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Dear Graeme Markland,

### South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 – Adoption of the Plan

I am writing to notify you that South Oxfordshire District Council adopted the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 on 10 December 2020.

In March 2019 South Oxfordshire District Council submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. The Secretary of State appointed the Planning Inspectorate (an agency of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) to review and examine South Oxfordshire's Local Plan. The Planning Inspectorate then assigned Jonathan Bore MRTPI to carry out a review and examination of the Local Plan. Examination hearings into the Local Plan were held in July and August 2020. Following this, the main modifications consultation was carried out for a six-week period between 21 September and 2 November 2020. The Inspector's report was issued on 27 November 2020 and the Plan was found to be sound with the recommended main modifications.

At a Council meeting on 10 December 2020, the Council adopted the Plan. The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 now forms part of the statutory development plan.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Attached is an Adoption Statement, which gives details on the grounds on which, and time within which, such an application may be made.

The Adoption Statement can also be viewed on our website at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/localplan>, alongside the adopted Local Plan 2035 and the Inspector's Report.

If you have any questions, or require the documents in an alternative format, please contact our Customer Services Team by telephone on **01235 422600**, or email [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Lucy Murfett  
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## Adoption Statement for the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2035

### ***Notification under Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004***

In accordance with the above Regulations and Act, notice is hereby given that the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2035 was formally adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council on 10 December 2020.

This document replaces the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy and saved policies from our South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 was the subject of an independent examination conducted by Jonathan Bore MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The examination included virtual public hearing sessions in July and August 2020. The Inspector's Report was issued on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and concluded that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant, subject to the Inspector's Main Modifications pursuant to Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 incorporates all the Main Modifications set out in the appendix to the Inspector's Report, as well as additional Minor Modifications agreed by the Council.

The adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 document, Policies Map, and Sustainability Appraisal Report can be viewed [on the Council website](#). Some of the district's libraries are currently closed or have restricted opening because of the COVID-19 outbreak, please check before visiting. The Plan documents are available at the District Council's offices at Milton Park on an appointment-only basis as the offices are currently closed to the public in line with current advice from the Government and Public Health England. Please contact us on **01235 422600** or email [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk) to book an appointment or if you need support to access the Plan.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 may make an application to the High Court, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power of the local planning authority and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made not later than **Thursday 21 January 2021**.

If you have any questions, or require the documents in an alternative format, please contact our Customer Services Team by telephone on **01235 422600**, or email [planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southoxon.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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