

# 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:** Policy Start 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.

There has not been enough time for proper public consultation on this very new expansion of housing in the green belt around where we live, the area up from Barton between Bayswater road and Elsfeld village. The revised local plan violates: (i) the mandate to protect rare biodiversity habitats; (ii) the need for recreational areas around densely populated urban development; while (iii) ignoring the considerable traffic congestion the development will inevitably cause. I have lived on the Bayswater road for ten years, and have seen the increase in traffic and the real problems of access that are getting worse every year.

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.

Modification will need to start with a renewed understanding of 'the duty to cooperate.' Oxford city has enough land to develop the social housing and other housing it needs. The problem is that at the moment it gives priority to office space, and has an antiquated view of what housing the population of Oxford needs. Flats for young professionals and key workers can be built in the Botley area, and in many places in the city where there is place to build for social housing/ key workers. Modification then requires taking seriously the transport problems linked with expansion. The sustainability appraisal is not adequate and needs further work. Especially around the Bayswater road, there is no place to create a new road. The big round about at the top of Bayswater road is terribly congested as it is, and creating a road along the brook is not the solution. Modification then requires taking green infrastructure, recreation and parks and access to green spaces seriously. This demands protecting the areas of high biodiversity such as Sydlings Copse and College Pond. Farmers in the area have restricted walking access in the last few years, and volunteers are actively restoring crucial habitats in the SSSIs managed by BBOWT. Any plan to increase the housing park where there are fields that does not provide large areas for dog walkers and parks for children is failing on the sustainability appraisal. The crematorium and its need is not taken into consideration either. It is treated as mere land around which urban density can build up. Oxfordshire has a duty to take climate change emergency seriously. This must start with putting in place the right transport infrastructure in place, and not expanding the city into the green belt. In this as well the new proposal fails both regional and national mandate.

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