

Comments on the Local Plan 2031:

There should be a full review of the Oxford Green Belt not piecemeal as carried out for this Local Plan 2031. The criteria for Green Belts includes:

- to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

The areas North West and North of Abingdon goes against this, particularly the Peachcroft proposal. Abingdon has provided many brown field areas to create large numbers of extra housing in the Vale.

2. The ring road is already overcrowded with difficulties for traffic joining it from the current estates but no thought has been given to this

3. Phase 2 Redevelopment of the town centre needs to include mixed retail and leisure facilities as much shopping is now carried out online and town centres need to encourage community activities as well as retail.

Regards
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