

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: Leisure strategy parts 1-5

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.

The leisure strategy is not sound as it only considers supply and demand from the strategic sites in the local plan. In doing so it ignores an anticipated population growth of 59% in Wallingford, Crowmarsh and Chelsey, taking it to 20,000 by 2032. Wallingford needs its own pay and play community sports centre and indoor pool to ensure the health of all its residents, including this without a car. Also at present there are no pool facilities for disabled people to use in Wallingford. Swimming is a major sport that mobility impaired people use to keep fit. If we don't drive we are stuck without any access to a pool.

Failure to include swimming and sports hall provision in walking goes against TC2 10.9 in which says "Thame and Wallingford will be the focus of more localised main town centre retail, commercial and community facilities, leisure and services that reduce the need to travel.

It appears that Wallingford has been overlooked by soda in favour of berinsfield as the preferred site for a new leisure centre and indoor pool, despite berinsfield having just 1/3 of Wallingford's population. This is negligence.

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 whole leisure strategy should be reworked to include non-strategic housing growth. Projected population density based on ALL planned housing would be more accurate. The location of a new sports facilities and swimming pool should only then be decided. Wallingford should be a priority for a new pay and play sports centre and indoor pool. Wallingford must be included in any FPM scenario modelling that determines where facilities should be located.

Revert back to the 2016 leisure strategy sub areas of "hubs" which more accurately reflects residents' behaviour. Wallingford is a hub town and the local plan identifies it as such as power TC2 10.9 ii. A hub town needs its own sports and leisure facilities and cannot be expected to travel to didcot or berinsfield for swimming.

The previous hub strategy treated didcot as a separate entity, with didcot leisure sub area which included vale of the white horse. It's also vital to treat didcot as a whole, and not just look at the soda side of the town, as facilities for didcot must be joint funded by the 2 councils regardless of which side of town they are in.

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

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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:

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