

Attn:

Planning Policy
135 Eastern Avenue
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Milton
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Re: Comments and objections to **STRAT 7**, the proposed development of Chalgrove airfield as set out in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034.

To whoever it may concern,

We have lived in Chalgrove for nearly 14 years now and moved from busy London to this lovely quiet rural village, to bring up our family. We are strongly opposed to the plans for the proposed development of the airfield and we are not alone in that as the SODC feels that there are far more suitable sites available to develop than Chalgrove airfield.

We feel that the development would create huge traffic problems – Watlington, and Stadhampton already have major traffic issues at peak times of the day and this would just create yet another bottleneck and make these already congested areas worse.

Other villages like Little Milton and Great Haseley would become extremely busy with cars and lorries and would turn into commuter runs for cars trying to access the M40 at junction 6.

The B480 bypass by Chalgrove would be lost and our quiet village would become congested and polluted with all the extra traffic and it really would destroy the rural heart of this village, exactly the reason we came to live here in the first place.

The airfield is leased by Martin-Baker and its lease is not due to expire for another forty years. The company apparently has plans to expand and more importantly is completely against the plan. It would be ridiculous to relocate the company and build a new runway next to a town – this has been estimated at around 12 million pounds! It doesn't sound a very sensible option.

Building development in vast scales is eating into our Oxfordshire green fields, and in Chalgrove particularly, these fields soak up the flood waters. If Green Belt has to be developed, there are several other sites proposed where it would have less impact on the countryside than on the village of Chalgrove.

Chalgrove is a historic village not a new town. We have a very close community and this would be completely lost if this huge development were to go ahead. WE have already agreed to expand our little village by an extra 12% (building currently in progress). But a development this size would have a HUGE impact and would fundamentally change the look and feel of Chalgrove. The ancient village with all its precious historic heritage and its Medieval church would be destroyed. There are definitely better alternative sites to build on, that have no cultural value.

We really feel very strongly that Chalgrove should be removed from the plan.

Yours sincerely

Clair and Ian Lansley

