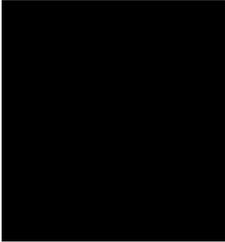


Emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation

Part A - contact details

Q1. Are you responding as an:
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Q2. Due to statutory planning regulations, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered:		
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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

MM15

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.

Policy Strat 11. MM 15

I do not accept that there are proven exceptional circumstances for this or any of the Green Belt sites in this Plan since the land constraints of the District have not been given due regard, the economic success of the District has not been constrained by these land constraints and the actual housing problems of the District which are for low income, key workers, will hardly be addressed by these measures, and indeed could exacerbate them by allowing high cost housing to be built which will draw in higher income families, further pressurising natural resources and infrastructure in the District, making it more difficult for key workers to move around and pricing them out even further with greater competition. It is folly to expect house prices to fall in the current economic policy climate, or to expect key workers to afford 80% or even 50% of current house prices of the area.

Specific comments are as follows:

Please note the Grenoble Road site is entirely within the parish of Sandford upon Thames.

p.62 - Changes to the concept plan maintain local centre close to Oxford boundary, rather than in amongst the housing. This makes this settlement a suburb of Oxford. The centre should be in amongst the houses, the concept plan should show how this could be a separate settlement with its own identity and not sprawling urbanisation. This was discussed in the hearing on this matter.

p.63 - The Sandford park and ride site should be removed. In the hearing session it was clear that OCC had no fixed plan on where a new park and ride should be sited. To protect the listed village of Nuneham Courtenay this must be removed. The 10 hectares of employment land is not justified under exceptional circumstances offered for this site (also mentioned in MM15, p.61 (para 4.96) which supports this point) which are to fulfil the unmet housing need of Oxford. Oxford has an unmet need because it has extensive employment sites. There is also clear evidence of permanent changes in employment siting as a result of Covid – the Council (SODC) has changed the siting and size of its new office building because employees have indicated they wish to work more from home. This decision was made after the hearing sessions. Therefore the SIZE of offices and sites are likely to be smaller. See also other large companies who are downsizing. It is not sound to ignore changes in working practice of COVID-19 as they are likely to bring permanent change in ways which are already identifiable, in particular because they save costs to both employers and to employees.

p.63 (vi) much more detail is needed as to the mechanism for the agreement to be legal and enforceable

p.64 (vii) Siting of the schools and active travel infrastructure, included in a Travel Plan for the whole site, with monitoring needs to be included with an annual report that can be interrogated by the Council, and included in the S106 agreement, needs to be indicated. It should relate to the local centre and not be just in relation to Oxford but in relation to itself as a settlement in its own right. This is also in relation to MM 15, p.64, para.3 (vi and vii) [new].

p.64 (xii) 'before any residential units are occupied' should not be deleted but added at end of new insert, and the words 'and at a minimum' inserted after 'assessment'.

p.64 (xiv) [new] : should read 'zero carbon' and 'low' should be deleted. Also line with the Council's Climate Emergency motion passed in 2019 and its ambition, articulated in the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 adopted on 1st November 2020, to be carbon zero by 2030.

p.64 (ii): 'transition into the wider landscape through woodland planting' should be replaced by 'transition

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into the wider landscape through woodland planting of at least 250 metres in width to be given to the community in a community land trust for perpetuity'. 'strong and defensible edge to Oxford' should be replaced with 'strong and defensible edge to this settlement and to Oxford'. As discussed in the hearing session on this site.

p.64 para 3 : where it says ' The masterplan must be prepared in collaboration with the LPA and Oxford City Council,' 'in Consultation' should replace 'in collaboration' as it expresses the relationship better, with SODC being the LPA on this site.

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