

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: STRAT6:Green Belt

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.

Exceptional circumstances exist to support altering the Green Belt around Oxford to allow for development at:
Culham Science Centre & adjacent to it,
Berinsfield,
Grenoble Road &
Northfield.

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

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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: STRAT8, STRAT 9, STRAT 10

Q13. 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			

Q14. 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 agree with the first part of the Overall Strategy (STRAT 1) : " focusing major new development in the Science Vale inc Didcot Garden Town & Culham". Then this area can play an enhanced role by the provision of homes, jobs and services with improved transport (especially public). The strategic development at Culham Science Centre, the land adjacent to it and at Berinsfield goes a long way to supporting this strategy.

Q17. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

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

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT 11, STRAT 12, STRAT 13

Q20. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?	X			
are sound?	X			
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q21. 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.

Thrilled that developments such as at the South of Grenoble Road will have more affordable homes to help young people, inc young families on low-incomes get on the housing ladder & be close to places of work as previous drafts of the Local Plan (2017) failed to satisfy the Oxford City Unmet Need. The Strategic Developments in that version which included Chalgrove Airfield are all too far from the City of Oxford and would not suit or work for people on low-incomes who need accommodation within walking/cycling/short bus rides from their places of work.
Please therefore to see that this version of the plan states therefore that exceptional circumstances exist that warrant the modification of the Green Belt boundary. All three sites of Land South of Grenoble Road, at Northfield and North of Bayswater Brook equal good locations for workers in Oxford with good access to places like BMW and the Hospitals, Oxford Tub Bus depot etc with good public transport services too.

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No

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

Yes

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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: STRAT 7 Land at Chalgrove Airfield

Q27. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?		X		
are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?	X			

Q28. 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.

STRAT 7 fails to support a number of SODC's Strategic Objectives as seen in Ch 3 of the Plan:

OBJ 1.2: SODC has stated a clear objective that it must "support rural communities" and "their way of life", recognising that this is what "attracts people to the district" – yet this development would more than triple the size of the Chalgrove community, destroy the existing rural village community & turn it into a town.

OBJ 1.4: SODC has stated an objective to "focus growth in the Science Vale" - yet this development would be some distance from the Science Vale with very poor transportation links, making it unsuitable for people working in the Science Vale.

OBJ 4.2: SODC has stated an objective to "make sustainable transport, walking and cycling an attractive and viable choice for people" . Even with some growth of employment opportunities in Chalgrove, the vast majority of people living in this new town would have to drive to work, due both to the distance from the main centres of employment (Science Vale, Oxford, Reading) and poor public transportation facilities.

OBJ 5.2: SODC has stated an objective to "support development that respects the scale and character of our towns and villages, enhancing the special character of our historical settlements and surrounding countryside" This development would more than triple the size of the community, create an environment that is fundamentally different to the current one and attract people whose motivation for living there would be fundamentally different to the people currently living in this quiet rural community.

OBJ 6.1: SODC has stated an objective to "champion neighbourhood planning, empowering local communities to direct development within their area and provide support to ensure Neighbourhood Development Plans are deliverable, achievable and sustainable". But this development contradicts the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan. Furthermore the site is not supported by Martin Baker, the current lease holders at Chalgrove airfield (the main employer at the site, a strategically important Defence business).

OBJ 8.2: SODC has stated an objective to "minimise carbon emissions and other pollution such as water, air, noise and light, and increase our resilience to the likely impact of climate change, especially flooding: - yet this this development would create significantly more carbon emissions than the developments closer to the main areas of employment due to increased road traffic. The local roads would be clogged and polluted.

As well as all of the above negatives, if a Compulsory Purchase Order is successfully served on the Martin Baker Organisation, the proposed development at Chalgrove airfield would incur huge costs that would make it uneconomic compared with the other strategic developments.

These would include:

The cost of moving the main runway

The costs of major changes to the road-transport infrastructure in and around the area including bypasses at Stadhampton, Little Milton, Cuxham;

The cost of massive works to resolve the flooding issues.

Q29. 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.

Remove Policy STRAT7 from the plan. This has no further implications to the overall Plan as other developments proposed by SODC meet the stated actual housing requirement.

Q31. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

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

No

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Q38. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

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