

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

Publication Version Representation Form

Please return by 5pm on Monday 18 February 2019 to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email it to planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – contact details

Part B – your comments / participation at oral examination

Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Agent

Business or organisation

Individual

Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered. If you are acting on behalf of another organisation, please provide their details in column one and your company name and contact details in column two.

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent Details (if applicable)
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Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates.

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:

Section 3 Vision and Objectives. p 19 et seq.

Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

(1) are legally compliant

Yes

No

Don't know

(2) are sound

Yes

No

Don't know

(3) comply with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

No

Don't know

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 Vision and Objectives do not fairly reflect the content of the Plan and this section is therefore unsound

The overall vision is stated as being that *South Oxfordshire will remain a beautiful and prosperous place to live work and spend leisure time.*

At 3.9 we are told that “a balance needs to be struck between the protection of the environment and sufficient development to meet the needs of the existing and future population”. At OBJ 2.1, the Plan will “deliver a wide range of housing options to cater for the “housing needs of our community” and at OBJ 3.1 provide high quality jobs to help retain skilled residents”. At OBJ 4.1 “essential infrastructure to support our existing residents and services as well as growth”. OBJ 5.2 “respects the scale and character of our towns and villages and the surrounding countryside”.

Any reader would take this to mean that the development proposed is only that essential to meet strictly local needs to ensure minimum trespass on our environmental assets and the rural character of our area.

The reality of the Plan however directly conflicts with its stated Vision and Objectives.

In fact, the Plan is to grow the housing stock by over 50% from the 54,000 households in 2011 to 82,500 by 2034, an average annual growth rate of 2.3% per annum, compared to a previous trend rate of 0.4%. Since the Government’s underlying household formation projections indicate a requirement for just 10,000 houses (including those needed to support historical development) at least 65% of the proposed houses (if ever built) would contain households new to the area, increasing South Oxfordshire’s population by at least 30%, from 134,000 to 175,000 over the plan period compared with the 2016 population projection of 149,000 by the same date.

It is clear that the strategies within the Plan would be in conflict with the sentiments expressed in the Vision and Objectives.

Nowhere is it made clear or even apparent that the sensitive Vision and Objectives, which it could be expected that local residents would overwhelmingly support, are undermined by the requirements of the Growth Deal which their elected representatives have entered into without consulting them, and the implications of which have been kept – at best - opaque.

Consequently, the public would again be misled by anything but an inquisitive and in depth reading of the Plan. It is unsound for that reason and at a deeper level because the plan as a whole is unsound.

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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 Plan is fundamentally unsound and should be re-drafted based on the appropriately assessed needs of local residents.

Any additional growth should be modest in scale; at a rate which can be absorbed without harm to the rural nature of the District, or to the cohesion of its society; in sustainable locations outside the Green Belt and AONB; and deliverable.

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

Yes No

* **Please note:** the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public hearing.

Signature: Date: 15.2.19
(this can be electronic)

Sharing your personal details

All comments will be submitted in full to the Secretary of State alongside a submission version of the Local Plan. The Secretary of State will appoint an independent planning inspector, who will carry out an examination of the plan.

Your name, contact details and comments will also be shared with the planning inspector and a programme officer, who will act as a point of contact between the council, inspector and respondents. This means that you will be contacted by the programme officer (and where necessary the council) with updates on the Local Plan. This is required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the planning inspector and programme officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The inspector and programme officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted. South Oxfordshire District Council will hold the data for six years after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website alongside their name only. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published on our website including contact details. If you would like to know more about how we use and store your data, please visit www.southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection

Future contact preferences

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):

- I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire
- I would also like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

Alternative formats of this form are available on request. Please email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk or call 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial).

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