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To: Planning Policy South
Subject: Comments on Main Modifications of the SODC Local Plan

To whom it may concern,

Please find my comments on the main modifications for the Emerging south Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications.

MM2 and MM4: 'support growth in areas that reduce the need to travel, minimising pollution and carbon emissions.....', hence strategic sites around Oxford in the greenbelt.

- During the rush hour and school drop off/pick up times the roads around Sandhills and in Barton are extremely busy with cars, from commuter and parents who then go on to work. Any additional traffic from the proposed development will only add to the levels of pollution our children are breathing in and decrease the safety of these quiet roads. Children are being actively encouraged to walk and cycle to school any increase in traffic will decrease the safety of these roads.
- Sandhills has no public transport the public transport in Barton or on the A40 are accessed via a dimly lit underpass or bridle way, thus reducing the likelihood of cycling/walking during the winter months increasing the dependency on cars for food shopping and commuting.

MM9 Policy STRAT6: Green Belt: Modification: The policy requires compensatory measures to be delivered to the remediate for the removal of land from the Green Belt. This is required by the National Planning Policy Framework at Paragraph 138..... Evidence on landscape, biodiversity or recreational needs with site specific recommendations and opportunities for enhancements that would deliver compensatory improvements on remaining Green Belt.

- The proposed development on Bayswater Farm Field has no compensatory measures for the residents of Sandhills or Barton but will take away access to Green space.
- The biodiversity of the brook will be forever changed as the proposed development runs down the hill into the brook vicinity, currently the open field absorbs rainfall and allows it to seep into the land, I have yet to hear of a housing development that has not adversely impacted on local water courses and foresee the irreversible detrimental changes to the brook.

MM17 – Policy STRAT13 – Land North of Bayswater Brook (LNBB)

- The current proposal will negatively impact the already congested Bayswater road at peak times, traffic can queue for 30 minutes to get on the Green Road roundabout from this area.
- The proposed access route for the site (including site traffic) is via narrow residential roads that were not designed for large volumes of traffic or larger site vehicles.
- Hawkes Close is a narrow private road, two cars passing on there would be tight.
- This one way access could potentially cause a rat run and would be detrimental to anyone who lived on the new estate.
- The impact a link road will have on the surrounding villages and wider environment will be devastating, the woodland that it will go through is woodland priority habitat. It will cross both the brook and bridle path the latter being

heavily used by the local residents as the closest access to green space. This will effectively create a traffic barrier in all directions to open countryside for the residents of Sandhills. During the pandemic it has become apparent just how important access to green space is for everyone's mental health and physical wellbeing. The younger and older residents of Sandhills are able to currently access this countryside resource which the proposed new road will inevitably deny them.

- The potential new road will effectively box in the school on two side with heavy traffic roads. This cannot be seen as a good idea for the children of the school to be breathing in polluted air whilst outside playing and learning.
- The Bayswater farm field only entered the plans in January 2019 and without due process as there was failure to complete section 18 consultation.

I ask you to withdraw LNBB strat 13 and Bayswater farm field from the local plan for all the above reasons.

Kind regards

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