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Subject: Impending Vote on SODC Local Plan 2035

Dear Councillor

You have been put in an invidious position by the *Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government* with the impending vote you must consider later this week: whether to approve or reject **SODC's LP2035** recently passed by Inspector Bore. I hope that you stand by your Election campaigning position of May 2019 to endorse the local democratic view that this plan, as it stands, should not be supported. The consequences of rejecting LP2035 are not insignificant, however just proceeding to the wishes of the Secretary of State will have everlasting detrimental effects on the local communities, the local environment and the biodiversity of the area.

As you are well aware, the implementation of the Plan will destroy most of the Green Belt that surrounds Oxford with 6 out of 7 of the "strategic sites" residing within the Green Belt. We are particularly concerned with **STRAT13 – Land North of Bayswater Brook**, a site which has previously been rejected due to its poor access to Oxford, its propensity to flood and the potential damage to the SSSI at Sydlings Copse, a nationally recognised nature reserve – any development close to this site will undoubtedly cause irreversible and irreparable damage.

For the residents of Sandhills, the land proposed for development at Bayswater Farm Field (BFF) which is included in the **STRAT13** allocation, will remove the only local Green Space. Access to the countryside and fields at Bayswater Farm with a number of very well used footpaths and bridleway is important for local residents for both their physical and mental health and has been very valuable for their wellbeing during lockdown.

Proposed access to the BFF site through existing roads on Sandhills has already been rejected by Highways/Oxford County Council due to their unsuitability – narrowness, 1930's construction. Traffic is already a problem on Sandhills at school time, only last week a child was injured outside school. Additional traffic caused by the development will only exacerbate this and cause further congestion. Yet, the Inspector has approved the Plan as being sound despite these detailed issues suggesting otherwise, and SODC Councillors are prevented from modifying the Plan accordingly – so much for local democracy.

Both the Greens and Lib Dems campaigned in May 2019 to oppose the emerging LP2034 as it took little account and consideration of local communities. Please “stick to your guns” and reject the Local Plan this week.

Kind regards

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Parish Councillor - Sandhills

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