

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

## Page 4: Individual contact details

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:

Title	MR
Full name	Thomas Fort
Business / Organisation name (if relevant)	-
Job title (if relevant)	-
Address line 1	██████████
Address line 2	██████████████████
Address line 3	-
Postal town	██████
Postcode	██████
Telephone number	-
Email address	██████████████████████████████

## 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: Page 21 OBJ1.1 and OBJ 1.2

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.

Page 21 OBJ 1.1 and OBJ 1.2 which expresses support for the settlement hierarchy - this does not include a policy for settlement boundaries, which would enable larger villages like Sonning Common to retain its separation from Reading. A gaps between villages policy would help strengthen the essential separate identity of villages

Page 35 STRAT 2 - the plan promotes overall housing targets that go far beyond those identified by the government's formula, in order to provide for Oxford's unmet housing need and for predictions of growth that amount to little more than guesswork, and may well - given the current uncertainties - prove to be wholly unfounded. A provision of 15,000 new homes in South Oxfordshire is sensible and justifiable; the 22,000 proposed in the Local Plan is not.

Page 41 STRAT 5 - the plan proposed a requirement for a minimum density of 45 homes per hectate on new development sites, an increase from 25 in the previous plan. There are sites on which 45 - or even high - can be justifi9ed - and others where it is clearly excessive, for instance on the edge of villages adjacent to open countryside. A minimum density of 45 will undoubtedly promote applications for taller - i.e. 3 storey - dwellings, totally out of character ina village setting. What is needed is a policy that allows for flexibility.

Page 95 - requires an additional 108 homes for Sonning Common, in addition those already allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan combined with infill/windfall etc. For the reasons given above - a target derived from a wholly excessive assessed overall need - this figure is grossly inflated.

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 Local Plan should be adapted to include policiers reflecting the above concerns.

There should be a policy to allow settlement boundaries

The housing targets should be drastiically slashed so they are in line with the government's own formula

The policy on housing density should be redrawn to allow for flexibility

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?

Yes

## Page 9: Part B - your comments

Q12. 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:** page 35 STRAT 2

Q18. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

## Page 11: Part B - your comments

Q19. 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:** Page 41 STRAT 5

Q25. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

## Page 13: Part B - your comments

Q26. 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:** Page 95 H4

Q32. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

No