

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 STRAT2

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.

This Local Plan is not legally compliant because it does not meet the consultation requirements as it is a completely new plan from those previously consulted upon. It has higher housing numbers than the emerging plan and furthermore it is not sound as it is not internally consistent. STRAT2 says that 23,000 homes will be planned for. And yet, Table 5c shows that 28,500 are planned. When I went to the public displays at Cornerstone in Didcot and asked the councillors about the confusing housing numbers and why there were different totals I was told to read the Housing Topic Paper online (it wasn't there in a hard copy). This paper didn't give me the answers I sought.

This 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 unmet need for Oxford.

This Plan is not sound. The homes are not deliverable. We would need to build 1,600 homes per year which cannot be achieved. 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Vitally, the plan is seriously out-of-date.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.

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 Core Strategy 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 has opened up huge swathes of Green Belt land that did not appear in earlier plans. This is in contravention of the National Planning Policy Framework which accords very high protection to Green Belt land. This new plan with its high housing numbers and completely new allocations of strategic sites should go to full consultation on its substance for reconsideration by Councillors.

The plan is for three times as many homes as we need, according to the up-to-date objectively assessed need. I was a parish councillor at the time that the SHMA was published and I went through the housing figures at the time. Since then it's been made quite clear that these housing targets are inflated and should be reduced to more realistic numbers.

Oxfordshire is a rural county and our government has decided that our county will become the heart of massive economic and regional growth in the next few decades. It is impossible for our county to maintain its rural nature under this pressure.

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There should be no development in the Green Belt, 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

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:

I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire