

# South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

## Page 3: Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Individual

## Page 4: Individual contact details

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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## Page 7: Part B - your comments

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 8 & 9

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.

It involves the development on Green Belt Land, which is currently illegal, except in exceptional circumstances and we don't believe SODC has come up with sufficient grounds for the taking of Green Belt for development. It does not comply with National Policy. Government's strong protection of Green Belt was strengthened in July 2018. There are no exceptional circumstances to warrant this taking of Green Belt Land.

1- the Plan is not based on robust or credible evidence regarding the number of houses that can be built to allow for the planned infrastructure improvements.

2- the claim that it is adjacent to a high employment area is not factual. Job creation at Culham Science Centre is likely to be in the region of 600 over time. This cannot warrant creating a new town for 8000 people.

3- the infrastructure projects which are mentioned will do nothing to improve what is already an ever worsening traffic problem on the A415 between Abingdon and the A4074.

Regarding the Green Belt, in December 2018, the appraisal of the Green Belt between Abingdon and the Culham Science Centre plays a "significant role safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. The development also threatens the rural area and the 2 historic villages of Culham and Cillfton Hampden. This is what is known as ribbon development, which is the main reason for the creation of the Green Belt in 1955. Prime agricultural land will be lost forever, which does not comply with Government Policy.

There are major contradictions in the plan removing Green Belt as Strategy 9 conflicts to Strategy 1, the latter includes for the protecting and enhancing of the countryside and particularly those areas within the two AONB and Oxford Green Belt.

The Plan does not follow the Government's standard method of 2016 for calculating housing need. The Plan uses out of date exaggerated figures from 2014 and then is inflated by a further surplus of a minimum number of houses overall. The figures used in the Plan conflict with Oxford City own drafted local plan.

Ignoring the proximity of Abingdon because it is located in the Vale of White Horse fails to "Duty to Co-operate" and delivery of the plan will adversely affect Abingdon with a massive increase of traffic creating major air quality problems. The Duty to Co-operate does not override the need to protect Green Belt. The need for affordable housing in the Oxford area is acute but needs to be nearer the hospitals and other major employers, not 8 miles away, creating more problems with transport and road congestion in the Oxford area.

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?

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