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6 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

Organisation

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)?

I do NOT want my address and postcode to be published with my response.

9 Do you wish to be notified when:

the Council submits the Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Government?, the Inspector's report is published?, the Oxford Local Plan 2045 is adopted?

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.

I am not sure

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 SPE4: Jesus College Sports Area

411 Do you consider that Policy SPE4 is sound?

No

412 If you do NOT consider policy SPE4 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 effective

spe4 comments:

This policy will see the loss of the Jesus College Sports Pavilion, cricket nets and outfield. The remaining facilities would not be sufficient to ensure the current provision of cricket can continue.

This area currently supports the provision of cricket for College, University and the community. In addition to use by the College team, the ground has been home to community club Oxenford CC since 2011. The ground is used 2-3 times a week during the summer months for senior league cricket, women's league cricket and youth cricket for boys and girls from ages 5 to 13. Oxenford are a thriving and diverse community club with a membership of nearly 200 local residents. They are the only club in East Oxford to offer cricket to children and the only club to offer cricket to women.

The reduced sports field would not be large enough to support cricket matches. The neighbouring pitch at Lincoln College (also subject to residential housing approval in this policy) is also used extensively during the summer months by East Oxford CC and ground sharing is not a viable alternative.

Access to cricket facilities in the city is at an all time low, with council facilities having reduced to 1 pitch (Cutteslowe Park) which is used exclusively by Wolvercote CC. Other pitches are privately owned by schools or colleges and are either not available for hire and/or are not of a suitable standard for league cricket.

Finally, the retained sports pavilion at Lincoln College likely to be sufficiently large for hosting sports matches concurrently at Lincoln and Jesus College sports grounds.

413 Do you consider that Policy SPE4 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy SPE4 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

spe4 legal compliance comments:

414 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 spe4 sound: