

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: LP 2034 Policy STRAT11:Land south of Grenoble Rd

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.

I believe these proposals are illegal for two main reasons:

Firstly, SODC have not consulted on this particular proposal. Before last December they were consistently and over many months saying that they were against development off Grenoble Rd, and staunchly defended the Green Belt. They have done a U-turn, and seem to think that previous consultations with quite different proposals count.

Secondly, there are no exceptional circumstances which might lead to overturning the protection on the Green Belt. The assessment of housing need on which it is based not only relates to a different authority (Oxford City) but uses a formula which is now recognised to be seriously faulty. I cannot believe the responsibility to co-operate includes going along with someone else's mistake. Nor is there any logic in the argument that "we have to use the old formula even though it's wrong, because we started planning with that formula".

I believe the proposals are unsound for several reasons, including these:

a) The planning process does not adequately respond to, integrate with, co-operate with or even acknowledge concurrent plans for a major expressway in the area, and for the reopening of the Cowley Branch line.

b) The density envisaged is higher than pretty much anything else of similar size in South Oxfordshire, and is completely inappropriate for a rural area. It is exactly the kind of thing the Green Belt was set up to avoid. Have SODC decided to sacrifice this little corner of their patch in order to overcome problems of their own making?

c) Oxford City, which has major pollution problems, seem to think it is ok not to actually reduce pollution (as their laudable idea of a zero emission zone implies) but to move it out of their area and into ours.

d) The proposals seem mostly to serve the needs of the current landowners (including Oxford City, who are in win-win if this goes ahead, whereas we will be in lose-lose) and the short-term financial benefit of SODC. Such a major development with huge implications for generations to come should not be made on these grounds.

e) The plans are remarkable in their lack of forward thinking, environmental awareness, sustainability, imagination, flair or anything that might conceivably justify them being considered. Where are the references to modern design, environmental health, serious and radical approaches to transport and community, future lifestyles for individuals and families, the importance of space, light, exercise, our engagement with the natural world? Non-existent.

Q9. Please upload any supporting documents below:

- File: SCG response.docx - [Download](#)

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?

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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