

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: SODC LP 2011-34 p. 15 2.3 iv); Strats 1 and 6

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.

Not compliant with NPPF on Green Belt

- a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- c) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment
- d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- e) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

Building on the land north of Bayswater Brook is counter to all five points: it increases urban sprawl, merges Oxford with adjacent villages, encroaches on the countryside, damages historic Oxford with increased traffic, and doesn't use derelict or urban land..

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.

Don't build on the Green Belt; use available City sites for houses, not new businesses; ensure calculations of housing need are accurate.

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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Document / Policy / Paragraph: SODC LP 2011-34 1.6 and 2.11, STRATS 1 and 2

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No previous consultation on THIS plan, which differs significantly from previous plans for this area - new areas included and housing numbers greatly increased.

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Institute formal consultation on the current Plan

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

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: SODC LP 2011-34 Policy STRAT 13

Q20. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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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.

This version of the plan has had no Section 18 consultation process. Land north of Bayswater Brook was considered separately in the previous plan that didn't include the proposed link road; Bayswater Farm was not considered at all.

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Institute a section 18 consultation process on the current plan

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?

Yes

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4.29 refers to Oxford City's unmet housing need. That begs the question that there is an unmet housing need and that the current proposals would meet it satisfactorily. Oxford City has the capacity to meet its housing need without needing to encroach on the Green Belt. The size of the 'unmet housing need' was based on calculations that used out of date methodology. HELAA Nov 17 calculated there was 30,163 availability for 2016-2036 SHMA 2018 calculated 15,100 homes needed over the same period.

Even were it necessary to build more dwellings outside Oxford, the proposals for the land north of Bayswater Brook are deeply unsound:
the land is a swamp, with numerous springs draining into it
road access into Oxford is planned via two roads that already suffer huge congestion every morning
Oxford is already over-congested with cars. If any new house building is to be done, it needs to be where rail or park and ride access is available so as not to increase car numbers

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Use the most up to date data for calculations, making proper use of most recent government methodologies.

Assess how real demand is: if because of plans for new businesses, encourage them to build in towns like Corby or in the north-east where there is desperate need for jobs and housing is less expensive.

Q31. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

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Q34. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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This document is unclear, ambiguous, and disingenuous. In addition, to complete it properly - supposing it was clear what was required - would need vast amounts of time, reading of technical documents, and presentation of evidence that might be expected of professionals and politicians but certainly not lay individuals.

It makes a mockery of consultation and democracy.

Q38. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

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