

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

Publication Version

Representation Form

Please return by 5pm on Monday 18 February 2019 to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email it to planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – contact details

Part B – your comments / participation at oral examination

Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Agent

Business or organisation

Individual

Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered. If you are acting on behalf of another organisation, please provide their details in column one and your company name and contact details in column two.

| | 1. Personal Details | 2. Agent Details (if applicable) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Title | Mrs | Not applicable |
| Full Name | Hollie Gordon | |
| Job Title (where relevant) | Company Director | |
| Organisation (where relevant) | Pilates PT Ltd. | |
| Address Line 1 | | |
| Address Line 2 | | |
| Address Line 3 | | |
| Postal Town | | |
| Postcode | | |
| Telephone Number | | |
| Email Address | | |

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates.

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:

Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

(1) are legally compliant Yes No Don't know

(2) are sound Yes No Don't know

(3) comply with the Duty to Cooperate Yes No Don't know

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 live [REDACTED] close to where the STRAT 9 development is proposed. The reasons why I do not consider the Local Plan to be sound are as follows:

1. Our Governments Planning Policy affords **strong** protection of the Green Belt (an entire chapter of the 'National Planning Policy Framework, July 2018' is devoted to protecting Green Belt). This Local plan is simply not compliant with this planning policy. The SODC plan proposes altering the boundaries of the green belt in 6/7 strategic sites! This would mean a total of 11,400 houses in the Green Belt, with Culham (STRAT 9) the largest development in the entire of South Oxfordshire: a new town of 3500 houses. Meaning around 8000 *more* people, and around 10,000 *more* cars!!!

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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 honestly do not feel that I can suggest a full set of modifications as I feel that the **WHOLE** plan is **so** unsound. For starters STRAT 9 (Culham) should be removed entirely from the plan: building a new town just a mile from Abingdon *and* in a meander of the Thames is simply not sustainable or justified, and there are no '*exceptional circumstances*'.

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

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No

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Yes

No

* **Please note:** the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public hearing.

Signature:

(this can be electronic)

Date:

18/02/2019

Sharing your personal details

All comments will be submitted in full to the Secretary of State alongside a submission version of the Local Plan. The Secretary of State will appoint an independent planning inspector, who will carry out an examination of the plan.

Your name, contact details and comments will also be shared with the planning inspector and a programme officer, who will act as a point of contact between the council, inspector and respondents. This means that you will be contacted by the programme officer (and where necessary the council) with updates on the Local Plan. This is required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the planning inspector and programme officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The inspector and

programme officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted. South Oxfordshire District Council will hold the data for six years after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website alongside their name only. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published on our website including contact details. If you would like to know more about how we use and store your data, please visit

www.southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection

Future contact preferences

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):

- I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire
- I would also like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

(cont...) 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.

2) As far as I'm aware, boundaries to the Green Belt can only be changed if there *truly* are 'exceptional circumstances', which are 'fully evidenced and justified' and, crucially, are as a 'last resort'. In this instance, there are simply NO 'exceptional circumstances' and all evidence provided and supplied in SODC documents lacks research or due analysis. SODC even said (in their own words) that Housing need numbers 'far exceed' need and they admit to 'significant uncertainty' about the so-called 'unmet need' of Oxford city.

3) This plan was, not only, rushed through debate by councillors over one week immediately before Christmas last year, but it is NOT sound, not positively prepared, not justified, and not deliverable. Furthermore, key documents were NOT made freely available: councillors were effectively 'whipped' to agree the plan!

(cont...) Please set out any modifications you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regards to your comment above (NB: any non-compliance with the duty to cooperate is incapable of modification at examination)

It would be helpful if you could put forward your suggested wording of any policy or text as precisely as possible.

...Further to this there are currently such bad traffic network issues along the A415 and surrounding villages that the local infrastructure simply is not here to cope with this huge

increase in cars and traffic. I suggest that the inspector visit the area during term-time and see for him/herself. Please do NOT come during the school holidays, as this will not give an accurate representation of what we are facing.

Alternative formats of this form are available on request. Please email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk or call 01235 422600 (Text phone users add 18001 before you dial).

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