

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

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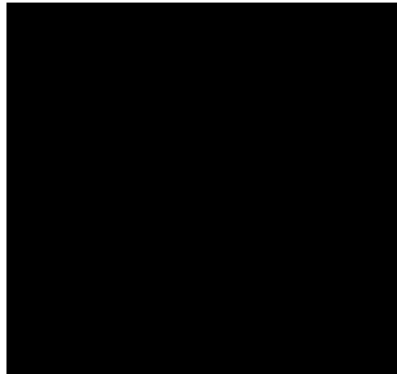
Q1. Are you responding as an:

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: STRAT7

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 consider that the Local Plan is NOT sound while it includes the development of Chalgrove Airfield (STRAT7) for the following reasons:

1. It goes directly against the stated objective (8.2) which seeks to minimise the impact of climate change, especially flooding. The area is well known to be prone to serious flooding which a major development can only make worse.
2. It is assumed in the plan that land will be required for infrastructure. So far this has not been identified but will all have to come from Green Belt areas, also subject to serious flooding. If a new link is made to the M40 from Oxford this will increase traffic in an unsustainable way.
3. The strategy states that the aircraft company Martin-Baker will remain on a cut down version of their site. As they continuously run batch testing of ejector seat explosives this does not sit well so close to residential housing. Complaints of noise from new residents are very likely to mean that at some future date they will be required to cease operations. This has major implications as they are a multi-national defence contractor.
4. Owing to the unwillingness of the long term tenant to leave the site and the potential need for an unusual Compulsory Purchase Order, the delay is likely to push the timing of the development outside the Plan time period. STRAT7 is therefore undeliverable.
5. STRAT7 fails to meet the SODC objective 4.2 on sustainable transport. Being a relatively remote site and distant from Oxford it would lead to significant increase in inappropriate private car traffic. Bus services are very limited at present and are less and less supported by the country council.
6. Objective 1.2 aims to support rural life in local communities. A major development on the scale proposed would run contrary to this.
7. Our local Neighbourhood Plan has already identified a 30% increase in our housing stock. Any further increase fails to meet Objective 6.1,
8. Similarly, Objective 5.2 aims to respect the scale and character of towns and villages. A major housing development clearly breaches this aim.

The Local Plan remains UNSOUND while it contains STRAT7

Q8. 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.

STRAT7, Chalgrove Airfield, should be removed from the list of sites for housing development.

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?

No

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