

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Business / Organisation

## Page 6: Business / organisation contact details

Q4. Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and means of contact is required for your comments to be considered:

**Business / organisation name** East Hagbourne Parish Council

**Contact name** Laura Lloyd - Parish Clerk

**Address line 1** [REDACTED]

**Address line 2** [REDACTED]

**Address line 3** -

**Postal town** [REDACTED]

**Postcode** [REDACTED]

**Telephone number** -

**Email address** [REDACTED]

## Page 7: Part B - your comments

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:** South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034, TRANS3: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Transport Scheme - Didcot Spine Road

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.**

We do not understand why the South Didcot Spine Road is included in the list for the safeguarding of Land for Strategic Transport Schemes on page 156 of the Local Plan and why a map for this is included on page 276 of the Appendix.

There is no relevant strategic plan that can possibly involve this road.

It is not included in the OCC Transport Policy of 2016 and the area is not allocated for any development in either the Local Plan 2034, the Didcot Garden Town, or The East Hagbourne Neighbourhood Plan. In fact the area is designated as green space in both the latter plans. We note that this was strongly supported by the Inspector in the Appeal decision against a proposed development by Catesby in a field adjacent to this area.

We believe that this spine road is an anachronism from the days when a southern perimeter road was promoted in the early 2000s but the only thing that is in the LT4 OCC's transport policy of 2016 is a statement about a Southern Didcot road that would only be relevant "if significant addition development is allocated to the south of the town in the future" as stated in Policy SV 4.1 on page 47. Since that is clearly not the case then such a safeguarding is again irrelevant. Although present in the VoWH Plan that dates from 2014, all the above plans postdate that. We contend that it is not appropriate to include this within our Duty to Cooperate since the situation regarding housing allocation or rather lack of it in this area has been well established since that date.

There is thus no reason for this safeguarding or if there was safeguarding that would only be safeguarding or green space.

**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.**

We suggest this problem is easily resolved just by removing the line on the spine road from page 156 and the map from page 276.

**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?**

No