

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.

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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.

Whilst I appreciate the policy to preserve the AONB with the "highest level of protection", this would appear to be contrary with requirement for Sonning Common to find space for another 108 houses. Concerns also arise as to the true intent of the policy, when previous NDP for the area appears to have been disregarded. Strong concerns of whether the Council would respect these AONB, and indeed a revised NDP (if one is required)

Q10. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q11. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q13. 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		

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.

The proposed housing density figure of 45 homes per hectare (45 dph) for larger villages such as Sonning Common, represents an 80% increase from the current 25 dph under the Core Strategy.

Crucially, this higher figure is a minimum and it is inflexible, without respect for the varying characteristics of individual sites, or existing neighbouring densities to determine whether a high or lower density would be appropriate. Put bluntly, it is a one size fits all.

This is further evidenced by new homes being built under current NDP seem very slow to sell, therefore querying the requirement for further homes beyond the current plan.

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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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.

The plan promotes excessive numbers of new homes beyond what Government formulae require. Furthermore, SODC's overall housing numbers are far above local needs. Using the Government's preferred housing projections suggests a housing need of 15,000 new homes in South Oxfordshire, not the 22,000 as stated in the 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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Q27. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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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.

Our adopted Neighbourhood Plan already allocates 195 new homes plus reserves. Now we are informed by SODC that we need to make room for another 108. How is this justified given that the overall new homes requirement across the district is based on untested assumptions?

Further given the Local Plan appears to disregard existing and already adopted plans, have concerns as to how conclusive and reliable this proposal is. Only 3 years ago, there was a long term NDP plan adopted, now that long term is being revised - why?

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

Yes

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

Yes

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Q34. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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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.

The current initial development on Sonning Common NDP and its increase in population is already noticeable on community facilities and traffic volume in the village. To date, there has been no additional infrastructure or facilities added or proposed as no explicit detail on this provided in the document. If you are able to precisely provide the number of houses required, I would expect to see similar details to amenities etc.

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

Yes

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

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