

# 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](mailto: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)
Title	<input type="text" value="Ms"/>	<input type="text"/>
Full Name	<input type="text" value="Hazel Margaret Douglas"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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:

Individual Response to SODC Local Plan 2034  
Policy STRAT11: Land south of Grenoble Road

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.

**(1) legally compliant**

There has not been a Reg 18 consultation on this plan, which is significantly and materially different from the 2017 SODC Local Plan.

Grenoble Road and the destruction of the Green Belt were rejected at that time and not included in that final plan.

**(2) sound**

It is not sustainable to reduce the provision of Green Belt around Oxford. National Policy is to safeguard the Green Belt.

The Plan exceeds the identified Housing Need for SODC.

It is arguable that the plan is not deliverable within the timescale.

**(3) compliant with the Duty to Cooperate**

This Plan has not been devised in full consultation with other authorities – Highways, Utilities, and the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

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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.

Revert to the Local plan agreed in 2017

**Please see accompanying notes**

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:

**Hazel Douglas**

*(this can be electronic)*

Date:

**05/02/2019**

### 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](http://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.**

#### **Sound and Legal—Loss of Green Belt**

- 1) There has been NO consultation on this plan, which is significantly different from the agreed plan in 2017. There are many major changes, including most of the housing sites being proposed now.
- 2) It is unsound because it is not coordinated with other plans - like the Expressway plans.
- 3) The “exceptional circumstances” that allow for development on the Green Belt have not been satisfactorily established. The harm caused by removing the Grenoble Road site from the Green Belt is greater than any benefits obtained.

#### **Transport and Infrastructure**

- 4) There are inadequate plans to improve the infrastructure (roads, public transport, sewerage, shops, doctors and other amenities) to support this development.
- 5) The proposed Park & Ride will attract more traffic up the A4074 through Nuneham Courtenay—especially if the Redbridge P&R is closed as has been proposed elsewhere.
- 6) Routes for the buses to get into the City Centre will have to be on roads which are already very congested, especially in rush hours. Cowley, Abingdon and Iffley Roads, and the Southern / Eastern By-Pass, are often at a standstill for several hours each day. It seems as though whoever is planning this has no knowledge of local conditions.
- 7) It will make cycling in the area significantly more dangerous than it is already.
- 8) The proposed Cowley branch line rail service will be too far from the Grenoble Road site to be useful. Therefore, those working in Oxford or commuting from further away would add traffic to already congested roads.

#### **Local Amenity and the Environment**

- 9) The development would have a major impact on the nature of the local environment and people’s enjoyment of it. It will reduce access to the local countryside as an amenity for many residents of Oxford, Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys - paths, dog walking routes, wildlife, access to the River, etc.
- 10) The proposed estate of 3,000 homes would inevitably increase noise, air, water and light pollution. The proposed density of 70 dwellings/hectare is totally out of keeping with a small village in the Green Belt and inappropriate in a semi-rural location. It is higher than most new developments except in city centres.

**Necessary Modifications to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound**

Return to the previous Local Plan which was properly consulted in 2014-17

It will be helpful if you could put forward your suggested wording of any policy or text as precisely as possible.

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