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Dear Sirs,

SODC Planning about Local Plan 2034

With reference to STRAT 12 Northfield, we are writing to inform you that I do not find the Local Plan 2034 compliant and sound. We also do not know if it complies with the Duty to Cooperate, as that is of no relevance in this case.

We would like to participate in the oral hearings part of the legal Examination in Public in the summer.

We would ask you to add us to the database for receiving further information about Local Plan 2034.

We are deeply disappointed and shocked that we have not been consulted about the inclusion of the Northfield housing site in the Local Plan 2034 - it is not right that we have not been consulted about this in earlier stages of planning, as we have been residents of Horspath for over 20 years.

We bought our house here over 20 years ago because it is surrounded by Green Belt - specifically separating us from Cowley and the main ring road, and keeping the character of the villages of Horspath, Garsington and Cowley intact in their own right. What you are proposing is urban sprawl over GREEN BELT LAND. This is unacceptable.

Our house in Horspath dates back to the 15th century - and there are other lovely buildings in Horspath of similar age, and with great history. We would never have bought our house if we thought that the council would develop on the Green Belt around it. We love the walks in the countryside between Horspath and Garsington and this will all be spoilt.

No 'exceptional circumstances' should be made to build on Green Belt of this kind.

At present, there is already a lot of traffic flowing through Horspath from the Cuddesdon Road, through village and then up the Horspath Road to the ring road. The additions of 1800 houses would make the traffic and noise unbearable for all - as well as all the pollution involved. It would become even more of a 'rat run' - even if SODC decided to improve the roads.

The village Horspath would be completely spoilt by the extra noise, traffic and pollution for all those living in it. The roads are already over congested and this new plan would make the traffic situation untenable.

Whereas we support the fact that there is a housing need for Oxford City, this could be met within the city by the creation of higher densities as well as using more employment land for housing - not by attempting to build on the Green Belt, spoiling the outlying villages.

Please confirm receipt of this email and confirm our objections are noted.

Mensun Bound and Joanna Yellowlees-Bound
