

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: 3.7

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.

Under clause 3.7 and 3.8 page 20. How and why have SODC had to include provision for unmet housing demand for City of Oxford. There is a question as to whether the areas currently within SODC areas transfer to become part of City of Oxford or remain in SODC. This needs to be clarified

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: OBJ 1.1 and 1.2

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

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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.

As currently worded OBJ 1.1 and 1.2 are too general and lack the specific objective to expand existing villages within closely defined boundaries ensuring that their character remains untouched. In particular there should be no further blurring of boundaries between communities (eg such that Sonning Common, Kidmore End, Peppard, Gallowstree Common and even Reading to not merge into one.

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: OBJ 6.1

Q20. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?	X			
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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.

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In OBJ 6.1 can see no description as to how the SODC will support Local Neighbourhood Plans as volunteer participants strive to meet the apparently continually increasing numbers of properties "required".

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No

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

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: 4.24

Q27. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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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.

Clause 4.24 and previous clauses related to the adoption of enhanced figures in accordance with the "growth deal" which sees the figures rising from 556 to between 725 and 825 per year. There is simply no justification mentioned other than that what is in the plan! When figures for dwellings have to exceed those necessary to meet existing local demand there must be much greater transparency of the process of arriving at the said figures

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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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT 2

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

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are legally compliant?			X	
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.

STRAT 2 as previously mentioned the figures stated are not in any way justified particularly as in order to promote the level of increase there must be some clear idea as to how the number of jobs or employment opportunities will be promoted across South Oxfordshire not just in the "Science Vale" as otherwise the objectives to reduce commuting distances etc will not be met

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?

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: STRAT 5

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

Q42. 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 numbers tabulated with 70 d/ha in towns etc are a quantum leap from those based previously on 25 d/ha. The latter may well have appeared low but the new figures particularly in larger villages are very proscriptive. Why is it not done as say a range of 30 to 45 rather than a minimum of 45. If these figures were to be specifically for the built areas rather than the whole development including open spaces for recreation or sport that might be more acceptable but the wording is in my view ambiguous hence the concern about a near doubling of densities specified

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No

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: 4.56

Q48. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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Q49. 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.

Under clause 4.56 it is sated that the revised densities of housing have been met or exceeded relevant to the category of location. No examples or justification is given just the bland statement. One can see many current developments across the district which feel most oppressive and just how small are gardens and surroundings to be to maintain the character of say village life.

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No

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Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: H4

Q55. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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

Q56. 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.

H4 under item 1 makes the case that an additional 108 dwellings are required in Sonning Common but again the justification or more particularly the way this could be achieved without changing the character of the village is not stated. In the developments to date no additional infrastructure (eg Health , Retail, etc) has been provided hence further pressuring the already overstretched car parking facilities nor is there any suggestion that this would be required.

Under Item 2 it is implicit that the existing Neighbourhood plan should be updated to include the said addition 108 dwellings or more but there is an unfortunate implied threat that should this not be done or even perhaps as and when applications which would go towards the higher number are submitted they will be supported by SODC planning even if the Neighbourhood Plan dose not include them. This is an unwelcome, heavy handed approach

Q59. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q60. 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