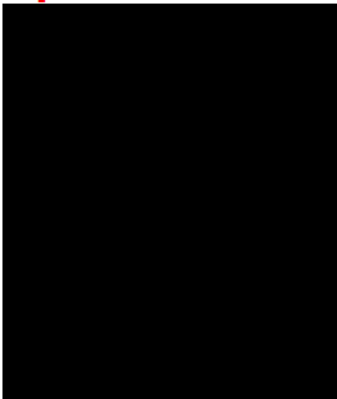


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Q1. Are you responding as an:
Individual

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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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Email address	

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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: STRAT 1: Overall Strategy

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.

I do not see the requirement for the number of houses allocated in the plan. This would be a very large increase in housing in a largely rural district, where with a few exceptions there are not major employment sites. Should all the houses be developed then this would be an excessive expansion in housing for the district that is not justified, which could be further compounded by development around the Oxford Cambridge Growth Corridor (see comment on Trans 1). The numbers seem to be driven by a desire to achieve the funding that comes with the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, rather than an identified need for housing.

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.

The housing needs should be met by the existing 2026 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?

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph:

STRAT 2: NEED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT (includes Oxford's 'unmet' need)

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.

Until Oxford City council have completed their own local plan and this is approved it will not be clear what the "unmet" need will be.
Oxford City should accommodate as much of their own need as possible to provide a more sustainable plan by adding housing nearest to the employment and identified housing requirement.

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.

The allocation for Oxford's 'unmet need' should be removed from the SODC plan. This can be reassessed when Oxford City has developed and agreed its own plan.

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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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Trans 1: OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

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.

Within the next two years the decision is likely to be made on the new Oxford Cambridge Growth Corridor and well within the time scale of this plan work may have begun. This will likely go through a large, as yet undefined, area of South Oxfordshire, potentially through proposed sites and it will lead to an additional requirement for housing. It could devastate large areas of South Oxfordshire. Yet there is not much consideration of this in the draft plan, when it is likely to have major effects on the region and housing locations.

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To be sound, the Plan needs to reveal as much as is known about the magnitude and routing of this new unvoted for growth plan, its potential impact on the area and the Plan itself, and the SODC's intended approach.

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No

Q25. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q26. 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: H4 & table 5f: HOUSING IN THE LARGER VILLAGES

Q27. 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	

Q28. 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.

Para 5.25 states: 'The Local Plan's proposed strategy for housing distribution in the larger villages is for each settlement to grow proportionally by around 15% from the 2011 base date, plus any housing allocated to that village through the Core Strategy.'

This includes Nettlebed and Woodcote, located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

However, as established at the recent West Oxfordshire Local Plan examination, housing numbers within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty must be based on specific identification of local needs, not an arbitrary division of District wide needs.

Unless the housing need can not be found elsewhere in the district, which it clearly can, then an allocation should not be made for villages in the AONB, without an identified local need.

3.7 states "The North Wessex Downs and Chilterns Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be protected and enhanced"

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This section should be re-written to acknowledge the specific constraints of development within Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Any scheme should convincingly demonstrate that it would give rise to benefits to the specific settlement and would clearly outweigh any likely harms.

Q31. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q32. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q33. 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: H16: INFILL

Q34. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?			X	

Q35. 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.

This policy should be capped per village as otherwise villages could increase dramatically in size, in a relatively uncontrolled way.

Q36. 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.

Infill in any one village should be capped at 5% of 2011 housing stock during the Plan period.

Q38. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q39. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

No

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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