

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 13

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.

The SODC plan is not a "second publication version" of the original publication but is an entirely new plan. This violates the section 18 consultation framework which should allow for a longer consultation. The plan is based on an out of date housing need assessment (2014SHMA rather than the 2018 SHMA)

This is a green belt area - the government's NPPF requires councils to protect green belts except in exceptional circumstances which is not the case here.

It is unsound to try to justify release of land North of Bayswater Brook (LNBB) from the green belt if its development does harm, not only to the green belt but also to the current road network which cannot cope with the current volumes of traffic - first thing in the morning there are always long queues in this area. Local communities are harmed through pollution, noise and congestion.

Oxford City Council has enough brown field sites to accommodate its unmet housing need especially if the lower figures in the 2018 SHMA are taken into account.

The plan states that the LNBB would have minimal visual impact and avoids harm to Oxford's historic green setting - this is not true. The landscape of the Bayswater valley is visible from many public areas. The existing green belt boundary is Bayswater brook - the new boundary conforms to filed boundaries and sometimes not even those.

The proposed boundary of LNBB impinges on the SSSIs at Sydlings Copse and College Pond. SODC's own Ecological Council identified in 2018 that the LNBB site would be a high-risk allocation for development and would have a great effect on biodiversity.

The proposed road would also bring extra traffic through surrounding areas, using it as a rat run.

SODC has failed to attempt to assess the likely traffic volumes on the proposed road.

SODC has failed to assess the risk of flooding both to the road and the housing. The current Bayswater Brook road crossing floods significantly when there is heavy rain.

There is no indication given as to how people and vehicles will get out of the site to Headington and Oxford. The red arrows traverse existing developments at Barton Park, Barton West and Sandhills and are not viable or practical routes. Bayswater Road remains the only viable option and it is already unacceptable congested.

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.

See above.

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?

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:

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