



South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2033
 Publication Version
 Representation Form

Ref:

(For official use only)

Name of the Local Plan to which this representation relates:

South Oxfordshire
 Local Plan 2033

Please return by 5pm on Thursday 30 November 2017 to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB or email planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details*

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

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Sharing your details: please see page 3

Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or organisation: Wokingham Borough Council

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Policy

Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

4. (1) Legally compliant

Yes

No

4. (2) Sound

Yes

No

4. (3) Complies with the Duty to Cooperate

Yes

No

5. Please provide details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Background

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) on 30 November 2017 submitted an objection to the South Oxfordshire Local Plan Publication Version (the Plan) on the basis that the plan was not prepared in a legally compliant way due to WBC not being notified of the consultation in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Regulations. At that time WBC were unable to consider the soundness of the Plan.

Whilst the publication period and opportunity to submit representations has closed, WBC has undertaken a review of the Plan. If South Oxfordshire District Council and the Planning Inspectorate are willing to accept this new representations as duly made, WBC would agree to the withdrawal of our objection on the grounds of legal compliance. While it is a fact that regulatory procedures were not followed in full, on acceptance of the new representations, I am content that this did not unduly compromise WBC.

Policy TRANS3

Policy TRANS3 sets out a number of safeguarded land areas for identified transport schemes. WBC considers that policy STRAT 3 is unsound on the grounds of 'effectiveness'.

While WBC welcomes reference in policy TRANS1 (Supporting Strategic Transport Investment) to a proposal for a new Thames crossing in the Reading area, WBC considers that this opportunity needs to be recognised and safeguarded through Policy TRANS3 (Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Transport Schemes). This is a scheme of strategic importance that WBC considers would have positive transport implications for the borough. Not safeguarding the opportunity through the route's omission from Policy TRANS3 and the Policies Map represents ineffective cross boundary cooperation.

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6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the matter you have identified at 5 above. (NB Please note that any non-compliance with the Duty to Cooperate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Provision should be made within the wording of TRANS3 for a new Thames crossing and a broad alignment for this should be included on the Policies Map. This could reflect the broad alignment set out within the Strategic Outline Business Case (see attached map and the full document can be found here:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/transport-and-roads-guidance-and-plans/?categoryesctl91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=10642>).

WBC proposes the following suggested wording to be included within the list of transport schemes set out in TRANS3:

- A new River Thames crossing in the Reading/Wokingham Borough administrative area.

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Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

X

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Signature: Ian Bellinger

Date: 04/12/17

Sharing your personal details

Please be aware that, due to the process of having an Independent Examination, a name and means of contact is required for your representation to be considered. Respondent details and representations will be forwarded to the Inspector carrying out the examination of the Local Plan after the Publicity Period has ended. This data will be managed by a Programme Officer who acts as the point of contact between the council and the Inspector and respondents and the Inspector.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential and will be published on our website alongside your name. If you are responding as an individual rather than a company or organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email / postal address and telephone numbers) or signatures online, however the original representations are available for public viewing at our council office by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by South Oxfordshire District Council for a period of 6 months after the Local Plan is adopted.

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

- I would like to be kept informed about the progress of the Local Plan X
- I would like to be added to the database to receive general planning updates X
- Please do not contact me again

Further comment: Please use this space to provide further comment on the relevant questions in this form. **You must state which question your comment relates to.**

WBC has noted that the plan complies with the Duty to Co-operate as there has been ongoing officer dialogue regarding a third Thames Crossing outside of the plan making process. However, South Oxfordshire District Council has failed to consult WBC on its Preferred Options stage and Second Preferred Options stage (both Regulation 18) prior to not notifying WBC about this current pre-submission consultation. WBC is happy to not object to the plan on grounds of the duty to co-operate, as long as there is adequate scope to discuss the comments set out in this response prior to the submission of the plan to the Secretary of State.

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