

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 matter of legal compliance is beyond my knowledge and expertise. it is one of three questions. The invitation to provide " information in relation to the previous question..." is port use of English and by selecting the exemplar to relate to legal compliance first feels like an attempt to put the public off making a comment by undermining the confidence of individuals for whom legal matters are obscured by jargon.

i challenge the soundness of STRAT13 on 4 grounds.

1. The case for housing in this area is not well made. The most likely/accessible work destination for new residents in strat 13 is not the expanding 'science' corridor to the South (which would be reached by via an already congested ring road). Neither is it Oxford city, which is already heavily congested with by its current commuter workforce. It is more likely that new STRAT 13 residents would be part of the ever growing Greater London work force, exploiting proximity to the M40. There should be no obligation to provide further dormitories for London.

2. The consequential road developments will add further environmental pollution (noise and emissions) to an area that is already highly strained by the current number and density of dwellings and of traffic movements in the STRAT 13 locale. The arterial route that attracts the housing in the first instance will be unable to cope with the new traffic. It is therefore suggested that a new A40 bypass be incorporated in the co-developed infrastructure. This uses a road scheme that has previously been proposed and dismissed, largely on environmental grounds.

3. The environmental impact of STRAT13 has been underestimated. The proposed development is on green belt. It takes away the benefits of that green belt to the residents of Barton, which when it was developed was able to claim that proximity to rural green space provided a valuable amenity for those in Barton. This benefit has already been compromise to a degree by 2018/19 residential developments in green belt outside the A40 close to Marston. The STRAT 13 developments make the same irreversible damage to the urban fringe of NE Oxford by destroying the green zone that off sets the noise and air pollution of the city.

4. The SSSI of Sidlings Copse & College Pond is severely threatened by the proposed residential and road development close to its limits. The natural habitat as that the corpse provides are substantially devalued by encroaching on the site's surrounding bands of natural environment. The failure to understand that a buffer zone is still required to match the primary environmental protection of an SSSI to its surroundings. the consequence of neglecting this is that the value of the SSSI will be undermined.

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

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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:

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