

# 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:

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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.

<b>Document / Policy / Paragraph:</b>	Policies STRAT1: The Overall Strategy & STRAT2: South Oxfordshire Housing and Employment Requirements
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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.

The Local Plan seeks to provide 28,500 homes over the period to 2034 when the actual identified need is 22,775 which includes a proportion of homes to meet Oxford City's unmet housing need. Part of the housing need is to provide a proportion of Oxford City's unmet need along with the other District Councils. Considering the sites chosen, all in Green Belt except for Chalgrove which is in an unsustainable location, the soundness of the Local Plan is flawed and housing numbers should be reviewed and the number of strategic sites reduced. The lack of detail of how transport infrastructure will be provided makes it difficult to comment or to be convinced that the infrastructure to serve these sites can actually be delivered. For instance, Chalgrove is described as a sustainable site for homes and employment. However, within the plan there is no detail of how transport infrastructure will be provided to serve the needs of the proposed development, and how its effects will be mitigated to protect the setting of the Green Belt or the smaller villages such as Stadhampton and Chiselhampton.

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:** Policy STRAT6: Green Belt

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.

There is no detail given within the policy of protecting the Green Belt from additional transport infrastructure that will be required to deliver the Local Plan or the exceptional circumstances tests that will need to be overcome to achieve this. I therefore do not consider this policy to be sound.

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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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:** Policy STRAT7: Land at Chalgrove Airfield

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.

I do not consider the site proposed at Chalgrove Airfield to be a suitable site for inclusion within the Local Plan. Martin Baker's reluctance to give up part of the site to enable this development makes delivering the 3,000 homes uncertain. The site is not within a sustainable location and no detail is provided within the Local Plan to show how transport infrastructure will be provided and how that will link with the wider road network. There is no detail of how the development's infrastructure needs will impact on the villages of Stadhampton, Chiselhampton and Little Milton, and whilst we applaud the aspiration of the policy to provide much needed homes, there does not appear to be a defined mechanism of delivering the development and the associated infrastructure required. There also is no detail on how the infrastructure required will effect the Green Belt and the special rural rural nature of this area. Within the previous draft of the Local Plan land was safeguarded for transport infrastructure, yet no land has been safeguarded within this version. Current need is already putting a strain on the local road network within this and the wider area, and we cannot consider this policy to be sound for inclusion within the Local Plan.

Q24. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

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

Yes

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**Document / Policy / Paragraph:** Policy STRAT10: Land at Berinfield

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.

The transport infrastructure proposed does not include for any improvement to the B4015, B480 or A329. It is likely that those who live in the development will not only travel towards Oxford and Didcot but will also travel towards Stadhampton and Chiselhampton to reach the M40 to travel to London, Birmingham etc. The B4015 from the Golden Balls roundabout is very much an overused rural road and is particularly dangerous. Taking into account the proposed development at Chalgrove, I would have expected to see details of improvements to these roads. .

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?

Yes

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**Document / Policy / Paragraph:**

Policy STRAT10: Land south of Grenoble Road and Policy STRAT12: Land at Northfield

Q34. 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		

Q35. 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 is no detail for how the transport infrastructure will be improved along the B480 from Oxford to Chiselhampton and Stadhampton as I would expect to see increased use of this rural road for those travelling South of Oxford.

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

No

Q39. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q40. 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:**

Policy TRANS3: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Transport Schemes

Q41. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are sound?		X		
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Q42. 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.

Within the Local Plan there is some indication of new transport infrastructure for all the strategic sites yet no detail of any safeguarded land to serve the infrastructure needs that will be created by the proposed development at Chalgrove. We do not consider this policy to be sound unless it provides details of all safeguarded land required to deliver the transport infrastructure for all strategic sites.

Q45. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q46. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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**Document / Policy / Paragraph:**

Chapter 6 Employment and Economy and Chapter 8 Natural and Historic Environment

Q48. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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

Q49. 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 is no mention of protecting Grade 1 or Grade 2 agricultural land or the significant contribution that farming makes to protecting the beautiful and rural nature of our district and the Green Belt. We would expect policies to be included within the Local Plan to protect agricultural land from adverse development.

Q52. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q53. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

No