

## South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation Comment Form

**Please return by midnight on Monday 2 November 2020** via email [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk) or post to Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS (no stamp is needed and no further address is needed)

This form has two parts:  
**Part A** – contact details  
**Part B** – your comments

### Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Individual

Business or organisation

Agent

A name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered.

#### 1. Personal Details

#### 2. Agent Details (if applicable)

Title



Full Name



Organisation (if relevant)



Job Title  
(if relevant)



Address Line 1




Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Postal Town

Postcode

Telephone Number

Email Address

## Sharing your personal details

Your name, contact details and comments will be shared with the Planning Inspector and a Programme Officer, who acts as a point of contact between the Council, Inspector and respondents.

This means that you may be contacted by the Programme Officer or the Council with updates and in relation to any necessary consultations on the Local Plan. This is in accordance with Regulation 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulation 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and Regulation 102 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the Planning Inspector and Programme Officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The Inspector and Programme Officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website, alongside their name. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published, including contact details.

Please refer to our Privacy Notice regarding how your personal data is used for this consultation, available on our website [southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan](https://southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan). If you would like to know more about the councils data protection registration or to find out about your personal data, please visit: [southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection](https://southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection)

## Future contact preferences

As explained above, 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 consultation 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):

- I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire
- I would also like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse

## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for commenting on each proposed main modification or consultation document

You can provide your comments on the Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications in this section.

The list of documents you can comment on are:

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications
- Schedule of Policies Map Changes
- Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum

**Please note we are inviting comments on the Proposed Main Modifications and documents listed above only - this is not an opportunity to make comments on any other part of the Plan.**

If you are commenting on the Main Modification document, please provide the main modification number (for example MM1) in the box below.

If you are unsure of the 'modification number', please refer to the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications.

If you are commenting on any of the other consultation documents (for example the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum), please provide the relevant section, paragraph or page number in the box below:

Modification Number or  
Document, section, paragraph or page  
number

Please see accompanying letter.

Please provide your comments below:

If your comments are over 500 words it would be really helpful if you could also provide a summary of your comments using the text box in the next question.

If you wish to include any supporting documents, please attach them to this comment form.

Please see accompanying letter.

If your comments cover more than the boxes provided, please use the space below to provide a summary. You are not required to summarise your comments, but a summary would help us in our reporting.

Please provide your summary below:

Please see accompanying letter.

**Thank you for your comments.**

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Planning Inspector: South Oxfordshire Local Plan  
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Abingdon  
OX14 4SB

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Dear Mr Bore

#### **SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2034: MAIN MODIFICATIONS**

Oxford Preservation Trust (OPT) is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Main Modifications as part of the examination into the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034.

OPT was established in 1927 as a charity and local amenity society with the principal aim of conserving and enhancing Oxford and its setting. The Trust has built up detailed knowledge and expertise over a number of years and is able to speak with conviction on matters relating to heritage, landscape, views, and the impact of development on the edge of Oxford, and on its green setting and surrounds.

OPT takes a forward thinking and positive approach to development, looking to influence change rather than stopping it, preserving the best of the old and encouraging the best of the new. It is committed to ensuring that Oxford can continue to prosper, whilst protecting its historic character and setting. With this ethos in mind, OPT wishes to express its fundamental concerns at the conclusions set out in your Preliminary Conclusions note dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and as a result, the prospect of vast swathes of open green space in South Oxfordshire being removed from the Green Belt surrounding Oxford City as it is developed for housing and associated infrastructure. Of most concern to OPT is the hugely detrimental and irreversible impact that these strategic allocations will have on the green and historic setting of Oxford when brought forward, coupled with the long-term loss of green open space on the edge of the City which is so important to the health and wellbeing of residents and communities of Oxford, as essential 'green lungs' to the city.

OPT recognises that the purpose of this consultation is to invite comments solely on the proposed Main Modifications, and not on other aspects of the Local Plan. With that in mind, and setting aside OPT's fundamental concerns over the loss of Green Belt as set out above, OPT is generally supportive of proposed modifications set out in South Oxfordshire's Schedule of Proposed Modifications (September 2020) and the accompanying Erratum Document (dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020).

OPT notes that as part of the modifications, the strategic site allocation policies have additional positive wording which refer to areas of varying and appropriate development densities, subject to site specific considerations, and importantly, requirements for biodiversity enhancements in response to national policy changes. These additions are supported.

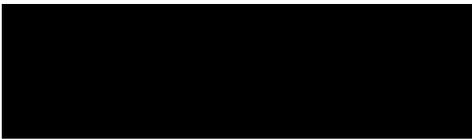
Similarly, OPT is supportive of the additional wording proposed to Policy STRAT 6 **(MM9)** to require the Local Plan site allocations to deliver compensatory improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of land remaining in the Green Belt, with measures to be supported by evidence of landscape/biodiversity/recreational needs.

With regard to Local Plan policies affecting the historic environment, OPT supports the proposed modifications to Policy ENV6 **(MM57)**, Policy ENV7 **(MM58)** and Policy ENV10 **(MM60)**.

### **Concluding Comments**

OPT is pleased to have had the opportunity to be involved in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 examination and to comment on these proposed Main Modifications. We trust that the comments above are useful and await the final report on the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,



Debbie Dance

Director