

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

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.

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?

No

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.

policy is NOT justified

reasons for unsoundness S1:

The inclusion of Iffley Meadows (the Horse Fields on Meadow Lane) within the proposed areas for development means that policy S1 is not sound as it contradicts the following :

- f) Ensure new uses are in locations where they will not harm the amenity of existing neighbouring uses;
- g) Direct new development away from locations where it would have a negative impact on important blue and green infrastructure networks, public open space, and result in loss of flood plain, also ensuring efficient use of land, helping to maximise opportunities on brownfield sites first.; and
- h) Take account of local historic context and respond appropriately to heritage significance.

This site is an ancient meadow of local heritage significance as a hub of natural biodiversity and a conservation area. It is important that we protect our precious green spaces which are so essential for the community's health and wellbeing. This area is also currently subject to BBOWT's forthcoming Heritage Lotter bid, which that would benefit local schools and communities as part of 'Meadow School Iffley' for outdoor education. Use of this land for housing development would preclude this initiative of significant local benefit, and remove opportunities for outdoor education from future generations.

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.

Not Answered

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:

Remove the land at Meadow Lane from consideration for development.

Policy SPS8: Land at Meadow Lane

355 Do you consider that Policy SPS8 is sound?

No

356 If you do NOT consider policy SPS8 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.

sps8 comments:

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357 Do you consider that Policy SPS8 is legally compliant? If you do NOT consider policy SPS8 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

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