



SPADE believes: -

- 1. Planning should be the responsibility of local elected politicians**
- 2. Developments should be “plan led” i.e. development should be the result of district council “Local Plan” procedures subject to the National Planning Policy Framework**
- 3. Developer led “speculative” development should be resisted**
- 4. Local people and communities should be empowered to contribute meaningfully in local spatial planning matters**
- 5. So called “affordable houses” are not affordable. A new definition of affordable should be based on local average wages not 80% of an inflated market rate**
- 6. Developers must be held to account to deliver the proportion of affordable houses they were originally publicising. Belated “affordability” arguments by developers to reduce the amount of affordable houses, must be resisted by district councils**
- 7. Local Enterprise Partnerships are not democratic and should have limited authority to lead or impose development in their areas**
- 8. The Oxford Greenbelt serves a useful purpose and should be protected**
- 9. Development should concentrate on existing brownfield sites (some brownfield sites in Greenbelt may be suitable for limited development in some circumstances)**
- 10. Most development should be based on existing urban areas with increased density allowing vast expansion of public transport opportunities**
- 11. Expansion of electrified rail should take precedence over roads**
- 12. Opportunities for rail freight must be explored fully to avoid the claimed need for the Oxford Cambridge Expressway as a freight link**
- 13. Future development must be “carbon neutral”**
- 14. Air quality and noise pollution safeguards must be rigidly enforced and enhanced**