

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: STRAT6 Green Belt

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.

Agree that it should be considered necessary to justify altering the Green Belt Boundary to accommodate developments at Culham Science Centre, Adjacent to Culham Science Centre, Berinsfield, Grenoble Road, Northfield, North of Bayswater Brook and Wheatley as local requirements become necessary to rethink the Green belt restrictions.

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?

Yes

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Q12. 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 Chalgrove Airfield

Q13. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?		X		
are sound?		X		
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STRAT 7

fails to support a significant number of SODC's Strategic Objectives stated in Chapter 3 of the plan:

- OBJ 1.2: SODC have stated a clear objective that it must "support rural communities and "their way of life", recognising that this is what attracts people to the district" – yet this development would more than triple the size of the Chalgrove community and totally destroy the rural community in that village today.
- OBJ 1.4: SODC have stated an objective to "focus growth in the Science Vale" - yet this development would be some distance from the Science Vale with very poor transportation links, making it unsuitable for people working in the Science Vale.
- OBJ 4.2: SODC have stated an objective to "make sustainable transport, walking and cycling an attractive and viable choice for people" – yet, even with some growth of employment opportunities in Chalgrove, the vast majority of people living in this new town would be forced to drive to work, due both to the remoteness from the main centres of employment (Science Vale, Oxford, Reading) and poor public transportation facilities. With regards the public transportation, it is very unlikely that this could ever become a practical proposition for people at this location.
- OBJ 5.2: SODC have stated an objective to "support development that respects the scale and character of our towns and villages, enhancing the special character of our historical settlements and surrounding countryside" – yet this development would more than triple the size of the community, will create an environment that is fundamentally different to the current environment and attract people whose motivation for living there would be fundamentally different to the people currently living in this quiet rural community.
- OBJ 6.1: SODC have stated an objective to "champion neighbourhood planning, empowering local communities to direct development within their area and provide support to ensure Neighbourhood Development Plans are deliverable, achievable and sustainable" – yet this development contradicts the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore the site is not supported by Martin Baker, the current lease holders at Chalgrove airfield (the main employer at the site, a strategically important Defence business) and the development is therefore likely to be non-deliverable.
- OBJ 8.2: SODC have stated an objective to "minimise carbon emissions and other pollution such as water, air, noise and light, and increase our resilience to the likely impact of climate change, especially flooding: - yet this this development would create significantly more carbon emissions than the developments closer to the main areas of employment due to increased road traffic, and is likely to exacerbate and already difficult flooding issue in Chalgrove today.

Finally, In addition to the all of the above negatives, in the event that a Compulsory Purchase Order was placed on the Martin Baker Organisation and was successful, the proposed development at Chalgrove airfield would incur huge costs that would make it uneconomic compared with the other strategic developments: These would include:

- The cost of moving the main runway
- The costs of major changes to the road-transport infrastructure in and around the area including bypasses at Stadhampton, Little Milton, Cuxham;
- The cost of massive works to resolve the flooding issues.

Policy STRAT7 should be removed from the plan. This has no further implications to the overall Plan as other developments proposed by SODC meet the stated actual housing requirement.

Q15. 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.

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No

Q18. 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:

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