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6 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

Individual/Member of the public

7 If you are commenting on behalf of someone else, please state their name here. If you are representing more than one person or group we suggest making a separate submission for each.

acting as agent?:

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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 Council submits the Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Government?

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 SPE14: Ruskin Field

451 Do you consider that Policy SPE14 is sound?

No

452 If you do NOT consider policy SPE14 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 consistent with national policy

spe14 comments:

Inclusion of SPE14 in sites for planning permission for residential development is contrary to Policy S1 c,f,g,h,i, and j

c: because it is not an area with opportunities for sustainable travel links

f: it would be a new use in a location (ie the Old Headington Conservation Area) where it will harm existing uses of the neighbourhood

g: it would be a new development on a greenfield location which would harm an important green infrastructure network

h: it would not take account of local historical context and the heritage significance of the Conservation area

i: The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF para 20.d) requires strategic policies should make sufficient provision for conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment. Landscapes and green infrastructure are irreplaceable resources and should be conserved accordingly, and not built on

j: the adverse impacts significantly outweigh benefits (see NPPF para 11.b.ii)

Policy S1c: travel links: Chat GPT predicts over 200 additional car movements per day not including deliveries. All this extra traffic would pass through Northway on roads off Foxwell Drive which are already overloaded at peak hours

Policy S1 f,h,i: the importance of preserving the character of OHCA and green views has grown with development at Barton Park and land north of Bayswater Brook.

Policy S1g: green infrastructure : Ruskin Field forms part of a continuous green corridor from Dunstan Park to the Barton Triangle for wildlife access and protects the spring-fed calcareous fen and probable historical peat deposits. This must be contrary to Policy R6

Policy S1 j: it is hard to believe benefits could outweigh the adverse impacts of adding 28 houses to Ruskin Field

453 Do you consider that Policy SPE14 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy SPE14 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

spe14 legal compliance comments:

for all the above reasons stated

454 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 SPE14 sound:

SPE 14 could only be made sound if it is deleted from the list of sites for which planning permission will be granted for residential development