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Subject: SODC Local Plan

Dear Councillor,

We understand that there is a very important vote on the local plan on the 10th December. We also understand that undue pressure to accept this flawed plan has been applied by Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government, to approve this plan by the end of 2020.

Please do not abstain or vote for this plan, but vote against it. There are several reasons why this plan is wrong for the whole of Oxfordshire.

For example, the plan has approximately 8,000 more houses than the people of the area represented by SODC require. If the correct housing numbers are used then all the green belt sites around Oxford could be saved for future generations, this amounts to nearly 2000 acres of countryside. Excess housing itself contributes to carbon emissions significantly, and thus will accelerate climate change. Transport infrastructure is already overloaded and would not be able to cope with such increased numbers, particularly around the ring road, and Headington roundabout down from the land north of Bayswater Brook. We need to maintain local democracy and resist central government interference which is unacceptable and undemocratic.

Therefore we urge you to do the right thing for Oxfordshire despite central pressure and vote against this plan.

Yours faithfully,

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