

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: Local Plan and Supporting Documents

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 Local Plan 2034 does not take sufficient regard of the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan, despite there being clear statements in the Local Plan to the significance and importance of NDP's drawn up by Local People with local knowledge and expertise. Therefore the Local Plan cannot be regarded as sound and [REDACTED] Local Councillors are not accurately reflecting local views and cannot be seen to be complying with the Duty to Co-operate. Local Councillors should not put party politics above the clear views of their constituents!

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?

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: Page 21 OBJ 1.1 and OBJ 1.2

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.

There is no policy to provide for settlement boundaries. Sonning Common should remain separate from other towns (Reading) and smaller villages. Sonning Common is part of the settlement hierarchy and so needs protection as a separate entity. Gaps between settlements are an important aspect of this separation and should be included in either Strategic Objective 1.1 or 1.2. Sonning Common residents have clearly indicated through NDP surveys that they do not wish to be joined up to Reading or other villages and this wish should be enshrined in policy.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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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.

The Local Plan promotes excessive numbers of new homes far beyond what the Government formulae require. Furthermore, SODC's overall housing numbers are far above local needs. Using the Government's preferred housing projections suggests a housing need of 15000 new homes in South Oxfordshire, not the 22000 stated in the plan.

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

Yes

Q25. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q27. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?		X		
are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?		X		

Q28. 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 'one size fits all' approach to housing density is completely inappropriate. The proposed housing density figure of 45 homes per hectare (45dph) for Sonning Common represents an 80% increase from the current 25dph under the Core Strategy. Crucially, this higher figure is a minimum and it is inflexible without respect for the varying characteristics of individual sites or existing neighbouring densities. The Sonning Common working party for █████ NDP did much work in this area to ensure that local residents felt consulted and were happy with the allocations of housing in the NDP. The 45dph density figure has the potential for the Government and Oxfordshire Council to ride roughshod over local views and █████ expressed views through our NDP.

Q31. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q32. Would you like to comment on another policy or paragraph?

Yes

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Q33. 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.

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Q34. Do you consider the Local Plan and supporting documents:

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are legally compliant?		X		
are sound?		X		
comply with the Duty to Co-operate?		X		

Q35. 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.

How can SODC justify a further 108 homes for Sonning Common, when [REDACTED] adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan already allocates 195 new homes plus reserves. It would appear that the overall new homes requirement across the district is based on untested assumptions. This is a poor approach to policy making!

Q38. Would you like to participate at the oral part of the examination, which takes place as part of the examination process?

Yes

Q39. 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