

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: 5.11

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 proposal for 28,465 new homes in SODC is unjustified and excessive. In the 2011 census there were 56,644 dwellings in the district so this proposal is for more than a 50% increase in the period to 2034. Between the 1991 census and the 2011 census, despite expansion in many areas such as Didcot, only just over 10,000 new dwellings were added. To add 28,465 in the next 20 years is too many and well above the expected growth population. Much of the reasoning is based on the SHMA analysis published in 2014 with population trends at that time. Since then the decision for the UK to leave the EU has been taken, which will have a significant impact on migration and population trends.

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.

The number of new homes needs to be dramatically reduced.

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: 7.13

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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.

This paragraph appears to lend whole-hearted support to the idea of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, even though the justification for the route has not been accepted by many residents. As the plan acknowledges the route will not be known for some time and so, if it does get built, there will be pressure for even more unnecessary housing development along its route encouraging still more car travel with all the consequent environmental impact. and possible further erosion of the Green Belt

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Maintain support for the East-West rail link but drop support for the Expressway

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Infrastructure Delivery Plan Appendix 2.7

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This document, in relation to the planned development at Wheatley Campus says at Ref:WHE06 "OCC has stated that school capacity can accommodate up to 500 new households but there are concerns over development beyond that number"
However, when Oxfordshire County Council responded to the application for planning permission (P17/S4254/O) for this site on 23rd February 2018 it said "...500 dwellings is estimated to generate 133 primary pupils. This is significantly higher than the current level of spare places at the school and somewhat higher than the spare capacity at this school." it goes on to say that only if pupils from outside the catchment area were displaced would there be sufficient capacity.

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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.

The infrastructure delivery plan for the proposed development at Wheatley Campus appears to make no reference to the impact 300 new homes would have on roads through the village. 300 homes would generate about 450 extra cars, many of which would be going through the village rather than along the A40. Improvements to walking and cycling provision and one extra bus is unlikely to eliminate most of these car journeys.

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Local Plan

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Q35. 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.

While there is some discussion in the plan regarding GP facilities, I can find nothing that considers the impact of the proposed new housing on hospitals. Although there may not be any major hospitals within SODC, the plan will have a significant impact on those just outside the region in Oxford and Reading. Already transport access to the JR hospital has become very difficult and the proposed new houses in Grenoble Road, Northfield, Chalgrove and Wheatley (if not other areas) will put even more pressure on that hospital.
I can see nothing to suggest whether there has been any detailed discussion with the hospitals about their ability to absorb the additional demands and traffic.

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SODC should commit to detailed working with the major hospitals just outside the region to determine how any new homes can be accommodated, let alone the overly ambitious number in the plan.

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