

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

## Page 4: Individual contact details

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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## Page 7: Part B - your comments

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 submit that including Chalgrove Airfield in the Local Plan renders the Plan unsound for the following reasons –

1. SODC Objectives 1.2 and 6.1 speak of the importance of supporting rural communities and their way of life, and of championing Neighbourhood Plans. Following extensive and exemplary consultation with village residents, the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan received overwhelming support at referendum and has been adopted. A growth of 320 houses (almost 30%) has been agreed and is underway. It meets the needs of the community and represents a sustainable increase in housing. Using Chalgrove Airfield for building a significantly large number of houses will undermine the rural nature of the village and its surrounds and will totally ignore the majority voice of the current residents. Chalgrove community does not recognise any need for "regeneration" as suggested in the Strategic Site Selection document.

2. SODC Objective 4.2 speaks of making sustainable transport, walking and cycling a viable choice for people. Currently Chalgrove is served by rural roads, many of which flood or are dangerous pinch points en route to more major roads. Bus transport is minimal. The Airfield site is served by one B-road – the B480. Proposed public transport improvements are increases in bus services. Funding would need to come from the County Council. There is every likelihood that Chalgrove, if the Airfield is developed as proposed, would become an increasingly car based settlement in order to access employment centres such as Oxford, Reading, Birmingham, London.

3. SODC Objectives 8.2 speaks of minimising carbon emissions and other pollution such as water, air, noise and light, and increasing the resilience to the likely impact of climate change, especially flooding. The Airfield development proposes the building of significant numbers of houses on a site that is currently occupied by an active company (Martin-Baker) that develops and tests ejector seat mechanisms and is a major international defence contractor. Houses, schools, shops, and limited employment centres are proposed adjacent to an active runway (newly built and more limited in scope) and would be subject to regular explosives testing. It is inconceivable that complaints of noise pollution from future residents on the site would not occur. A proposed bypass is located in a high flood risk zone. Chalgrove is already known to be an area of significant flood risk, increasing the numbers of houses by building on the Airfield will add to the risk rather than minimise it.

4. The company, Martin-Baker, wishes to remain operational on Chalgrove Airfield. They are a well-respected local employer as well as a major multinational company. Building on this site will adversely affect their business as well as risk significant noise pollution issues for those living there.

**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.**

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**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