

Submitted to Oxford Local Plan 2045 Submission Draft (Regulation 19) Consultation
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Local Citizen

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?:

Data Protection Notice and Notification Options

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?, 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.

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

spe14 comments:

The plan proposes to build housing on a green field site situated within the Old Headington Conservation Area. Several previous surveys conducted by the council have established that Ruskin Field is an important asset which enhances the historic environment as well as the landscape and green infrastructure. The Oxford Green Infrastructure network has identified the fields as a crucial part of the green corridor spanning Dunstan Park to the Barton Triangle, providing wildlife routes and offering attractive views.

Access to the proposed development is limited and will increase traffic in the area. Restricted access between Foxwell Drive and the A40 has already resulted in an increase of traffic accidents. Other routes to join the ring road such as Northway (heading West) or Dunstan Rd/St Andrew's Rd (heading East or South) are likely to see increasing traffic during peak hours on routes that are already routinely heavily congested.

Although recognising the importance of the Council fulfilling its targets for new housing the benefits of constructing 28 new homes on this site appear far fewer than the potential damage caused by the destruction of this significant and historic green space.

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

Not Answered

spe14 legal compliance comments:

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: