

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: Document/Policy/Paragraph: Policy STRAT6: 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.

Clearly the reasons that the greenbelt was initially created has changed as has the number of people living in this country. Oxford needs more homes to access the working opportunities of the town, it does not need to put further strains on rural infrastructure and building on the rural landscape to protect an out dated regulation. As a result I agree that exceptional circumstances do exist to justify altering the Green Belt Boundary to accommodate developments at Culham Science Centre, Adjacent to Culham Science Centre, Berinsfield, Grenoble Road, Northfield, North of Bayswater Brook and Wheatley.

This will provide the greatest benefit to the Oxford communities where the housing need is greatest.

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

No

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

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Document/Policy/Paragraph: Policy STRAT8 (Culham Science Centre), Policy STRAT9 (Land adjacent to Culham Science Centre), Policy STRAT10 (Land at Berinsfield)

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

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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.

I fully concur with Policy STRAT1 (The Overall Strategy) which states "Focusing major new development in Science Vale including Didcot Garden Town and Culham so that this area can play an enhanced role in providing homes, jobs and services with improved transport connectivity"

This is an area of growth and local employment, which means it is more likely to provide homes for local people than commuters. it is close to the science vale and has excellent transport links

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No

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: Document/Policy/Paragraph: Policy STRAT11 (Land South of Grenoble Road), Policy STRAT12 (Land at Northfield), Policy STRAT13 (Land North of Bayswater Brook)

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

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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.

The previous plans seemed to fail to focus on the need of homes for Oxford City itself. the developments at Culham, Berinsfield, chalgrove and Wheatley are all a long way from the city and are not going to benefit those working in the city as it is a long journey which will be particularly difficult if on a low income.

Delighted to see that this section of the plan states that 'exceptional circumstances' exist to warrant the modification of the greenbelt as this makes so makes more sense that damaging rural locations.

All three sites make much more sense with proximity to major employment areas, such as BMW plant and Hospitals.

A higher density of homes and more affordable homes is a welcome addition.

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No

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

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph:

Document/Policy/Paragraph: Policy STRAT7 (Land at Chalgrove Airfield)

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

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are sound?	X			
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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.

STRAT7 fails to support a number of SODC's strategic objectives - see below.

- OBJ 1.2: SODC have stated a clear objective that it must "support rural communities and "their way of life", recognising that this is what attracts people to the district" this would triple the size of Chalgrove and destroy the rural community of the village.

- OBJ 1.4: SODC have stated an objective to "focus growth in the Science Vale" I am not sure how you get yourself from Chalgrove to the science vale?

- OBJ 4.2: SODC have stated an objective to "make sustainable transport, walking and cycling an attractive and viable choice for people" none of these are realistically possible from Chalgrove, so the vast majority would be forced to drive. This would also mean it is was not a practical option for lower income families working in Oxford.

- OBJ 5.2: SODC have stated an objective to "support development that respects the scale and character of our towns and villages, enhancing the special character of our historical settlements and surrounding countryside" Again this would triple the size of the village and would alter Chalgrove beyond recognition and change the reason to live there. I also argue that a lot of the homes would be purchased by people commuting to London, further damaging the community.

- OBJ 6.1: SODC have stated an objective to "champion neighbourhood planning, empowering local communities to direct development within their area and provide support to ensure Neighbourhood Development Plans are deliverable, achievable and sustainable" This completely contradicts the neighbourhood plan. Furthermore the site is not supported by Martin Baker, the current lease holders at Chalgrove airfield (the main employer at the site, a strategically important Defence business) and the development is therefore likely to be non-deliverable.

- OBJ 8.2: SODC have stated an objective to "minimise carbon emissions and other pollution such as water, air, noise and light, and increase our resilience to the likely impact of climate change, especially flooding" - this would certainly increase emissions as more people would be forced to drive, increasing road use as well as raising the already significant flood risk in Chalgrove.

If there was a compulsory purchase order on Martin Baker, this would make the Chalgrove site very expensive due to other options Due to Moving runway (is this even safe?), extra infrastructure such as a by-bass for Stadhampton and Little Milton, massive work to resolve flood issues.

Q29. Please set out any modifications you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to your comments above. (NB - any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). It will be helpful if you could put forward your suggested wording of any policy or text as precisely as possible.

Policy STRAT7 should be removed from the plan. This has no further implications to the overall Plan as other developments proposed by SODC meet the stated actual housing requirement.

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No

Q32. 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:

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