

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

## Page 4: Individual contact details

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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## Page 7: Part B - your comments

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:** Page 21 OBJ 1.1. and OBJ 1.2 and others. See below.

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.

Pg. 21. OBJ 1.1. and OBJ 1.2

There is no policy to provide for settlement boundaries. An example would be for larger villages to remain separate from other towns or smaller villages. Larger villages are part of that all important hierarchy so they need protection as separate entities. Gaps between settlements are an important aspect of this separation and should be included in either Strategic Objective 1.1 or 1.2. Sonning Common residents do not want to be joint up to Reading or to other villages.

Page 35 Strat 2 Housing and employment requirements

The plan promotes excessive numbers of new homes beyond what the Government formula requires. Furthermore, SODC's over all 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 22,000 as stated in the plan.

Page 41 Strat 5 Residential densities

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

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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 an untested assumption.

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?

No