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Question 1.

Your Name:

You must provide an answer to this question.

Alison Partridge

Question 2.

Your organisation (if applicable):

«No response»

Question 3.

Your Address:

You must provide an answer to this question.

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Oxford ██████████

Question 4.

Your email address:

You must provide an answer to this question.

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Question 5.

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

You must provide an answer to this question.



Yes

No

Question 6.

DATA PROTECTION:

Please note that your response will be made available for inspection by the public in paper form at the Council's offices, or other locations as appropriate for the purpose of facilitating public access.

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.

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).

Select this box if you would rather all personal details except your name and a non-specific address (e.g. Oxford) to be obscured.

Question 7.

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

You must provide an answer to this question.

Site 462 and generic Marston developments

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.

You must provide an answer to this question.

I am not an expert in housing, environment or planning, but fully support the responses from the Marston Residents Association and environmental experts. I will not attempt to restate all those arguments, but am fully supportive of them.

My primary concern is the extraordinary discrepancy between Oxford City Councils' stated (even heralded) environmental principles and priorities and their plans for development. I am proud to live in Oxford - whose City Council declared a climate emergency in January 2019; plans to be zero neutral within this current year; has committed £18m capital investment to address the climate emergency; committed an ongoing investment of £84m to tackle the climate emergency in Oxford and countywide; set up the first Citizens' Climate Assembly in the country - but meanwhile, is willing to allow development on the Green Belt, and on the flood plain in Oxford. It is well evidenced that building on flood plains is a primary cause of flooding in the UK.

Housing is a very real issue - but in a year that's seen devastating floods in the U.K and shockingly indisputable evidence of climate change globally - how can Oxford City Council be so short sighted and so easily tempted by a quick 'easy win'?

The successful challenge regarding the third Heathrow runway provides a parallel worth considering ...

Question 11.

Summary of Representation:

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

I've taken time and care to write this - please have the respect to read my full answer. But if you're really too busy ..

I'm proud to live in Oxford, and to have voted for years for a council committed in such a heralded way to environmental principles and tackling the climate emergency. But I'm appalled now as I watch it turning a blind eye to such commitments when faced with the (very real) housing need. Such decisions represent the worst of political short-termism - in a year when we've seen the extraordinary devastation globally and locally of the climate emergency. We need to build houses in the right way and right place.