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Local Plan 2034

Our emerging Local Plan and its supporting studies set out our vision for South Oxfordshire up to the year 2034. Together they identify where housing, retail and employment land should be located as well as the infrastructure required to support this growth, such as new roads, schools, health services and utilities. The proposed policies in the plan will be used as the starting point to help make decisions on planning applications in the district.

Local Plan 2034 Submission

South Oxfordshire District Council submitted the Local Plan 2034 to the Secretary of State on Friday 29 March 2019 in accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for Independent Examination.

For more information on the Submission of the Local Plan 2034 please view our [Examination page](#).

What happens next?

Now the Local Plan 2034 has been submitted, the Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector to carry out the Independent Examination. Once appointed the Planning Inspector will examine the Local Plan 2034, the evidence supporting it and the comments received and will hear comments from those who wish to appear at the formal hearing sessions. The Inspector will then report as to whether the plan is "sound" and "legally compliant". For information on what these terms mean, please see our guidance note.

LOCAL PLAN LATEST NEWS

On 9th October 2019 the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government issued a Holding Direction on the Council in relation to the emerging Local Plan 2034. The Holding Direction has been made under the provisions of Section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). This means that the emerging plan has 'no effect whilst the direction is in force', this is set out in section 21A(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

The planning inspectors due to carry out a public examination of South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan have provided an initial list of questions and comments about the plan that was submitted in March. This is the normal first stage of the process for the examination of a Local Plan. The list of questions is now available on [the council's website](#).

On 18 June the Council wrote a [letter \(48.9 KB\)](#) informing the programme officer and inspectors of upcoming dates of Council meetings considering the Local Plan.

On 1 July the Council wrote a [letter \(248.7 KB\)](#) to the programme officer and inspectors to provide an update on the emerging Local Plan and the report setting out options for progressing the plan that was considered at Scrutiny 19 June. The letter also sought clarification on a number of matters relating the examination of the Oxford City Plan.

On 5 July the Council received the following [letter \(114.1 KB\)](#) sent via email from the programme officer in response to the Council's letter dated 1 July.

On 10 July Cllr Sue Cooper received a [letter \(85.1 KB\)](#) from Ian Hudspeth (Leader of Oxfordshire County Council) regarding the Local Plan Progress.

There has been an update to the progress of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan following a meeting of Council on 18 July. Details of this can be found in this [letter \(63.6 KB\)](#) sent to Growth Deal Members and local Council partners on 24 July. More information can be found in the [Council Meeting Report](#).

On 22 July the Council received a letter from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) regarding the South Oxfordshire Local Plan this can be viewed [here \(281.8 KB\)](#). Councillor Sue Cooper responded to this letter on 30 July; the response letter can be viewed [here \(163.0 KB\)](#).

On 31 July Cllr Sue Cooper received a letter from James Mills leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, this can be viewed [here \(443.5 KB\)](#).

On 8 August Cllr Sue Cooper received a letter from Cllr Susan Brown (Leader of Oxford City Council), this can be viewed [here \(88.2 KB\)](#).

On 9 August Cllr Sue Cooper received a letter from Cllr Debby Hallett (Deputy Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council), this can be viewed [here \(302.6 KB\)](#).

On 14 August the Council wrote a [letter \(117.1 KB\)](#) informing the programme officer and inspectors of upcoming dates of Council meetings considering the Local Plan.

On 19 August Cllr Sue Cooper and Cllr Robin Bennett wrote a [letter \(545.0 KB\)](#) to the leader of Oxford City Council seeking clarification on issues relating to climate change, Oxford's unmet need and the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. The Council has released a press statement relating to this letter which can be read [here](#).

On 20 August the Council wrote a [letter \(200.1 KB\)](#) informing the programme officer and inspectors of the reason for delaying Council meetings considering the Local Plan until October.

On 26 August Cllr Sue Cooper received a [response \(86.6 KB\)](#) to her letter (sent 30 July) from Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP.


On 19 September Cllr Sue Cooper received a [letter \(2.9 MB\)](#) from Prof Ian Chapman (CEO of UKAEA).

On 20 September a [letter \(108.7 KB\)](#) was received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

On 26 September a [letter \(101.5 KB\)](#) was received from Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Leader of Oxfordshire County Council).


On 2 October Cllr Sue Cooper received a [letter \(153.8 KB\)](#) from Cllr Emily Smith (Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council).


On 6 October Cllr Sue Cooper received an [email \(107.6 KB\)](#)  from Cllr Susan Brown (Leader of Oxford City Council).


On 8 October Adrianna Partridge (Acting Deputy Chief Executive – Transformation and Operations), on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council, received a [letter \(187.7 KB\)](#)  from Andrew Down (Acting Deputy Chief Executive – Partnership and Planning) on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council.

On 9 October Cllr Sue Cooper received a [letter \(49.8 KB\)](#)  from Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government).

On 10 October Mark Stone (Chief Executive of South Oxfordshire District Council) wrote a [letter \(93.7 KB\)](#)  to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government).

On 10 October Mark Stone (Chief Executive of South Oxfordshire District Council) received a [letter \(80.6 KB\)](#)  from Emran Mian (Director General, Decentralisation and Growth, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government).

On 10 October South Oxfordshire District Council received a letter from West Oxfordshire District Council, this can be viewed [here \(59.8 KB\)](#) .

On 14 October South Oxfordshire District Council wrote a letter to the programme officer and inspectors to keep them updated on matters relating to the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan (2034). This letter can be viewed [here \(158.1 KB\)](#) .

On 15 October South Oxfordshire District Council received a letter from Layla Moran Member of Parliament for Oxford West and Abingdon, this can be viewed [here \(439.9 KB\)](#) .

On 16 October Mark Stone (Chief Executive of South Oxfordshire District Council) wrote a [letter \(237.8 KB\)](#)  to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government).

Viewing the Local Plan 2034 documents

The plan and supporting documents can be viewed below:

[South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034](#) and [Appendices](#) (High resolution version)

[South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 and appendices](#) (Low resolution version)

[Draft Local Plan Policies Map North \(7.2 MB\)](#) , January 2019

[Draft Local Plan Policies Map South \(7.2 MB\)](#) , January 2019

[Sustainability Appraisal Addendum \(1.2 MB\)](#) , January 2019

[Sustainability Appraisal and Appendices](#), December 2018

[Habitats Regulations Assessment \(HRA\) - Stage 1 Screening report](#), September 2018

[Habitats Regulations Assessment \(HRA\) \(8.8 MB\)](#) , December 2018

[Equality and Human Rights Impact Check \(1.2 MB\)](#) , December 2018

[Health Impact Assessment \(1.3 MB\)](#) , December 2018

[Statement of Availability \(415.4 KB\)](#) 

[Statement of Representations Procedure \(286.2 KB\)](#) 

[Regulation 22 Consultation Statement and appendices](#)

[Regulation 22 Consultation Statement Appendix 3 – Summary of Representations](#)

[Erratum to the Regulation 22 Consultation Statement \(165.4 KB\)](#) 

[Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#) (updated for Submission, please see Submission Library for previous versions)

Additional documents submitted in support of the Local Plan can found in the [Submission Document Library](#)

Hard copies of the key documents are available to view at: our council offices at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB – from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays and at all public libraries in South Oxfordshire during their usual opening hours

Responses to Plan Consultations

We would like to thank everyone who submitted comments during the Publicity Period of the Local Plan 2034, which took place between 7 January – 18 February 2019. The responses are now available to view here:

[Publicity Period \(Regulation 19\) Consultation Responses \(7 January – 18 February 2019\)](#)

Responses to previous consultations and information on what has happened up to this stage can be found here:

[Local Plan – previous consultations](#)

Local Development Scheme

An updated Local Development Scheme, has been produced 29 March it can be found [here](#)

Since the publication of this Local Development Scheme (LDS) the Council has updated its Local Plan and it is now referred to as the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034. This is to ensure that there is an appropriate timeline post adoption of the Local Plan.

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