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Planning Policy,  
South Oxfordshire District Council,  
135 Eastern Avenue,  
Milton Park,  
Milton,  
ABINGDON,  
OX14 4SB

Dear Sir or Madam,

**INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE TO SODC PLANNING ABOUT THE LOCAL PLAN 2034**

With reference to **STRAT 12 Northfield**, I object to the inclusion of the Northfield housing site in the Local Plan 2034 for the following reasons:-

1. I do not believe the Local Plan 2034 is legally compliant or sound.
2. I have never been consulted about this at any earlier stage in the development of this Local Plan.
3. I object to the use of this site as I think it is very important to keep the Green Belt near Horspath because it separates the village of Horspath from the industrial district of Cowley. I chose to live in Horspath because it is a village, so I do not want Horspath to become a suburb of Cowley or Oxford.
4. I object to the development of the Northfield housing estate on this part of the Green Belt near Horspath because the views of the rural landscape are beautiful. There is direct access to it on foot from the village. I do not want the Northfield housing estate because it would harm the rural landscape and my enjoyment of it.
5. Large areas of the Northfield site are flooded with surface water too often to be used for housing.
6. There are no exceptional circumstances for removing the Northfield site from the Green Belt.
7. I believe that the harm caused by this planned development on the Northfield site is greater than any benefits that may be obtained.
8. I think the Northfield estate of 1,800 homes would increase noise, air pollution and light pollution at night.
9. I believe that the building of the Northfield estate would result in greater congestion on local roads and would also create even more potholes for the Council to repair.

- 10.** The extent of Oxford City's unmet housing need will not be confirmed until the new Oxford City Local Plan 2036 has been examined and the need confirmed. Why can't the City's housing need be met within the city by building at higher densities and using more employment land for housing?
- 11.** I believe SODC is putting the City's needs above those living in Horspath and surrounding area.
- 12.** I am not aware of any meaningful or adequate public consultation by SODC to examine the acceptability of its' major change in strategy to promote six strategic housing sites in the Green Belt.
- 13.** I ask that Northfield is taken out of this Local Plan 2034 completely.

I believe there will be oral hearings as part of the legal Examination in Public in the summer, but I will not be able to attend.

I should be grateful if you would add me to the database for receiving further information about the Local Plan 2034.

Please would you acknowledge my response.

Yours faithfully,

Judith L. Kent (Mrs)