

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: STRAT 6: 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.

I support altering the Green Belt boundary to accommodate housing at Culham Science Park, Berinsfield, Grenoble Road, Northfield, Bayswater Brook and Wheatley. I believe exceptional circumstances exist to support these developments.

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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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT 8, STRAT9, 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.

The Science Vale is exactly the type of location where development should be concentrated so that homes are built close to current and future employers. I therefore agree with STRAT1 which states that "focusing major new development in Science Vale including Didcot and Culham so that this area can play an enhanced role in providing homes, jobs, services with improved transport connectivity."

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: STRAT 11, STRAT 12, STRAT 13

Q20. 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			

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.

It is critical that new housing development meets Oxford's unmet need for housing. Previous drafts of the Plan missed this point and I am pleased that this version of the Plan has been significantly improved in this regard. Development at Chalgrove, for example, is way too far from Oxford - people need a sustainable, low cost, environmentally friendly way to get to work.

I am pleased that this version of the Plan recognises this and I support the amendment of the Green Belt boundary to achieve this due to exceptional circumstances. The sites at Grenoble Rd, Northfield and Bayswater Brook are sensible and welcome additions to the Plan. They provide accommodation for workers in Oxford particularly the hospitals and the BMW plant with good existing and potential public transport links. Great to see high percentage affordable homes in these sites.

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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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

Q27. 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			

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 does not support a material number of SODCs stated objectives for the Plan. In particular:

- Obj 1.2: this development triples the size of Chalgrove and completely destroy the current rural community. It therefore does not support the objective to "support rural communities and their way of life recognising that this is what attracts people to the district."
- Obj 1.4: this development is quite far from the Science Vale with very poor transportation links. It therefore does not support the objective to "focus growth in the Science Vale". I strongly support this objective but development in Chalgrove does not support it.
- Obj 4.2: Chalgrove will create a new town where transport to employment centres, including Oxford, will be based on cars. This is completely contrary to the stated objective to "make sustainable transport, walking and cycling an attractive and viable choice for people". Chalgrove is just too far away from all major employment sites. I think it's incredibly undesirable to build a housing site where owning a car will be imperative for the vast majority in order to work.
- Obj 5.2: Tripling the size of Chalgrove will fundamentally change the village and will create a new town. This is directly contrary to SODCs 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 communities".
- Obj 6.1: this development completely contradicts the Chalgrove Neighbourhood Plan. Again this is directly contrary to SODCs stated objective to "champion neighbourhood planning, empowering local communities to direct development within their area and provide support to ensure NDPs are deliverable, achievable and sustainable". In addition the site is not supported by the current leaseholder and therefore there must be a high risk it is not deliverable.
- Obj 8.2: this development, by its location, will create significantly more carbon emissions and other pollution due to the necessity to use cars to travel to employment centres. This is directly contrary to the stated objective to "minimise carbon emissions and other pollution such as water, air, noise and light". It is also likely to exacerbate current flooding issues.

In addition, the costs of delivering the site including the major transport requirements are extremely concerning.

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 STRAT 7 from the Plan. This has no further implications to the overall Plan as other developments meet the actual housing need.

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