

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 Planning about the Local Plan 2034 -- STRAT 12 Northfield

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.

I do not consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant or sound, specifically with reference to STRAT 12 Northfield, because I was not consulted about the inclusion of the housing site at any earlier stage of the development of the Local Plan. In other words, there has been no meaningful or adequate public consultation provided by SODC to test the acceptability of its major change in strategy to promote the Northfield housing site in the Green Belt.

Inclusion of Northfield housing site in the Local Plan is unsound in that it is not justified, effective or consistent with national policy. National planning policy requires Councils to release Green Belt for needed housing only after all other options have been explored and if no other land is available on which need could be met. In the case of STRAT 12 Northfield, there are no "exceptional circumstances" for removing the Northfield site from the Green Belt.

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.

There are no exceptional circumstances to justify any of the proposed incursions into the Green Belt, including the Northfield site, and there are a number of sound planning reasons why Northfield should be removed from the Plan.

With reference to STRAT 12 Northfield, the allocation for Oxford's 'unmet need' as a justification for building the Northfield site, should be removed from the Plan and re-assessed when Oxford City has developed and agreed its own plan.

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?

No

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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