

## Oxford Local Plan 2036 Main Modifications

Question 1.

Your Name: Caroline Johnson, Chair

Question 2.

Your organisation (if applicable): Harbord Road Area Residents' Association

Question 3.

Your Address: [REDACTED], Oxford, [REDACTED]

Question 4.

Your email address: [REDACTED]

Question 5.

Do you wish to be notified when the Oxford Local Plan 2036 is adopted by the Council?

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Yes

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No

Question 6.

### DATA PROTECTION:

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Your personal details will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018. Your information will be used for The Oxford Local Plan 2036 Main Modifications Consultation only, and we will only store your data until the Oxford Local Plan 2036 is adopted. Information you give in this form will be shared with the Independent Examiners.

Please note: Anonymous representations may not be accepted.

Select at least 1 option.

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Select this box if you are happy for us to state your name and the first line of your address and postcode when publishing your response(s).

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Question 7.

To which Modification(s) or part(s) of the Sustainability Appraisal does this response relate?

MM32, the section marked by an asterix on page 200, the asterix being on page 201.

43.1 -  
Appendix  
7.3

Question 8.

Do you Support or Object the proposed modification(s)?

You must provide an answer to this question.

- Support
- **Object**

Question 9.

If you object, please state why:

The Examination Inspectors are required to consider whether the Local Plans have been properly prepared against tests set out in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 182). Please tick any which apply:

- Not positively prepared - i.e. the strategy will not meet development needs
- Not justified - i.e. there is no evidence to justify the modification
- Not effective - i.e. it won't work
- Not consistent with national policy - i.e. does not comply with the law

Question 10.

Reason for SUPPORT or OBJECTION:

Please give details to explain why you support or object to the wording of the Modification(s) or part(s) of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Main Modifications.

## **MM 32, page 256, Appendix 7.3 – Vehicular Parking Standards**

The Council's Motor Vehicle Parking policy M3 seeks to reduce car parking both on development sites and within CPZs. We have concerns regarding this policy in the context of Oxford where a significant number of houses are continuing to be demolished and replaced by two houses. Often a three or four bedroom house will be replaced by two four bedroom houses so the population density can increase substantially. Such development is widespread across the City. We feel the Council's policy is unrealistic and discriminates against families and other larger households.

We also have the following comments specific to the policy wording:

1. The Vehicular Parking Standards relating to dwellings of any size (Appendix 7.3), which is the maximum standard has been amended to state: "*1 space per dwellings [sic] (to be provided within the development site where feasible)....*"

We do not feel that this policy is justified or necessary or sound. The development of larger houses should provide off-street parking suitable for the size of the dwelling. Allowing only a maximum of one parking space per dwelling will lead to parking on the local streets. Whilst there are CPZs in force in some neighbourhoods, many areas of Oxford are not covered by a CPZ. This means that CPZs cannot be relied upon to prevent on-street parking and this is a problem in some already heavily congested areas. Similarly, whilst there are plans for more CPZs, the County Council takes a very long time to put them in place and their introduction cannot and should not be relied upon in the formulation of this policy.

2. The footnote to Appendix 7.3 which is marked by a \* states: *Any parking provided on a plot to be excluded from a permit for any future CPZ and only one permit to be provided per dwelling on street where not provided on plot.*

We agree that parking on a plot should be excluded from a CPZ but this should apply to all CPZs and not just *future* ones. This is important given the scenario in Oxford described above where the population density is increasing in areas which do have existing CPZs. We also note that much of the City already has an existing CPZ.

We would like to see the wording of this \* to the policy amended to '*....excluded from a permit for existing and any future CPZs*'.

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Summary of Representation:

If your reason for support or objection is longer than 100 words, please summarise the main issues raised.