

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

Respondent Details

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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:	Policy STRAT14

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 Plan is not legally compliant, sound and/or in line with the duty to cooperate t for the following reasons.

1. The consultation period was rushed, effectively taking place between 13 December 2018 (Scrutiny Cttee) and 20 December (Full Council meeting). There should have been a fuller consultation period given the number of new sites (5) added since earlier drafts of the Local Plan.
2. Green Belt status should only be removed under exceptional circumstances. The Plan intends to remove Green Belt protections from all of the Brookes site but the exceptional circumstances aren't explained. It is quite possible to provide 300 houses (if that is justified) on the built area of the site without removing the Green Belt status enjoyed by the rest of the site (including the ancient monument).
- 3) The Brookes site does not meet the criteria for being considered a Strategic Site. A Strategic Site should be 500 or more homes, but the Brookes site is estimated to accommodate only 300 or so houses. (NB The wording in the Plan of the site being used for 'at least 300 homes' is itself highly contestable because it implies the total is fungible, something that goes against the process of timebound planning for unmet needs.)
- 4) The issues relating to the Brookes site are related to other parts of the plan that are currently unsound. For example, the need for '300' houses arises from Oxford City's assumptions about unmet housing needs. In reality, the City's needs have yet to be examined by a Planning Inspector. Until the City's needs are confirmed in a sound manner, it is not sound to finalise numbers for the South Oxfordshire Plan.

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

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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

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

