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6 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

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8 Are you happy for the first line of your address and postcode to be published with your response(s)?

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9 Do you wish to be notified when:

the Inspector's report is published?

10 If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)? Please note: while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

No

11 If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please tell us why you consider this to be necessary. Please note: the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

reason to attend hearings:

Policy S1: Spatial Strategy and Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

12 Do you consider that policy S1 is sound?

Not Answered

13 If you do NOT consider policy S1 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

reasons for unsoundness S1:

14 Do you consider that policy S1 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy S1 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

S1 legal compliance comments:

15 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the policy legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

changes to make policy s1 sound:

Policy S2: High Quality Design

16 Do you consider that policy S2 is sound?

Yes

17 If you do NOT consider policy S2 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

s2 comments:

18 Do you consider that policy S2 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy S2 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Not Answered

s2 legal compliance comments:

19 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the policy legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

suggested changes to make s2 sound:

Policy S3: Infrastructure Delivery in New Development

20 Do you consider that policy S3 is sound?

Yes

21 If you do NOT consider policy S3 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

s3 comments:

22 Do you consider that policy S3 is legally compliant? If you do NOT think policy S3 is legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Not Answered

s3 legal compliance comments:

23 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the policy legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

proposed changes to make policy s3 sound:

Policy S4: Plan Viability

24 Do you consider that policy S4 is sound?

No

25 If you do NOT consider policy S4 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

policy is NOT justified

s4 comments:

See comments on policy C8 (low car requirement: manner of framing policy not justified). This impacts the housing viability cascade, if comments are justified.

26 Do you consider that policy S4 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy S4 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Not Answered

s4 legal compliance comments:

27 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the policy legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

proposed changes to make policy s4 sound:

Chapter 1: Vision and Strategy (whole chapter)

28 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 1? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 1:

29 Do you consider that the parts of Chapter 1 mentioned above are sound?

Yes

30 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 1 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Not Answered

31 Do you consider that Chapter 1 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider the chapter to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

chapter 1 legal compliance:

32 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

suggested changes to make c1 sound:

Chapter 2: A Healthy Inclusive City to live in (whole chapter)

89 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 2? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 1:

90 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 2 mentioned above are sound?

Yes

91 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 2 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

c2 comments:

92 Do you consider the parts of chapter 2 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

c3 legal compliance comments:

93 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

suggested changes to make chapter 2 sound:

Chapter 3: A Prosperous City with a global important role in learning, knowledge and innovation (whole chapter)

114 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 3? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 1:

115 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 3 mentioned above are sound?

Yes

116 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 3 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

c3 soundness comments:

117 Do you consider the parts of chapter 3 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

chapter 3 legal compliance comments:

118 Please set out, as precisely as possible, what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

suggested changes to make chapter 3 sound:

Chapter 4: A Green Biodiverse City that is resilient to climate change (whole chapter)

155 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 4? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 4:

156 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above are sound?

Yes

157 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

c4 comments:

158 Do you consider the parts of chapter 4 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

c4 legal compliance comments:

159 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

suggested changes to make chapter sound:

Chapter 5: A City that utilises its resources with care, protects the air, water and soil and aims for net zero carbon Vision and Strategy (whole chapter)

192 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 5? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 5:

193 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 5 mentioned above are sound?

Yes

194 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 5 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

c5 comments:

195 Do you consider the parts of chapter 5 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

Yes

c5 legal compliance comments:

196 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the stated part(s) of the chapter legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above. You will need to say why the suggested change will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

suggested changes to make chapter 5 sound:

Chapter 6: A City that Respects its Heritage and Fosters Design of the Highest Quality

245 Do you wish to comment on any other part(s) of Chapter 6? Please state the relevant section or paragraph reference(s):

references for further comment chap 4:

C8: motor vehicle design standards

246 Do you consider that the parts of chapter 6 mentioned above are sound?

No

247 If you do NOT consider the parts of chapter 6 mentioned above to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

policy is NOT justified, policy is NOT effective

c6 comments:

The policy materially restricts the number of parking spaces available in residential developments. While sustainable development should encourage less car journeys, the framing of the policy as blanket restrictions will undermine viability (as recognised in S4) and will have negative impacts which outweigh the potential policy benefits. The negatives include: disadvantage to those who are less mobile (but not blue badge) including older people or those who are likely to need a car (eg families with young children). These people will either park nearby, increasing pressure on limited space, or buy elsewhere, leading to upward but artificial movement on house prices. Oxford housing is already expensive enough. This acts as a deterrent to the skilled (and demanding) workers other parts of the plan are trying to attract to Oxford to create future growth. Bus travel in central Oxford is good, but there are few areas in Oxford where public transport is so comprehensive that it can conveniently and quickly get you to and from non-central places of work, with limited exceptions, and not necessarily at non-standard times. Developments without parking have the capability to become the slums of the future as once built, parking cannot be retrofitted.

Moreover the specific criteria (b) and (c) applied to determine low car development are irrational in practice because they operate as “one size fits all” without flexibility. For example, being near to a two per hour north/south bus service doesn’t help if I want to go west. Equally, a parent with young child may not want to walk 1.6 km to/from a small local supermarket in the rain in winter. These criteria inflexibly and unjustifiably deny them the opportunity of car ownership.

NB car clubs are a good idea but do not fulfill all requirements eg taking a sick pet to a vet simply isn’t possible.

248 Do you consider the parts of chapter 6 mentioned above are legally compliant? If you do NOT consider them to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the chapter please also use this box to set out your comments.

No

c6 legal compliance comments:

The impact is to discriminate against those who are less mobile (because of age or disability falling short of blue badge criteria). It involves an unfair trade off between buying a home with material negatives (no or practically inaccessible car parking) against more costly housing elsewhere - which may not be affordable.

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suggested changes to make chapter6 sound:

Delete paragraphs 1 and 2 of the section in C8 titled Residential Developments.

Policy C8: Motor Vehicle Parking Design Standards

278 Do you consider that Policy C8 is sound?

No

279 If you do NOT consider policy C8 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

policy is NOT justified, policy is NOT effective

c8 comments:

See detailed comments above under chapter 6 introduction.

280 Do you consider that Policy C8 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy C8 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments

No

c8 legal compliance comments:

See above

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suggested changes to make c8 sound:

See above

Policy SPCW9: Oxford Railway Station and Becket Street Car Park

511 Do you consider that Policy SPCW9 is sound?

No

512 If you do NOT consider policy SPCW9 to be sound, please select your reasons why from the choices below. Please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the soundness of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments.

policy is NOT positively prepared, policy is NOT justified, policy is NOT effective

spcw19 comments:

No mention of permitting pick up/drop off at railway station by private cars.

513 Do you consider that Policy SPCW9 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy SPCW9 to be legally compliant, please give precise details for your reasons in the box below - if you wish to support the legal compliance of the policy please also use this box to set out your comments

No

spcw9 legal compliance comments:

Discrimination against those who are older/mobility impaired by failing to permit/facilitate pick up/drop off at the railway station (including suitable short term waiting/parking facilities at the station).

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suggested changes to make SPCW9 sound:

Include specific text to require such facilities to be provided.