

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: STRAT7

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.

I am a resident of Chalgrove VILLAGE!. At present I do not find the local plan sound as the Chalgrove Airfield development STRAT7 is still included in the plan despite opposition from local residents & the lack of current & proposed infrastructure (roads/sewage/utilities/employment/services) to support circa 3000 new homes. Chalgrove is a remote VILLAGE & first & foremost the residents wish the VILLAGE to remain a VILLAGE not be transformed into a town overnight! We chose to live in a VILLAGE.

When you go about your business in the village, the village spirit is alive, people speak to each other when they are out & about. We are fortunate to live in a village that is safe & I am happy to walk out even at night without fear.

Yes, it is important that new houses are built & we as a VILLAGE have already agreed to the building of another 320 homes which increases the number of houses in the village to circa 1320 (a third increase) but if the STRAT7 is approved this will quadruple the size of our existing community & there is a big risk that we will lose our much loved village spirit.

The roads around the area are either B roads (B480) or single track roads (especially Hollantide Lane, which get drivers from Chalgrove, through Benson on the B4009 & onto the main A4074 to Reading) none of which are up to the task of supporting a further 6000+ cars which might result from a new development, together with the fact that there will only be one entrance & exit out of the development. Homes England state that they will secure land for proposed highway infrastructure, but very few areas have been secured & one area being considered is a proposed bypass through part of a flood zone 3b. The proposed site at Grenoble Road STRAT11 is supported by A roads & should be considered instead of STRAT7.

We are told that other infrastructure will be provided – shops, employment, schools but this has not always been the case take the Blackbird Leys Estate – these were promised when it was built & now it is just a big house estate with no life/community spirit. We have friend who now live in Chalgrove previously came from Blackbird Leys & could not believe the difference – people conversed with them as they walked in the village.

Others will tell you that STRAT7 is contrary to SODC objectives 1.2, 4.2, 5.2, 6.1, 8.2 & they are probably better educated to advise you as to why, but I speak from my heart, I love this village & the people in it. I have lived here for 27 years in fact this house is the first house that I have ever bought & can't see me having to move anytime soon. (Previously I lived with my mum & dad in a family home). Chalgrove & the surrounding areas have provided me with my income for the last 27 years as a local builder,

Please do not pick STRAT7 as the easy option, think of the consequences for all.

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.

I will find the plan sound once the proposed Chalgrove Airfield (STRAT7) is removed from the plan.

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