

# 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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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:** SOCD Local Plan 2024

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 not qualified to give my opinion on legal compliance, Duty to Co-operate or soundness. My comments will refer to my opinions on specific aspects of the Plan including my views on its sustainability, appropriateness and suitability given the social and environment context.

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: SOCD Policy 2023 STRAT 6

Q13. 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	

Q14. 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 believe that the decision to flex the green belt boundary to accommodate building on sites including Grenoble Road is right. Whilst the original intent of the greenbelt allocation is sound, the significant changes to housing and employment demands means that it is outdated and outmoded. Developing deeper into open countryside at the expense of keeping often scrubby and underused greenbelt land does not pass the common sense test. The demands of the City of Oxford need to be met in close proximity to Oxford - not a significant car journey away. Environmental sustainability is key.

Q17. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q18. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

## Page 11: Part B - your comments

Q19. 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 LP 2023 STRAT7

Q20. 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	

Q21. 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.

STRAT7 (Chalgrove Airfield development) is 'unsound' (in my opinion) for a number of reasons.

1. Distance from centres of employment and in particular the City of Oxford. A major development in Chalgrove will generate significant road traffic due to its lack of proximity to Oxford, major road and rail networks. This is environmentally unsustainable and will put additional strain on surrounding villages including Cuxham, Watlington, Little Milton and Stadhampton. The plan highlights existing air pollution measurements in Watlington and Stadhampton and therefore highlights existing concerns about traffic levels.

2. Related to point 1, the transport infrastructure in and around Chalgrove is not suitable for a major housing development. The village is served by the B480 which is unsuitable for heavy traffic and links to the M40, Oxford city centre and railway stations including Haddenham and Didcot are all via small villages and include routing via existing pinch points. Due to the distance of Chalgrove from Oxford and other key employment localities, cycling is not a viable option for commuters in the majority of cases. This is contrary to the council's own strategic objective.

3. STRAT7 would represent a wholesale re-designation of Chalgrove, almost quadrupling it in size. This is not in support of the existing scale and character of the village and raises fundamental questions about the impact on existing households and the community. Chalgrove has already accepted by referendum a village plan which supports development in the village that is appropriate in scale.

4. STRAT7 fails to properly address the flood risk which will be raised by a mass development on the airfield. Chalgrove is already prone to flooding and run off / impact from a housing development n existing properties has not been clearly addressed.

Q24. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q25. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

No