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Sent: 08 February 2019 19:23
To: Planning Policy South
Subject: SODC Local Plan 2034 - Grenoble Road site

Dear Sirs

SODC Local Plan 2034 - Grenoble Road site

Littlemore Parish Council is writing to complain about SODC's failure to communicate with our council about the alteration to your local plan proposals.

The site now proposed for housing development (SODC Local Plan 2011-2034 section 4.90) runs along the Littlemore Parish border and is only divided from our Parish by the width of Grenoble Road. Councillors feel that we should have been informed of your belated decision to include this site in your plan. The only notice which we have ever received from you was a list of locations where this latest round of consultations would be held.

Geographically the site will have as close an association with Littlemore as with South Oxfordshire, and the impact will be as great or possibly greater. We would like our views to be taken into account at this stage, even though we are told that it is too late to challenge the plan on other than legal grounds. We would emphasise that this is our first opportunity to make comments on this alteration to the plan, and we wonder whether it should have gone out again to full consultation because of the major change of policy.

The biggest concern we have is the impact of (eventually) 3000 housing units on the surrounding road network especially the route into Oxford. Sandford Village is already heavily used by traffic to and from the south, and this then funnels through to Oxford Road Littlemore. This is a narrow approach to the Littlemore roundabout on the Oxford by-pass. Residents there have no off-street parking. Chicanes have been installed in two locations to slow the traffic, and there are frequent tailbacks because of the difficulty of buses and large vehicles negotiating the route. Also Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department already acknowledge that the Littlemore roundabout is over capacity at rush hour times.

We request that you respond to our complaint about failure to notify us, and our concern about extra road traffic through Littlemore. We also ask that you forward our comment to the government inspector when he/she is appointed.

Kind Regards

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