

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: Policy 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.

Lacking Legal compliance:

In relation to carving the site out of the Green Belt: It is not adequately shown that alternatives which do not sacrifice Green Belt or would be more appropriate are not available – in particular those providing rail access into Oxford.

The Bayswater Farm parcel has not been subject of a Section 18 consultation.

Not sound:

The rationale for the site is Oxford city's housing requirement, in particular that part not possible to provide within existing city limits. The overall requirement has been assessed via SHMA 2014 but the more relevant SHMA 2018 indicates lower figures. Oxford City internal capacity does not allow for conversion of employment use sites to mixed use, while there are low rise employment sites that could easily support residences without any loss of employment areas. Consequently the so-called requirement for residences outside city limits is much too high.

Also situating new residences immediately outside current built up areas does not necessarily imply the best integration with city transport. In this case, vehicle (incl bus) transport will be problematic and a better solution would be to put developments closer to railway lines serving the city.

The transport suggestions for this development need much closer examination before judging the site to be viable at all. In the absence of the mooted new link road, congestion on Bayswater Road and the Headington roundabout – already very bad –will become intolerable. Amelioration of this problem is likely to prove very expensive both in direct cost and delays during construction.

The possible new link road - besides also being very expensive - would have the effect of a)being a magnet for through traffic by-passing the Headington roundabout, hence running right through the new development and b) encouraging London commuters to buy houses in the development – not the intended rationale at all.

Duty to co-operate:

While SODC and OCC have cooperated to the extent of reaching agreement on house numbers needed by Oxford to be built in SODC, the basis for the numbers so agreed is unsound (see comments on that aspect) and hence the duty to cooperate fails in that respect.

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

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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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