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**To: All South Oxfordshire District Council Councillors**

**From: Haseley Brook Action Group**

**SODC LOCAL PLAN**

Dear Councillor,

Having attended the recent full Council meeting at which you considered the best way forward on the Local Plan, I thought that it would be sensible to send a follow-up on behalf of the Haseley Brook Action Group.

The Haseley Brook Action Group represents communities and people of the Haseley Brook ward of the South Oxfordshire District. It currently has in excess of nine hundred signed-up supporters who have aligned themselves to our mission statement and petitions.

We recognise and support the need for new housing within South Oxfordshire. Equally, we are pleased that good sense has prevailed in recognising the unlawful and undeliverable nature of the proposed Chalgrove site. This decision of the full Council reflects the advice that we received from our own legal and planning advisers many months ago.

We believe that the Council should carefully consider whether another site is absolutely necessary. If it is concluded that one is required, either to replace, or in addition to the Chalgrove site, we would urge you to consider sympathetically the excellent strategic sites which are available adjacent to the City of Oxford.

The sustainability, transport and social benefits of the previously discounted strategic sites, such as Wick Farm and Grenoble Road, are more likely to be both deliverable and support the housing need that exists in Oxford City and the wider area, especially for Affordable Housing; whilst preserving the open countryside in our beautiful South Oxfordshire District.

There is a huge groundswell of opinion throughout South Oxon which favours such a solution.

There is of course a need to move as quickly as possible to bring forward revised proposals and we would be delighted to meet with you if you feel that it would be of value in shaping the next stages of the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,



John Alexander  
Chairman, Haseley Brook Action Group

