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## Question 1.

**Your Name:**

You must provide an answer to this question.

Tessa Hennessy

## Question 2.

**Your organisation (if applicable):**

«No response»

### Question 3.

**Your Address:**

You must provide an answer to this question.

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### Question 4.

**Your email address:**

You must provide an answer to this question.

[REDACTED]

### 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.

SP 28 - Park Farm

## 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.

My reasons for objection are:

1. Park Farm (policy SP 28) is not the right place to build housing or any development - the field lies within functional flood plain zone 3 and is crucial for retaining flood water protecting existing houses in New Marston and downstream.
2. The field has been flooded for most of this winter and with the climate crisis rainfall will increase in the future.
3. The head of the Environment Agency has recently said that building on flood plain should not be allowed because of the increased likelihood of flooding.
4. The field forms part of the New Marston Meadows, an area of high ecological importance with rich biodiversity. The Meadows are also an important area of amenity for those living in the city.
5. There is a SSSI adjacent to the site which would be adversely affected if development were permitted in the future due to increased noise and pollution (light etc).

## Question 11.

### **Summary of Representation:**

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

Our reasons are set out above, plus the following points of objection:

5. The City Council declared a climate emergency in January 2019, yet is proposing to allow part of the flood plain to be developed. Such action is inconsistent with the declaration and would be reckless.
6. Park Farm is an agricultural business which relies on the field for use in the

winter when the lower fields are flooded. If the field were developed, the viability of the farm would be in peril.

For these reasons I consider that the Council's decision to include Park Farm in the Local Plan is unsound.