

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: Policy STRAT11: Land south of Grenoble Road

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.

It seems clear that proper consultation (Regulation 18) has not taken place. As I understand it the SODC plan was developed through a series of consultations up until 2017. That was discontinued and this plan, substantially different from the 2017 version, has had no consultation.

Green belt development should only be considered in "exceptional circumstances". Unproven assessment of housing needs does not constitute this.

A 'sound' plan would have been developed cooperatively with other agencies such as Highways England and would have considered the sustainability and character of the local environment.

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.

The plan should be developed on the basis of actual housing need not some fantasy figure arrived at through a dropped method for calculating 'potential' need if more jobs were created. I strongly believe that development and investment should be provided in the North of the country where the economy is in decline. The North / South divide is damaging to our nation. Including cooperating with Oxford City, the plan arrives at this notional and inflated need (of 7,049 homes). It then provides sites for 12,799! Of the 8 proposed sites, 7 are in the green belt! Where is the "exceptional need"?

The Green Belt Land South of Grenoble Road should definitely be taken out of the plan.

1. Inadequate plans to improve infrastructure.
2. The Park and Ride will cause more traffic up the A4074 and the associated rat-run through Sandford and Littlemore. Roads to Oxford centre (Cowley Road, Iffley Road etc are already hugely congested).
3. An estate of 3,000 homes would increase noise, air and light pollution. The fields are used for dogwalking. Wildlife habitats will be lost. The village character of the area will be replaced by suburban sprawl.
4. The presentation proposes 'regeneration of Greater Leys' as one advantage. But Greater Leys was a development in the Green Belt just like this. And now it needs regenerating?! Can we just avoid making the same mistake twice?. Remove the Grenoble Road site from the plan.
5. Another trumpeted advantage is a 'new, strong Green Belt Boundary'. With respect, how will this be strong when you set this precedent to destroy it with no evidence of exceptional need. We have a strong green belt. Leave it alone.

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?

No

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:

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