

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: STRAT7 Land at Chalgrove Airfield

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 inclusion of STRAT7 in the Local Plan is not sound. The reason for the previous version of the Local Plan being reviewed was because of the uncertainty surrounding the deliverability of Chalgrove Airfield. That has not changed, but the Airfield remains in the plan.

The Airfield is an unsuitable site for development for several reasons:

1) There is a company of National and International importance that leases the land. That company has advised that any development on the land will compromise their business, and risk the loss of employment and potentially the closure of the company that is the sole supplier of ejector seats to the RAF, and hundreds of other airforces around the world. They have a lease until 2063, and have indicated in the strongest possible terms that they will fight any attempt to forfeit any part of their lease. Regardless of the legal definition of deliverability, this must surely indicate that the site will not be available for development in the plan period.

2) Safety - In Plan states that SODC wants housing to be built adjacent to an active runway and an explosives testing site. Air pollution from jet exhausts, Noise pollution from aircraft and explosions. Run-off areas in case one of their aircraft gets into trouble. The dangers to residents of building here are huge, and are not addressed anywhere.

3) Sustainability - I have read the supporting documents, and the sustainability elements are wishful thinking at best. This is currently, and will be in the future, a car-based settlement - it is isolated, rural and will remain that way. None of the provisions mooted in any of the documents address anything other than bus services towards Oxford, and possibly Didcot and Abingdon, with no provision for those who commute to all of the other employment centres, including the three market towns. None of this is sustainable. On top of that, this site will be served by a single B road, down which every single bus, truck, van and car will have to travel. You will create an air quality issue for residents, and if there is ever any interruption to the traffic flow, it will be gridlocked. There are no alternative routes; all other roads are C roads or unclassified roads.

4) Cost - the cost of the Airfield site, because it is so rural and isolated, is the highest of all the sites. Value for money should be a concern for the Council; spend it wisely.

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.

Remove STRAT7, Land at Chalgrove Airfield, from the Local Plan

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