

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 Land North of Bayswater Brook

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 assessments required to ensure Land North of Bayswater Brook (LNBB) have not been carried out.

Flooding: No strategic flood risk assessment has been carried out on Wick Farm or Lower Elsfield, despite being recommended by the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment before promoting these sites for housing. As there is no good knowledge of the flood risk on the LNBB and the effect that housing on this land will have on the flood risk to the surrounding area I do not consider the area sound for the Local Plan.

Biodiversity: The recommendation for the two SSSI's to be assessed in detail for potential impacts of housing built on the land nearby has been ignored. No detailed appraisal has been carried out on the harm to biodiversity in the SSI's themselves and the LNBB. Personally, I often walk through the footpaths in the land designated as LNBB and see a wide mix of birds and deer in and around Sidlings Copse. On these walks I see many other people, from young families to experienced bird watchers also enjoying the beautiful Green Belt countryside, providing an activity for the people of Barton and the surrounding areas. This is an area of natural beauty and it will be a huge shame to see the a reduction in the abundance and biodiversity of wildlife present in and around the LNBB.

Transport: No work has been carried out on the impact that developing this site would have on local traffic, and further across the road network. Clearly building new homes on LNBB will bring about a huge amount of traffic to an already congested Barton and Green Road Roundabout. Personally, my local bus stop is Atkinson Close in Barton (no. 8 bus) and if I take the bus to Headington in the morning rush hour it can easily take an hour for the journey due to the major congestion leading up to Green Road Roundabout. This route will only become more congested when Barton Park opens, let alone building more housing for people who will take the same route at rush hour.

Air Quality: Further, the clean air of the countryside surrounding Barton was a reason why we decided to move here. Developing LNBB will increase traffic pollution and potentially impact on the health of my family and neighbours. SODC should have assessed the impacts of increasing car and household emissions in and around the proposed site at the plan making stage in 2018. SODC has instead postponed these assessments for the developer to produce.

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.

- Assessments of potential impacts on Sidlings Copse and College Pond SSSIs, and appraisal of the harm to biodiversity across the area
- Assessments on the impact of traffic and household emissions
- Assessments on the impact on traffic on congestion locally and over the entire road network

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

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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