

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: STRAT7

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.

Chalgrove is a village with a strong community spirit. Villagers have worked together to produce a neighbourhood plan and 320 houses will be built in the near future- in fact one site is already under construction. These extra houses have been accepted with goodwill by residents, but the plan to develop the airfield for large scale housing fills the majority with dismay.

Chalgrove is poorly served by public transport, and access by road is concentrated on the B380. There is no nearby railway. Inadequate infrastructure will not be solved by measures proposed in the plan - STRAT7 ix)b- suggests at least 3 village bypasses on routes approaching Chalgrove, and other hamlets eg Cuxham or Berrick Salome will not cope with the extra flow of cars and lorries.

Page 45 para 4.66 states that the airfield is flat and largely free of constraints. Martin Baker is the long term tenant, sited on airfield. This is a worldwide strategic business, which is important for defence and cannot readily be accommodated anywhere else. Compulsory purchase would be needed to obtain land for housing, which means that the site is not immediately available, or even within five years. This conflicts with statements made at Para 67a and so the plan is not sound.

Flooding: Run off from airfield contributed to the worst flood for many years in 2008, when water ran like a river down the High Street and seven houses were flooded. Building on the airfield will lead to more run off and more possibilities for flooding of the existing village.

Objective 1.2 "Support rural communities and their way of life recognising that this is what attracts people to the district." A new settlement will adversely affect the rural life of villagers both in the building process and when the new town is established, which conflicts with this objective.

STRAT7ix)a "B480 to be realigned through the new town". This will bring traffic and air pollution to the heart of the "local centre". Watlington and Stadhampton both have air pollution problems with today's level of traffic; with more houses and more traffic there is a high risk of air pollution in the way the new settlement is planned.

Chalgrove is sited nearer to M40 than to Oxford. It is highly likely that the new development will become a dormitory town for workers in London and High Wycombe and will not help Oxford with it's housing need. Therefore this site would not does not meet the criterion for a duty to co-operate

Q8. 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 the Chalgrove site from the plan.

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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