

Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:

Agent

Agent contact details

Q3. Due to statutory planning regulations, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. As you are acting on behalf of another organisation, you need to provide their details in the first box but your company name and contact details thereafter.

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Part B - your comments

Q5. 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 as amended by Erratum Schedule of Policies Map Changes Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum If you wish to provide comments on more than one proposed main modification or document, you will be given the option once you have completed this section. Please select the document you wish to comment on using the drop-down menu below:

Schedule of Policies Map Changes

Q6. Which Main Modification number or consultation document are you commenting on? 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 click here to view 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

MapMod 6

Q7. Please provide your comments in the box 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. You will also be able to upload any supporting documents using the button below.

Please see Abley Letchford Partnership correspondence (Ref:156/PJ) dated 2 November 2020 which is attached to this response.

Q8. If your comments are more than 500 words long, 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.

No Response

Q9. Please upload any supporting documents below:

- File: 2020 11 02 SODC Highway Reps for UoR.pdf

Attachment 1



Our Ref: A156/PJ
Your Ref:

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Date: 02 November 2020

Planning Policy
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SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir / Madam,

EMERGING SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN : PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF READING

We write on behalf of our client, the University of Reading, to submit representations in relation to Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan which is subject to public consultation ending 2nd November 2020.

These representations relate solely to the proposed changes referenced as **MapMod 6** which pertains to suggested amendments to the Policies Map and Appendix 5; specifically, the SODC Safeguarding Map which identifies land to be safeguarded for a new Thames river crossing between Culham and Didcot Garden Town.

In the first instance, the University of Reading wishes to reiterate its support for the promotion of the new road and river crossing which it considers as a vital element of Didcot's development as a Garden Town.

To date, the Submission Map within Appendix 5 has safeguarded land to enable alternative alignments of the road corridor to be delivered, either to the east or west of Appleford. The University of Reading considers this to be an appropriate approach. Part of the changes set out in MapMod6 would be to now release land along the eastern alignment from the safeguarding policy as set out under TRANS3 of the emerging Local Plan. The University of Reading considers this to be a premature course of action which, if revised as suggested, would introduce unnecessary risk to the delivery of this key infrastructure scheme.

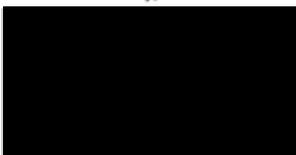


It is understood that the preference of the authorities is to now progress with the western alignment, as was presented within Oxfordshire County Council's consultation exercise titled "Didcot and Surrounding Area Infrastructure Improvements Update" undertaken in March 2020. However, Oxfordshire County Council has only recently commenced detailed design work on the significant infrastructure scheme that will in turn inform a planning application for the proposals which is not anticipated to be submitted for consideration until spring / summer 2021. The planning application will then be subject to the normal consultation processes and scrutiny before it can be determined.

In light of the above, there remains a risk that difficulties may be encountered that could compromise the timely delivery of the preferred western alignment. Accordingly, until such time that the detailed delivery of the preferred route is more secure, the University of Reading considers it premature to amend the Safeguarding Map within Appendix 5 to release the land along the eastern alignment from the Safeguarding Policy set out within TRANS3 of the Emerging Local Plan.

We would be grateful for confirmation that these representations have been received and that they have been registered as duly made. We trust this submission is clear and helpful, although should there be any queries in relation to any element of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Jones
Transport Director

Comment again, or finish?

Would you like to comment on another main modification or supporting document?

No, I'm ready to submit my comments now and finish the survey