

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

Publication Version Representation Form

Please return by 5pm on Monday 18 February 2019 to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email it to planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – contact details

Part B – your comments / participation at oral examination

Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Agent

Business or organisation

Individual

Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered. If you are acting on behalf of another organisation, please provide their details in column one and your company name and contact details in column two.

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent Details (if applicable)
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For information on **sharing your details**: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates.

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:

STRAT13: Land North of Bayswater Brook

Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| (1) are legally compliant | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) are sound | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) comply with the Duty to Cooperate | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

(1) The Local Plan proposal is not compliant with the most recent housing White Paper (2017), in particular with **Step 1: Planning for the right homes in the right places**, requirements:

a) **“Maintaining existing strong protections for the Green Belt, and clarifying that Green Belt boundaries should be amended only in exceptional circumstances when local authorities can demonstrate that they have fully examined all other reasonable options for meeting their identified housing requirements;” –**

The Land North of Bayswater Brook is planned entirely within the green belt area. The authors claim that it will facilitate a sustainable development. A housing project can be regarded as sustainable only if all dimensions of sustainability (environmental, economic and social) are dealt with. I am not aware of the supporting evidence proving that sustainability assessment was carried out using the approved sustainability indicators and that results of this assessment suggest that the adverse impacts of removing the green belt would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of contributing towards housing and other development needs. **Continued – see page 4**

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.

The Land North of Bayswater Brook project should be reviewed in the transparent process evaluating environmental, social and economic sustainability criteria and with the local community involvement.

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

No

* **Please note:** the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public hearing.

Signature:



Date: 14/02/2019

(this can be electronic)

Sharing your personal details

All comments will be submitted in full to the Secretary of State alongside a submission version of the Local Plan. The Secretary of State will appoint an independent planning inspector, who will carry out an examination of the plan.

Your name, contact details and comments will also be shared with the planning inspector and a programme officer, who will act as a point of contact between the council, inspector and respondents. This means that you will be contacted by the programme officer (and where necessary the council) with updates on the Local Plan. This is required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the planning inspector and programme officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The inspector and programme officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted. South Oxfordshire District Council will hold the data for six years after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website alongside their name only. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published on our website including contact details. If you would like to know more about how we use and store your data, please visit www.southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection

Future contact preferences

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):

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

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

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(1)

- b) **“Giving communities a stronger voice in the design of new housing to drive up the quality and character of new development, building on the success of neighbourhood planning”;**

The housing plan proposal has not been shared with the local people early in its development phase. The local community was not involved in site identification, denied the right to know the rationale for the housing project and denied the opportunity to contribute constructively in the early phase of the project development.

- c) **“Ensuring that plans start from an honest assessment of the need for new homes, and that local authorities work with their neighbours, so that difficult decisions are not ducked”;**

There is no clear evidence available justifying local housing target in this area of Oxford. Although the Council Cabinet meeting minutes (18 Dec 2018) include statement *“The Cabinet member for planning reported that, since the Council’s decision on 15 May 2018, there had been a thorough assessment of all possible housing site allocations”* the details of this assessment are not transparent for the communities concerned.

(2)

The new housing needs are questionable and the supporting evidence has not been made available to the local community.

The social and environmental impact of the project is seriously underestimated. The A40 is already a bottleneck for commuting to/from Oxford and the new development in this location will make the traffic and pollution worse and more dangerous for commuters and cyclists.

The wildlife has shelters by the Bayswater Brook (birds, deer, rabbits) and their families can be spotted regularly in this very location. It has been traditionally natural walking area and bridle path, a healthy environment surrounding school helping children learning outdoors.

A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services – Biodiversity 2020 recognises the importance of green spaces for improving local public health and empowers local communities to protect their local environments that are important to them.

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