

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

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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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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: OBJ 1.4

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.

OBJ1.4 - Focus growth in Science Vale..
It is not clear what this means, particularly as only two of the strategic sites (Culham and Berinsfield) are actually in the proximity of the Science Vale.

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Adjust the wording to "Support growth in Science Vale...." or similar . Or better still find more sites that have a proximity to the Science Vale and reduce the need for large strategic sites such as Chalgrove that have no relationship with the Science Vale.

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: OBJ7.1

Q13. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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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.

OBJ 7.1 Protect and enhance the built environment ...placing particular importance on the Oxford Green Belt...

This version of the Local Plan contains three additional strategic allocations insetting the Green Belt which were not present in the Second Preferred Options 2017 which was previously fully consulted on and which had only three strategic allocations insetting the Green Belt. In the present document there are 7 strategic allocations all but one of which is insetting the Green Belt. Therefore I do not think that this local plan is protecting the Green Belt and it follows that this objective is not being addressed. I also think that this major change in approach requires a full public consultation prior to approval by the SODC Full committee.

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Re-assess the three additional strategic sites affecting the Green Belt, and/ or provide a full public consultation prior to their adoption.

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: 4.8

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The overall thrust of the strategy represented by this paragraph is forcing an imbalance in the growth of South Oxfordshire which will lead to an adverse effect on the rural nature of the area. Smaller villages are being required to grow by 15% whereas smaller settlements (as defined by the SODC settlement hierarchy) are not only not required to contribute to the growth of South Oxfordshire but the Local Plan seems to actively oppose developments in these settlements contrary to the spirit of the NPPF. Such an approach seems to ignore the fact that broadband provision and the internet mean that small settlements are not as 'unsustainable' as the Local Plan implies.

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Modify the growth targets of smaller villages and other settlements to reduce the disparity between them and remove the presumption against any development in 'other settlements' as defined by the settlement hierarchy. Growth needs to be as organic as possible in order to avoid adverse effects on the rural character of South Oxfordshire.

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT1/STRAT2/STRAT7

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These strategies are based on out of date data (as the Local plan itself accepts) such as the 2014 SHMA whose standard method is now deprecated (paras 4.19, 4.20) and the unmet need from Oxford City which is at best 'uncertain' (para 4.31). The housing numbers underpinning these strategies now represent more than double the Government forecasts for the increase in the number of households in the area over the plan period (to 2034). The increase in the number of households (15,500) is well in excess of the jobs increase forecast (about 11,000).

The housing targets are described as 'aspirational' by the Local Plan (para 4.20) rather than representing actual future need.

Given that the implementation of the strategies are extremely harmful to the rural nature of South Oxfordshire - loss of green belt , very adverse affect on Chalgrove and surrounding settlements from STRAT7 - the need assessment must be as reliable as possible.

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Update the housing need using the latest standard methods for both South Oxfordshire and Oxford City.

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT4

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STRAT 4 seems to lack a reference to a HRA. Although the whole plan area is the subject of a HRA the relationship of each strategic site to the various EU SRA ought to be assessed as specific development plans for each strategic site come forward.

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: OBJ8/ DES10

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I accept that the NPPF could be stronger and more prescriptive in this area. However this Local Plan could and should strengthen DES10 so as to increase the likelihood of achieving the aspiration of OBJ8 towards climate change and increasing the uptake of renewable energy.

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Modify DES10/add a separate policy/or add policies to each of the strategic sites strategies to require developers for these large sites to demonstrate how they will incorporate renewable energy schemes into their proposals.

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No

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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