham Science Centre, the land adjacent to Culham Science Centre, the land at Berinsfield, the land south of Grenoble Road, the land at Northfield and the land north of Bayswater Brook will very much support the overall strategy of providing homes in or close to the centre of the Science Vale with excellent transportation links. They will provide accommodation near to the relevant jobs in the Science Vale and within Oxford itself, reducing, as far as possible, car travel to and from work. The land north of Bayswater Brook in particular would support much needed housing for those employed at the Oxford hospitals which constitute a great national asset.

Q17. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q18. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q19. For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates. You can view a list of policies [here](#). If you wish to comment on one of the evidence documents or the policies maps, please state the document title as well as the paragraph or policy reference.

Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT11, STRAT12, STRAT13

Q20. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered (OPTION HIDDEN FROM LIVE SURVEY)
are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?	X			
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q21. Please provide further information in relation to the previous question. e.g. why you do or do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound.

For the reasons mentioned above, the modification of the Green Belt boundary is justified, and exceptional circumstances prevail given the designation of the Science Vale, and the need to provide for the Oxford overflow which should provide housing as close as possible to the city.

Q24. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q25. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q26. For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates. You can view a list of policies here. If you wish to comment on one of the evidence documents or the policies maps, please state the document title as well as the paragraph or policy reference.

Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT7

Q27. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered (OPTION HIDDEN FROM LIVE SURVEY)
are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q28. Please provide further information in relation to the previous question. e.g. why you do or do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound.

The proposed development at Chalgrove is unsuitable: the site is distant from the Science Vale or other areas of significant employment, and it would require considerable and far reaching infrastructure building which would significantly damage the surrounding countryside. Furthermore, Chalgrove airfield is leased until 2063 to Martin Baker, an internationally recognised industrial enterprise, which uses the airfield to test ejector seats mainly for military use. The nature of Martin Baker's activities at Chalgrove involve low flying aircraft, as well as the storage and use of explosives . I believe Martin Baker are likely to resist any attempt at compulsory purchase by Homes England. For all these reasons, the site is undeliverable and totally unsuited for the building of houses..

Q31. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q32. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q33. For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates. You can view a list of policies here. If you wish to comment on one of the evidence documents or the policies maps, please state the document title as well as the paragraph or policy reference.

Document / Policy / Paragraph: H1

Q34. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

	Yes	No	Don't know	Not answered (OPTION HIDDEN FROM LIVE SURVEY)
are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q35. Please provide further information in relation to the previous question. e.g. why you do or do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound.

I support nearly all the elements of the Publication Version of the Local Plan 2034 as I believe it concentrates housing close to employment, satisfies the accommodation of the Oxford overflow, and preserves the open nature of the countryside in South Oxfordshire.
However, the plan to be unsound in respect only of the allocation of the airfield at Chalgrove as a potentially developable site. I have made specific representations under STRAT7 to outline my arguments.

Q38. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q39. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

No

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Q354. As explained in our data protection statement, in line with statutory regulations you will be contacted by the programme officer (and where necessary the council) with relevant updates on the Local Plan. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have a shared planning policy database. If you would like to be added to our database to receive updates on other planning policy consultations, please tick the relevant district box(es) below:

I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire

I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse