

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 2

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 Plan is not legally compliant. It does not meet the consultation requirements as it is a completely new plan from those previously consulted upon. It has much higher housing numbers. Neither is the plan sound, as it is internally inconsistent. STRAT2 says that 23,000 homes will be planned for, but Table 5c states that 28,500 are planned."

The plan does not fulfill the Duty to Cooperate – that duty is to supply land for Oxford's unmet need. Oxford has updated its Objectively Assessed Need and needs half the number of homes compared with the previous target. THERE IS NO LONGER AN UN-MET NEED for Oxford.

This Plan is not sound. The homes, and the supporting infrastructure, is profoundly unsustainable and not even deliverable. The 1,600 homes per year that would 'need' to be built is not achievable. Since 2011, we have been building 600 a year.

Vitally, the plan is seriously out-of-date. It does not acknowledge the current method for assessing Objectively Assessed Need. Our new OAN is for 10,000 homes. This plan has a target for three times as many homes as we need."

The plan is incomplete in that it does little to address the fact that affordability is the biggest barrier to achieving the housing needs but genuine affordability is not as profitable for the landowners and developers, it's just about money not need.

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.

"The existing Local Plan made in 2011 should be re-ratified and kept as our Plan. It plans for sufficient homes to meet our objectively assessed need".

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?

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Policy STRAT6.

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.

"STRAT6 allows for large tracts of protected Green Belt land to be threatened, beyond what appeared in earlier plans. This is a major breach of the National Planning Policy Framework, which gives very strong protection to Green Belt land. The new plan with its obscene numbers of homes, and brand new allocations of strategic sites must be consulted on fully for its substance to be reconsidered by Councillors.

The plan is for three times as many homes as we need, according to the up-to-date objectively assessed need."

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.

"The Green Belt must be protected from development, in accordance with Government policy. Our objectively assessed need has already been met with completed and committed housing developments."

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

Yes

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

No