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Dear Sir or Madam

I note that the public consultation period for the Oxford Local Plan 2036 is due to close at 4pm, today 28th December.

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I write to comment on the Plan by way of strongly protesting that this consultation period of only just over eight weeks is much too short for members of the public or local organisations to adequately study and digest this large and complex Plan, especially when part of the period has included the Christmas holiday when many local organisations have closed for the break and many local residents are either away or busy with family arrangements. When it has taken the City Council so many months to write and produce the Plan it is most certainly not equitable that only weeks are allowed for public comment on the Plan, it's eight Supporting Documents and the Revised National Planning Policy Framework only published on 24th July this year, which needs to be read in conjunction with the Plan. The Plan has profound implications not just for Oxford City but much of the surrounding county where much Green Belt and green field sites will most likely be sacrificed to meet Oxford's unmet housing and infrastructure needs.

I note too that only two public drop in sessions were arranged by the City Council, with only one on 7th November extending beyond most people's working hours.

My comment is that the Plan should be considered unsound by such inadequate public consultation.

I would urge the Council to extend the deadline for public consultation and comment by several more weeks.

yours faithfully

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