

Additional Consultation items specific to the Central Oxfordshire Sub Region

As a resident of the Oxfordshire Sub Region I feel strongly that the South East Plan consultation is flawed in that it fails to identify specific issues within my sub-region. In addition to the general consultation which I have submitted separately I therefore forward these additional comments on other items in the plan on which specific comment has been requested.

Cross Cutting Policies and Regional Policies

Policy CC1 – Active Management – I support the policy that local planning authorities and other agencies should adopt positive and creative approaches to land and resource management, **so as to conserve resources**, increase efficiency and raise standards.

Policy CC4 - Infrastructure and implementation – I support Assembly Members who have made it clear that they accept the need to contemplate growth **but only if it is linked in a tangible and transparent way to the assured provision of necessary infrastructure**. I therefore strongly support the concept of growth only on a conditional basis

Policy CC7 - Urban Focus – I support the concept of developing in and around existing urban areas (i.e. areas with populations in excess of 10,000) but where development is not possible in the urban area, development around the urban area should only be considered on a sequential basis as defined in PPG3

Policy CC9 – Green Belts – I strongly agree that the existing Green Belts in the region should be retained and supported. In particular I would like the plan wording to be changed to provide for the retention of the existing boundaries of the Oxford Green Belt.

Housing

H1 – I deplore inclusion in the plan of regional annual average targets without any specific district level detail.

H3 – I support the principle of at least 60% of new housing being on previously developed land.

H7 – I support the policy of making better use of the existing housing stock

Sustainable Natural Resource Management

NRM4 – I support conservation and improvement of bio-diversity.

Central Oxfordshire Sub-Region Policies (The ones created by locally elected, democratically accountable politicians)

CO1 – Core Strategy – I support the County Council's preferred strategy proposing country towns as the main locations for development, strengthened by the creation of appropriate employment opportunities to minimise the need for commuting.

CO2 – Scale, location and type of housing – given uncertain data, lack of appropriate infrastructure and previous failure to meet development targets in the sub-region, I consider that it is only prudent to support a lower level of development than the previous 5 year average. I strongly support spatial option A, the development of larger existing settlements **beyond** the green belt.

CO3 – Green Belt - I strongly support the maintenance of the Oxford Green Belt. **I contend that this should reflect the existing boundaries of the Oxford Green Belt.**

CO4 – Affordable housing – I strongly believe that affordable housing is important for the sub-region. However I consider that it should not be expressed as a percentage of development as it could artificially increase levels of overall development. **Affordable housing requirements and provision should be considered independently of other factors.**

CO5 – Economy - I strongly support this policy. In particular I consider that the main locations for the provision of additional land for employment should be in the country towns, in order to co-locate new housing with employment, minimising the need to commute.

CO6 – Infrastructure - I consider the concept of conditional growth to be fundamentally important. **It is essential that any development is infrastructure led**

CO7 – Transport - I support the concept of management and development of transport networks stressing the importance of non-road based forms of transport, the concepts of environmental protection, sustainability, integration of transport modes and the need to consider the effect of any development on local communities.

Additional comments:

Please tick one box next to your age range.

16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54

55-59 60-64 65-74 75+

Please write your full postcode in the boxes below, with one digit in each box.

Full Postcode

Please tick one box next to the statement that best describes your working status.

I work full time (30 hours per week or more)

I am currently unemployed

I am not working – I look after house/children

I am a student

I work part-time (9-29 hours per week)

I am not working – I am retired

I am not working – I am ill/invalid or disabled

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Additional Central Oxfordshire comments