

# 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:** Policy STRAT 13: Land North of Bayswater Brook

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.

There has been no information publicly available about LP 2034, the SODC website shows LP2033 which is not compliant with NPPF guidelines. There is no information about types and numbers of dwellings planned for LNBB so as this information is not available the usefulness of the statutory consultation process is reduced.

The Bayswater Farm site has not been through section 18 consultation as it was a late addition to the Local Plan. Our Councillors, Parish Councillors and residents of Sandhills were not consulted before the plan was published which is non-compliant with the SODC's Statement of Community Involvement (June 2017)

This lack of consultation and lack of site-specific assessment means that vital questions which the Parish Councillors and Residents might wish to raise have not been addressed to or considered by the Oxford City Council.

It is not sound because there have been no proper Ecological surveys carried out at Land North of Bayswater Farm. There has been no Flood Risk Assessment carried out at Bayswater Farm. There have been no appropriate assessments regarding Health Impact, Landscape and Visual Impact, Air Quality, Transport, Heritage, Archaeology and no Arboriculture Survey.

It is not compliant because there has been no consideration about the destruction of a site within the Green Belt this area has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is an amenity of great value to residents of Sandhills so is surely protected under planning law because there has been no evidence to prove that building on this land is an "Exceptional" requirement.

The plan is not sound because Building on Land at Bayswater Farm at the bottom of Sandhills is not necessary to meet Oxford City housing need under SHMA calculations. Nor is it justified because it would take away the one remaining open green space that Sandhills currently enjoys which provides huge benefits to health and wellbeing.

This green field at the bottom of Delbush Avenue, Hillview, Burdell and one side of Merewood Avenue provides essential benefits to the health and wellbeing of the people of Sandhills and Barton. It is a place to walk, to enjoy a view; there is an ancient bridle way which passes all along right to Forest Hill and beyond. This piece of peaceful, tranquil track is accessed and enjoyed throughout all four seasons by families, the oldest to the youngest, walkers, dog walkers and people on horseback and should continue to be used in this way.

At a time when people are living longer and are encouraged to exercise more this small field is an incentive to them to do just that. The NHS has realised that the need for taking prescription drugs is lessened when beneficial exercise in a healthy environment is incorporated into lifestyle. Even if a person just walks to either of the turning circles at the bottom of the two avenues they can fill their lungs with fresh air, relax and take a "mindful" moment enjoying this beautiful view over an undulating field. The green fields and the trees oxygenate the air we breathe, they are our "lungs" and at Sandhills our air has been made more polluted by the planning decisions of the past which allowed the stop-start of traffic at the traffic lights on the A40 and allowed the building of a Park and a Ride site with comings and goings of vehicles and the pollution that this brings. This a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year threat to the health of not just the residents but the Primary school children at Sandhills School. So allow the field to remain – do not build on it! This field and its brook, trees and old hedgerows marks the Green Belt of Oxford and is a parcel of land that has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Why then allow it to be lost forever when there are so many other options which could meet the planning and housing needs of Oxford in a more sound way?

The avenues and roads on Sandhills are narrow, currently just about fit for purpose on a good day but I have personally witnessed vehicles having issues passing if other vehicles are parked particularly at busy times and during school drop off and collection times. All traffic such as residents' vehicles, post office, general delivery vans, grocery home delivery, and emergency vehicles will come and go. Delbush and Burdell Avenues currently lead nowhere beyond Sandhills so cannot be used as a "rat run" to access other places. The horror of having contractors' huge, potentially dangerous and often muddy vehicles during any building phase would be bad enough! Then forever after the opening up of our avenues would cause massive problems in vehicles queuing up all along our streets next to a children's primary school making it dangerous to health from the pollution and accident risk and ruining our air quality and our wellbeing. We live in a time where more and more deliveries to homes are made as people shop on the net and these deliveries are often 7 days a week and almost 24 hours a day. We live in a time where the Sat Nav maps everyone's journey, from the juggernauts to the

smallest of cars meaning they would ALL be directed into our residential streets whenever the Green Road Roundabout (already a sticking point for traffic) or the A40/M40 has any issues. You cannot open up our residential streets to this chaos! This is not something that any responsible planner could allow to happen.

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