

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: reference H5 Priest Close

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.

There are three areas of land suggested for development in Nettlebed. The only one which does not appear to be sound is that adjacent to Priest Close.

Development there will be outside of the village, quite a walk from facilities and will in effect create a new enclave which is outside of the Nettlebed community. I suggest development around the core of the Village would add to the village community.

Having a development a reasonable walk from facilities will unnecessarily add to traffic in the area. Family housing on this area of land would mean that families using the local primary school would need to drive and this would put increased pressure on parking around Nettlebed School. Older residents of such a development would also need to drive to the local surgery and when the weather is inclement (we do get particularly fierce weather in Nettlebed) would also be cut off from facilities as none would be within a safe walking distance.

Development here will create light pollution which will have a detrimental effect on the woodland wildlife which is a huge contribution to the surrounding area of natural beauty. There are a considerable variety of owl species living in those woods. Light would mean that these birds would lose a very necessary habitat. In the summer the field is awash with wild flowers and a haven for bees, with bee habitats being eroded to the point of distinction it would be a pity to lose a haven for these valuable insects.

Development to this area, even with the most cautious and sympathetic of developers, will damage the surrounding woodland and again be detrimental to the habitats of the wildlife that live there. We also need to protect the trees.

I suggest there are more suitable areas for development around Nettlebed. In particular, the brown field site in Catslip, where the community would welcome the removal of the old storage barn which is in a dangerous state of disrepair.

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.

I don't see any evidence that to produce the plan there has been sufficient cooperation with local groups and individuals in Nettlebed. My own consultation with interested parties, such as those that conserve the woodland, bought up a zero recognition of any cooperation or discussion with South Oxfordshire.

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

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:

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