

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

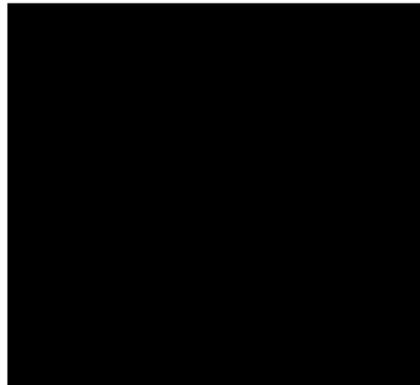
Q1. Are you responding as an:

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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## 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:** South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 - STRAT5 -TH1 - H3 p.41

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.

The planned major increase in residential density for Thame to 50, far exceeds earlier requirements in this regard and has not, nor can it be justified as an overall figure for the town. There is no soundness nor justification for this proposal, which would profoundly impact on and modify the nature of this long established market town. A few flats have been constructed on the outskirts of the town, but such dense living is clearly quite unacceptable for most of Thame town.

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.

Reduce the residential density for Thame to 25, a figure used in earlier planning.

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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Q12. 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:** SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE Local Plan 2034: Policy TH1 - Strategy for Thame; cf. p79, 80-90.

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.

I am concerned about the soundness of the planning since there is no mention of the fact that Thame lies on the boundary of Oxfordshire close to Buckinghamshire. This fact should be taken into account in this Local Plan 2034. For example, the very extensive housing being built and completed in and around Haddenham, where those in Thame share the Parkway Mainline Station, is having and will continue to have a major impact on Thame specifically in relation to use of our retail and medical facilities and schooling, as well as use of our roads and parking facilities. Inspire of this, which is not even referred to in the Plan it seems, Thame is consistently allocated the largest number of new housing required i.e. 775 in this latest plan (cf. Table 5b p.85). In view of all these surrounding new houses in Bucks the figure of 775 for Thame should be revised downwards.

Q15. 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.

In view of all these surrounding new houses in Buckinghamshire this figure of 775 house now allocated for Thame should be revised downwards significantly.

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:** South Oxfordshire PLAN 2034: Polcy TH1/CF2 cf. pp. 149 & 222-223 - Infrastructure Provision

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.

All too frequently infrastructure Provision is highlighted in Planning Documents, but remains just theoretical and when the builders leave their developments the promised infrastructure provision is found to be zero.

In this PLAN 2034 NO MENTION at all is made of the very definite need and requirement for an increased medical practice/ centre in Thame. This is a serious omission and the clear need for such an enlarged and hence new facility to cater for the large increase in population resulting from the large number of new homes built since the current medical centre was constructed, should in my opinion be specifically detailed and included within the Infrastructure provision of this new Local Plan.

Q22. 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.

Land needs to be set aside for a new medical Hub to be constructed within Thame to enable adequate medical facilities to be provided for the residents of the town and its surroundings - infrastructure provision needs to be available and fully funded to support this venture.

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?

No

## Page 106: Future contact preferences

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