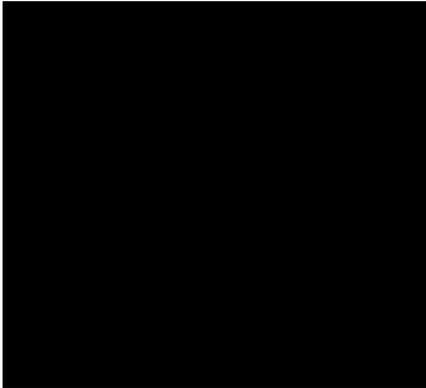


Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:
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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 Proposed Main Modifications

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

MM17 and MM9

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 reconsider the plans to build houses on Bayswater Field Farm. Apart from the loss of the beautiful green belt, please consider the impact that this development will have on our children and their health as a result of the increased traffic in the small Sandhills community. Recent research from the University of Manchester showed that, based on modelling, 'even a 20% increase in air pollution could stunt the development of a child's working memory by up to four weeks per year'. And that 'up to 2,000 schools and nurseries are close to roads with air pollution above the baseline level of NO₂ used in the model [iii], meaning that at least 500,000 children are exposed to levels of pollution that would affect working memory' (<https://www.philips.co.uk/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2020/20200810-could-improve-children-ability-tolearn-by-one-month-per-year.html>). Even at lower levels than the 40µg/m³ baseline, they found that 'many more thousands of pupils also stand to benefit from a reduction in pollution. In terms of PM_{2.5}, the most recent national investigation found that 8,549 schools, colleges and nurseries are in places with pollution levels that are above WHO health limits[iv], equating to at least 1.7 million children in these locations. However, the exact number of pupils held back by excessive pollution is unknown because there is no national monitoring system for air quality in schools' (again quoted from: <https://www.philips.co.uk/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2020/20200810-could-improve-children-ability-tolearn-by-one-month-per-year.html>). Please don't let that happen to our children. By increasing the traffic in this small community, you would be increasing their exposure to air pollution. We already have the ring-road not far away. Sandhills Primary School is already close to the Ring Road, please don't bring more roads, more traffic to it. Oxfordshire City Council are aiming to reduce their nitrogen dioxide levels significantly, hopefully beyond the levels expected nationally, this is to show the UK what can be done, please don't jeopardise that by building new link roads, around Sandhills, or diverting traffic through our narrow roads which are the walkways to our School, the paths to our parks and links to our every-day life.

As well as issue with health, there is the issue of safety. Our streets are currently safe. If traffic is increased through Sandhills, if it is made an access site, then this will be the case no longer. All this for a housing development that was planned under a previous party rule, that would have been disregarded by the current South Oxford District Council if they weren't made to continue with the unpopular plans.

If this level of building work goes ahead, it's not just our children who would suffer, but also our elderly who in our community, who are of significant number. With corona-virus potentially a long-term presence, we need to improve our air quality rather than decrease it further. This also in mind, there is the drive to optimise mental health, lockdown has made us all more aware of how important the world and the environment around us is. The bridle-way and the beautiful land that surrounds it is a source of calm, it's uplifting, not for just us within Sandhills, but for those who walk up from Barton and for others in the neighbouring areas. This is the same for Sydlings Copse. We are proud of these surroundings. They are to be protected, so much more wildlife thrives here. We need to protect our greenspaces, our woodland, the brook, our air and most importantly the people.

Please adjust plans to take the above into account.

Assuming that some of this development goes ahead, or with any building work that may take place, please ensure that work is done with the environment at its heart. Please read 'Fast Forward Oxfordshire' by Friends of the Earth (<https://www.oxfoe.co.uk/fastforward/>). This document shows how communities can be built with the environment as one of the main considerations. As well as how housing can be developed with the environment in mind it also shows how transport can be integrated into such a project as well making communities energy efficient. As stated in the amendments the climate emergency, above anything-else, needs to be considered in any of these plans. Thank you.

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:

No Response

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