WEST OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2043

Publication Stage Representation Form

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Please Return to West Oxfordshire District Council by 5pm, Friday 9th October 2026

By Post: Planning Policy,
West Oxfordshire District Council,
Woodgreen,
Witney,
Oxon
OX28 1NB

Or by Email:
Planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.[redacted]

This form has two parts-
PART A – Personal Details **PART B – Your Representation(s).**
Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make

Personal data

We will submit your input to West Oxfordshire District Council's online consultation platform. Your name will be published with your comment, but no other personal data will be made public and will only be used by West Oxfordshire District Council in accordance with our privacy policy.

Representations can only be accepted as duly made, where they are submitted in writing and include the respondent's name and address.

PART A

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (If applicable)
Title	[redacted]	
First Name	[redacted]	
Last Name	[redacted]	
Job Title		
Organisation		
Address Line 1		
Line 2		
Line 3		
Post Code		
Email Address	[redacted]	

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PART B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name of Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph ☐ Policy ☐ Proposals Map ☐

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

4. (1)	Legally Compliant	Yes	No
4. (2)	Sound	Yes	No

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.

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6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at 4 above where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this modification 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. Please be as precise as possible.

Please note *your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.*

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

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7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

	No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination		**Yes,** I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline 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 at the oral part of the examination*

9. Signature Date

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Dear West Oxfordshire Planning Policy Team

West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043 Regulation 19 Consultation: South Oxfordshire District Council & Vale of White Horse Response

Introduction

South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council welcome the opportunity to comment on the emerging West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043.

The Councils are generally supportive of the draft Plan and recognise the significant work undertaken in preparing a comprehensive strategy for growth to 2043. We support the Plan's climate-led vision, its emphasis on sustainable patterns of development, and its recognition of the importance of protecting and enhancing the district's natural and historic environment. We also welcome the commitment to meeting identified housing needs and making a contribution towards Oxford City's unmet housing need.

We note that the Plan adopts a settlement hierarchy-based approach to growth and seeks to focus development in locations that are well connected to jobs, services and facilities, particularly along the A40 and A44 corridors. This broadly aligns with the principles of sustainable development and supports the delivery of growth in accessible locations.

Policy RA5 – Land at the Downs, Standlake

The Councils previously raised concerns during the Regulation 18 consultation regarding the potential cumulative impacts associated with development at Standlake, particularly in relation to transport and flood risk.

We note that Policy RA5 remains proposed for allocation and that the policy now contains site-specific requirements addressing a number of matters previously raised, including avoiding unacceptable cumulative transport impacts and ensuring development does not increase flood risk elsewhere. We welcome these additions and consider the policy wording demonstrates a thoughtful response to earlier consultation comments.

However, we note that whilst a detailed Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been undertaken for some sites, this work has not yet been completed for the proposed allocation at Standlake. Given the known flood risk sensitivities of the area, we recommend that a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is undertaken for the site to provide confidence that the allocation is justified and capable of being delivered without unacceptable flood risk impacts.

Conclusion

Subject to the comments above regarding Policy RA5 and the completion of an appropriate Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council are generally supportive of the emerging Local Plan and have no substantive strategic objections to its progression.

Your Sincerely

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Planning Policy Team Leader
South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse District Councils