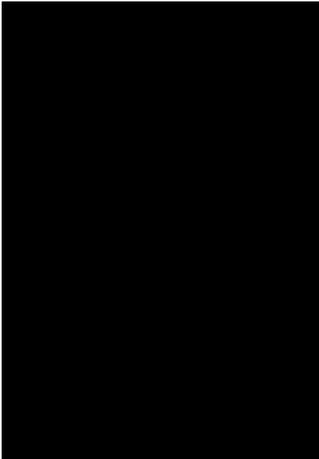


Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Part A - contact details

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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

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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.

The Watlington Neighbourhood Plan has been worked on for many years with full contribution from, and consideration of the needs of, local residents, and at no stage did the town favour any use of Willow Close or the roundabout there as a trunk route for B4009 traffic around Watlington to and from the M40's J6.

Use of part of Willow Close for the proposed 'Edge Road' has been included in Local Plan considerations, despite the idea being in clear contravention of what the town voted for, and favoured by nobody.

Willow Close is part of the Marlbrook estate, a quiet and peaceful residential area with a children's play area at the heart of it. The idea of placing a trunk route with all that entails running through the heart of this community is ludicrous and thoughtless, and in this day and age of trying to make places where people live HEALTHIER and SAFER, offers nothing but the complete opposite.

The town made it very clear that it could potentially accept an edge road to the far West of town following a route around the outside edge of new development areas, that crosses the B4009 on the far side of the fields to the west of Willow Close. Any route potentially incorporating the existing B4009 roundabout and Willow Close would be a complete betrayal of this wish of local residents and of the Watlington Neighbourhood Plan. Not only that, it would make no sense to force traffic off the trajectory around the town, and back into the town toward this roundabout and Willow Close, it would only make the route around town unnecessarily longer, and makes no sense at all, bringing excess pollution and noise to existing residential areas, when this is completely avoidable.

A peaceful residential area would be subject to thunderous traffic and heavy vehicles on a daily basis running very close to it. There would also be a loss of parking at Marlbrook and the overall environment adversely impacted by the proposed changes. Other issues associated with living beside a major route would be imposed on residents, such as reduced security.

The plan would leave large areas of new development 'outside of the ring' and lead to more properties being built on the 'wrong' side of the main road, reducing their value and leaving more residents feeling isolated and disengaged, with a main road to cross to get into the town, rather than including more land within the 'ring'. The extra distances and obstacles to entering town on foot would only encourage increased car use around town, rather than making these places pedestrian-friendly.

It appears the town's population is due to grow significantly as a result of all the extra housing, yet without the extra infrastructure to match (schools, doctor's surgery capacity, shops, local amenities, sport and leisure facilities, etc). Will this be addressed urgently? Pedestrian and cycle routes into town from new areas in particular must be improved, and existing routes made safer and better equipped for the expected rise in numbers of users.

All of these factors and more must be taken into account before any progress can be made, and the views and wishes of the people who live in the town, as reflected in the town's carefully and considerately compiled Neighbourhood Plan, must be fully respected

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Any use of Willow Close or roundabout to it for a new Edge Road around Watlington will be Hugely Detrimental to existing residential areas on the West side of Watlington, and is strongly opposed by local

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residents as well as contradicting the Watlington Neighbourhood Plan, which represents the views of town's residents as a whole

An acceptable solution to providing an edge road further to the West has already been suggested and planned for, with a far smaller impact on the local environment and amenity. There is no need to deviate from that original plan.

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