

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: Local Plan 2034/STRAT 13/Allocation plan, p, 70

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 have expertise in this area and assume due process have been followed and all preparatory work carried out preparing Local Plan 2034 has been audited.

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 field adjoining Sandhills Estate is south of Bayswater Brook; all references in STRAT 13 in Local Plan 2034 refer to the proposed development as 'Land North of the Bayswater Brook'. You have to look hard for this anomaly to find it. The allocation plan on p. 70 shows clearly that this proposed smaller development is dissociated from the larger development and sits in isolation.

Access to this smaller development would be through opening the existing Sandhills' roads of Delbush and Burdell avenues. The impact on this safe, child-friendly estate would be catastrophic through increased road traffic, higher pollution, increased flood risk, threat to wildlife and biodiversity and increased danger for our children walking to Sandhills Community Primary School. The junction onto the main road as well as the turn into Terrett Avenue would be gridlocked. The proposed relief road will do little to alleviate these pinchpoints. Sandhills simply does not have the capacity to manage increased traffic.

Residents of the new small development and current Sandhill's residents would suffer from this poorly thought-out part of the wider development. The Local Plan 2034 is a vital document and expansion of housing in Oxford and the surrounding area is crucial. The main development is planned for the open fields around the crematorium and towards the B4027; surely it makes sense to place the additional housing units proposed in the Sandhills development in this space. In the current plan, the negative impact of opening Delbush and Burdell avenues on the Sandhill's Estate would be huge.

This part of STRAT 13 has the look of a convenient rider on a legitimate wider development. The cynic in me might put this down to inflated land values for private owner(s).

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?

No