

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

Publication Version Representation Form

Please return by 5pm on Monday 18 February 2019 to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email it to planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – contact details

Part B – your comments / participation at oral examination

Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Agent

 Business or organisation

 Individual

Due to the plan-making process including an independent examination, a name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered. If you are acting on behalf of another organisation, please provide their details in column one and your company name and contact details in column two.

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent Details (if applicable)
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For information on **sharing your details**: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

For comments on the Local Plan, please provide the paragraph or policy to which your comments relates.

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:

Local Plan 2034 Publication Version. Strat7 Paras 4.61to 4.688

Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

(1) are legally compliant

Yes

No

Don't know

(2) are sound

Yes

No

Don't know

(3) comply with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

No

Don't know

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.

My comments are mainly confined to the proposed development of Chalgrove airfield.

Strat 7 is contrary to SODC Objective 1.2, supporting rural communities. It will give little benefit to the existing Chalgrove community, giving years of disruption due to construction traffic and resulting in a community split between the old village and the new town areas. The present needs of Chalgrove are substantially covered in the provisions of the Neighbourhood plan which considers that the proposed development of the Chalgrove Airfield would have an adverse impact on the setting and character of the existing village.

The statements in paragraph 4.63 are questionable bearing in mind the continuous use of the airfield by the RAF for helicopter operations. Would a shorter, realigned runway meet the UK military strategic requirements for this airfield. Has the SODC written statements from RAF/ MOD that they do not have such requirements

Who would want to live in a house adjacent to an operational runway? Has the horrendous cost of removing the present runway and building a new one to the required standard (together with its infrastructure) been taken into account in estimating the cost of this overall development?

Do the present users of the airfield agree with these statements?

Strat 7 is contrary to SODC objective 4.2 to make sustainable transport, walking and cycling viable choice for people. The plans identified are insufficient as the road system is neither safe nor conducive to cycling except within the confines of the development. Distances to employment centres in the SODC area are prohibitive to anything except motor car commuting and inadequate proposals are in place to improve the road systems sufficiently. There are a number of suggestions that have been made but how definite are these, who will be responsible to provide them, will they be in place in time to alleviate the inevitable congestions during the construction period? Have the likely costs of these proposals been adequately calculated and taken into consideration for proposing this site for development?

The plan lists many of the roads around Chalgrove but does not comment adequately on their

standard. Many of the small country roads that would be used as 'rat runs' to work are of very poor standard and cannot take the weight of the large lorries that are now using them. A number of bottlenecks, such as that at the South end of the main street in Watlington, have not been addressed

Some suggestions for public transport facilities have been made but experience in this area is not encouraging. For example, the existing bus service takes about an hour to get from Chalgrove to the centre of Oxford – not good for commuters. A vast improvement to this would be required if a population on Chalgrove Airfield needed non-car facilities for transport to work either in Oxford or the new technology development areas. No adequate proposals have been made in this respect.

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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.

To make this local plan sound, the development at Chalgrove Airfield should be deleted from this plan. It cannot be strategic, it cannot be justified in terms of meeting any requirements that can be better met by other or existing facilities

In respect of all developments, financial data should be made available and the costs of each of the major proposed developments taken into account in order to establish viability and priorities for funding.

Such financial data costs should include:

- Cost to the developer (reflected in the house prices)
- Costs to the local authorities (reflected in the SODC's budgets)
- Cost to the utilities providers (including communications and high speed internet connections) (reflected in the long term cost of such utilities to all users)
- Costs to the local communities in the form of rental and rates increases

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Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process? *

Yes

No

* **Please note:** the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the public hearing.

Signature:

Date:

16/02/2019

(this can be electronic)

Sharing your personal details

All comments will be submitted in full to the Secretary of State alongside a submission version of the Local Plan. The Secretary of State will appoint an independent planning inspector, who will carry out an examination of the plan.

Your name, contact details and comments will also be shared with the planning inspector and a programme officer, who will act as a point of contact between the council, inspector and respondents. This means that you will be contacted by the programme officer (and where necessary the council) with updates on the Local Plan. This is required by Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the planning inspector and programme officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The inspector and programme officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted. South Oxfordshire District Council will hold the data for six years after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website alongside their name only. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published on our website including contact details. If you would like to know more about how we use and store your data, please visit www.southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection

Future contact preferences

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):

- I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire
- I would also like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

*The question on legal compliance could only be answered properly by someone with sound legal qualifications and a deep understanding of the implications of the vast amount of information contained in the many documents associated with this plan. The employment of such individuals will have inevitably resulted in unjustified costs to those who want to participate properly in this part of the plan development.
The majority of ordinary people have probably not been able to respond to this question properly*

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