

South Oxfordshire Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications Consultation Comment Form

Please return by midnight on Monday 2 November 2020 via email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk or post to Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS (no stamp is needed and no further address is needed)

This form has two parts:
Part A – contact details
Part B – your comments

Part A

Are you responding as an: (please tick)

Individual

Business or organisation

Agent

A name and contact details are required for your comments to be considered.

1. Personal Details

2. Agent Details (if applicable)

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Sharing your personal details

Your name, contact details and comments will be shared with the Planning Inspector and a Programme Officer, who acts as a point of contact between the Council, Inspector and respondents.

This means that you may be contacted by the Programme Officer or the Council with updates and in relation to any necessary consultations on the Local Plan. This is in accordance with Regulation 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Regulation 13 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and Regulation 102 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

We have received assurance that the data passed to the Planning Inspector and Programme Officer will be kept securely and not used for any other purpose. The Inspector and Programme Officer will retain the data up to six months after the plan has been adopted.

Comments submitted by individuals will be published on our website, alongside their name. No other contact details will be published. Comments submitted by businesses and/or organisations will be published, including contact details.

Please refer to our Privacy Notice regarding how your personal data is used for this consultation, available on our website southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan. If you would like to know more about the councils data protection registration or to find out about your personal data, please visit: southoxon.gov.uk/dataprotection

Future contact preferences

As explained above, in line with statutory regulations, you will be contacted by the Programme Officer (and where necessary the Council) with relevant updates on the Local Plan. South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have a shared planning policy consultation database. If you would like to be added to our database to receive updates on other planning policy consultations, please tick the relevant district box(es):

- I would like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for South Oxfordshire
- I would also like to be added to the database to receive planning policy updates for Vale of White Horse

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for commenting on each proposed main modification or consultation document

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
- Schedule of Policies Map Changes
- Sustainability Appraisal Report Addendum
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum

Please note we are inviting comments on the Proposed Main Modifications and documents listed above only - this is not an opportunity to make comments on any other part of the Plan.

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 refer to 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 below:

Modification Number or Document, section, paragraph or page number

General Comment and MM61

Please provide your comments 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.

If you wish to include any supporting documents, please attach them to this comment form.

Didcot Town Council's planning committee supports many, but not all the proposed main modifications. The Plan's emphasis for the town of Didcot focuses on Garden Town implementation, deliverance of the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) transport infrastructure and Didcot's role as the gateway to the Science Vale.

The Council notes that this plan does not allocate any new housing developments within or around Didcot that were not already proposed under previous versions or had existing permissions.

The frequent strengthening of the document wording around tackling and controlling climate change is welcomed by the Council. It is felt that this is important and must form a key

building block of the plan. The Council also welcomes the new wording for the deliverance of Didcot's green infrastructure, including sustainable access to Didcot Parkway.

The Council agrees that becoming a Garden Town should reduce the reliance on motor vehicles for journeys within the town, however, the new wording should be strengthened with greater detail as to how this would be achieved and include explicit reference to the Department for Transport's guidance on Cycle infrastructure design ([LTN 1/20](#)).

The Council would like to express its concern with the proposed changes to the wording for EP1 at MM61:

From: "In order to protect public health from the impacts of poor air quality: development must **be compliant with** the measures laid out in the Council's Developer Guidance Document and the associated Air Quality Action Plan, as well as the national air quality guidance and any local transport plans"

To: "In order to protect public health from the impacts of poor air quality: development must **have regard to** the measures laid out in the Council's Developer Guidance Document and the associated Air Quality Action Plan, as well as the national air quality guidance and any local transport plans"

This is a watering down of the requirement. Air quality must be considered an issue of high importance. Any wording should be clear precise and ensure future development is bound to deliver positive action.

(Continue on page 5 if necessary)

If your comments cover more than the boxes provided, 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.

Please provide your summary below:

N/A

Thank you for your comments.

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