

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

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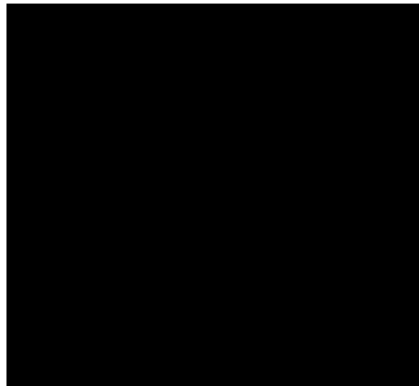
Q1. Are you responding as an:

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: Strat 13

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.

Based on my understanding of 'legal compliance', building on the Green Belt (as referred to in the government's National Planning Policy Framework) can only be undertaken in 'exceptional circumstances'. What determines the definition of exceptional circumstances? The ongoing need for more housing seems predictable rather than exceptional.

If all stakeholders are to be fully consulted '(duty to co-operate)', why were residents potentially affected by the inclusion of the Bayswater Brook area (a major change in SODC's housing policy) not asked for their views before January 7th 2019 and only given 6 weeks to respond? I would also like to say that, despite my best efforts to read and understand all elements of the Local Plan, it is an incredibly long and complex document and therefore hard to comment on from a resident's perspective. Surely more time should be given for people to discuss and understand fully the level of detail contained in order for any responses we might make to be sufficiently well-informed and meaningful?

On the question of 'soundness', the Strat 13 plan does not seem consistent with the national policy on delivering sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, i.e. only using Green Belt in exceptional circumstances). It is also hard to see how such large scale development on Green Belt land can be justified, especially given the inevitable impact on SSSIs such as Sydlings Copse and College Pond, not to mention the impact on other Green Belt land which local residents know to be rich in flora and fauna. Given the news this week (see press reports: February 10th, 2019) regarding insect populations being in dramatic decline and the catastrophic ecological and environmental impact that this will have in the medium to long term, it is impossible to understand how further encroachment into natural habitats can be justified.

Q10. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q11. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Document / Policy / Paragraph: Strat 13, 2 vi c

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.

On the issue of the construction of another road linking the proposed site with the A40 across existing Green Belt land, I would cite the same grounds as expressed in the previous section of this response.

Q17. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q18. 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

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