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By e-mail

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Dear Mr Riley

Re: Local Plan 2031 Part 1

I write regarding the above consultation for which I'm most grateful to have an opportunity to respond. I alas have neither the time to comment on every facet of the Review nor provide a detailed account of why I feel as I do. I'm aware, however, that others have provided comprehensive explanations regarding my concerns and I refer you to the eloquent presentation submitted by Cumnor Parish Council. Rather than repeating verbatim those opinions or rewording the debate, I simply endorse them to you. Suffice it to say I fully share their concerns and totally support their comments.

I have concerns regarding the following areas of the proposed Local Plan 2031 Part 1,

Policy 1: - presumption in favour of sustainable development

- Unsoundness and unsustainability of Oxfordshire SHMA figures
- Failure of SHMA to meet sustainability requirements of the NPPF

Policy 4: - special strategy

- Unjustified prematurity of the SHMA figures
- The impracticability of achieving the SHMA figures
- Unsustainability according to three requirements of NPPF – economic, social and environmental

Policy 11:- assertion that redevelopment of the so called Botley area supports this policy

- Incorrect inclusion of land that does not need development
- Botley does not function as a district centre in the Oxford City context

Policy 13: - the Oxford Green Belt

- Inconsistency with policies on the protection of the Green Belt
- Green belt review does not meet "exceptional circumstances"
- Cumnor specific comments regarding eight sites within the parish
- Failure to consult properly

Policy 44: - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Failure to protect areas of outstanding natural beauty

Policy 47: - Delivery & Contingency

- The absence of reasonable alternatives

Yours sincerely



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