

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: SRAT1 SRAT6 p43 SRAT 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.

I contend that STRAT13 is not legally compliant, regarding the redrawing of the green belt
This proposal is not consistent with STRAT 1 and STRAT6 regarding the Green Belt . In particular, it encourages rather than discourages the unrestricted sprawl of built up areas. The area north of Bayswater Brook STRAT 13 will do exactly the opposite of this policy - spreading Oxford City into a the greenbelt. Moreover it will destroy the countryside around Oxford. SRAT 6 says that there should be very special circumstances why the boundaries of the greenbelt should be redrawn but none are specifically cited for this area apart from the proximity to the City. This is exactly what the policy was designed to prevent - the spreading of the City into its immediate environs. This particular site is highly visible from Oxford City on rising land in the hills surrounding the City. All other sites should be considered before any encroachment in made on this highly sensitive area of greenbelt that includes heritage assets and is next to a SSSI at Sydlings Copse

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?

Yes

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Q12. 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: SRAT 1 p33 4.28 SRAT 13

Q13. 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	

Q14. 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 have reasons to believe that SRAT13 is not legally compliant. There has not been adequate consultation of on the North of Bayswater Brook area. This is a new plan, not a modification of a previous one, involving swaths of land not previously included. It has been added late and without consulting local people fully. The housing requirement numbers have substantially increased including Oxford's unmet housing need. I understand that this has not used the most recent method for calculating the unmet housing needs, with the likelihood that it has been overestimated and there is no justification for building on this greenbelt land.

Q17. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q18. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q19. 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: SRAT13

Q20. 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	

Q21. 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 consider SRAT 13 as a sound plan for several reasons. It is a highly visible and sensitive area of greenbelt land as previously stated. It can be seen from Barton as well as from buildings within the City and Headington as well as from the ringroad. Moreover, there is inadequate road provision to access this site. If the Bayswater Road were to be the the main access point, it will add considerably to the congestion at peak times of the day. The queue to join Headington roundabout already backs up to nearly a mile every morning without the additional housing. Much of the area is liable to flooding with the Bayswater road already flooding after heavy rainfalls, even without the additional runoff from the proposed developed land. If a new road is built to give access to a residential area but also bypasses the Headington roundabout, there needs to be consideration how to stop this becoming a cut through for non-local traffic. It would also pass by the Crematorium bringing noise and pollution to an area of rest. Sydlings Copse is a delicate area which is likely to be threatened if it is next to a housing development with easy access to Oxford City.

Q24. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

No

Q25. 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:

I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire