

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

## Page 4: Individual contact details

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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## Page 7: Part B - your comments

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: SODC\_LP2034

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	

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.

Dear Madam or Sir,

I write to object to any planning proposals to build on Green Belt land adjacent to the bottom of Delbush Avenue and Burdell Avenue in Headington

Quite apart from the idea of keeping the Green Belt the Green Belt, and aesthetic reasons, it seems to me to be quite impractical. I think the vastly increased traffic that would inevitably arise from a new development would detract from the quiet neighbourhood [REDACTED] in Sandhills; the streets are narrow and I feel there would be much congestion and added pollution.

Where would the proposed residents work? If the answer is in Oxford, how would they get there? I can't imagine that they would find suitable parking spaces for cars, and they may not wish to walk so this would mean increasing the bus services. I wouldn't like to see frequent busses thundering past my house and adding to the congestion; since I've lived in [REDACTED], the Park & Ride service has been reduced from six buses an hour down to four and back up to (I think) five – I'm unsure because due to its unreliability, I've found alternative means to get to Oxford. Despite the tonnage that passes the Thornhill Park & Ride, it is surprisingly difficult to find frequent and reliable transport between this location and the city centre: London and airport coach drivers are often very reluctant to take passengers between the two without a heated discussion.

There are no places of worship, no shops, or places of entertainment and there would be even fewer quiet places to take a stroll. This would mean leaving the estate to find these amenities, again, probably by car, adding to the congestion and pollution.

Anyone who regularly visits the centre of Oxford will know that it is already packed out with hundreds of (often) nearly empty buses (but never the one you want!) causing congestion and pollution – I often sit on a bus stuck in traffic in St. Aldate's. Surely extra buses will only bring the city centre to a standstill unless you are planning to widen St. Aldate's. As a pedestrian, I often have to walk on the road (in between the buses) as there is little room on the pavement in central Oxford, especially in St. Aldate's and High Street. Perhaps you will be able to widen the pavement to accommodate the extra footfall of new residents working in the city centre.

Oh, no, you can't do that as you are already widening the road! Well, perhaps you could knock down some of Christ Church College to accommodate both a wider road and a wider pavement; but I don't think that would be a very good idea, again, both practically and aesthetically. Just recently, the pavement on the High Street at the Turl Street bus stop was widened at the consequent narrowing of the road. When it was found that buses could not pass each other and the High Street ground to a halt on many occasions, the road was widened again, with the loss of pavement. So it must be patently obvious how crowded Oxford is already; more housing at the edges will only exacerbate the difficulties that arise with overcrowding.

All in all, I don't believe that any more residents can be accommodated in Oxford or in close proximity without a concomitant detriment to the quality of life for many in Oxford and the surrounding communities. I believe that Oxford is already overcrowded: the solution to this overcrowding is not to make it even more overcrowded.

I am sorry to find myself against any proposed development of this site since I am all for affordable, social housing; nevertheless, I think it would be better to explore the idea of New Towns on open areas where entire infrastructures can be planned and developed to cater adequately for the size of the proposed community.

Yours faithfully,  
G. Burton

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

## Page 106: Future contact preferences

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