

**CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION
22 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 3 NOVEMBER 2023
Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 – Regulation 18 Consultation Draft**

Representation Form

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Cherwell and would like your views. We are presenting a draft of the Plan for consultation so that you can consider our emerging proposals. It has been prepared to prompt discussion and feedback on new planning policies to guide the delivery of sustainable development across the district.

The draft Plan sets out a vision and proposes homes, employment land, infrastructure and other essential services required to support the local community over the Plan period.

The draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 and supporting documents are available to view on-line at <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

This response form can be downloaded from <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

All documents are also available on Cherwell District Council's website at:
<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/local-plan-review-2040>

Hard copies of the documents are available to view, and hard copies of this form are available to take away at:

- Cherwell District Council offices at Bodicote house, Bodicote, Banbury
- Libraries across the District
- Woodstock Library
- West Oxfordshire District Council Offices at Welch Way, Witney
- Public exhibitions during the consultation period

How to use this form

Please complete **Part A** in full.

Then complete **Part B** for each question you wish to comment on. Boxes for comments can be expanded.

Please return completed forms:

By Email to: PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Planning Policy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA.

If you have any questions about completing the form or accessing documents, please telephone 01295 227985 or email planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk.

Comments should be received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 3 November 2023.

Your details will be added to our mailing list which means that you will be automatically notified of future stages of the local plan preparation process. If you subsequently wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANONYMOUS OR CONFIDENTIAL COMMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

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PART A

	Details of the person / body making the comments	Details of the agent submitting the comments on behalf of another person / body (if applicable)
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PART B – Please complete part B for each question you wish to comment on

Introduction

QUESTION 1: Do you have a view on the Plan period?

The Council has no view

QUESTION 2: How could we improve presentation of the Plan?

The current presentation was clear and the colour coding worked well

QUESTION 3: Do you have any comments on our draft proposals for retaining/saving existing policies?

No comment

Do you have any additional comments on the Introduction Chapter?

None

Vision and Objectives

QUESTION 4: Do you have any comments on the draft Vision?

No comments

QUESTION 5: Do you have any observations on our objectives?

Nothing to add

Do you have any additional comments on the Plan Vision and Objectives Chapter?

No

Spatial Strategy

QUESTION 6: Do you have any comments on our strategy?

No further comments.

District Wide Policies

QUESTION 7: Should we seek more than 10% biodiversity net gain if this means sacrificing other requirements?

Yes, but it depends what the other requirements are. 10% biodiversity net gain should be an absolute minimum with greater percentages to aim for if at all possible.

QUESTION 8: Should we identify further land for employment?

Employment land should be linked to the number of houses actually built (not proposed)

QUESTION 9: We would welcome information from local businesses and landowners that would like to expand or potentially relocate. It will help inform an Employment Land Review and the further consideration of employment land needs.

Not applicable.

QUESTION 10: Do you have any comments on our approach of focusing employment development on strategic sites at Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington?

No.

QUESTION 11: What are your views on our proposed approach towards development at existing and allocated employment sites?

No further comments.

QUESTION 12: What are your views on our proposed approach towards new employment development on unallocated sites?

Allocated sites should take priority.

QUESTION 13: What are your views on allowing ancillary uses on employment sites?

Ancillary sites should be able to include, not only food stores etc, but also childcare facilities.

QUESTION 14: What are your views on our proposed approach to rural diversification?

No views. Proposal acceptable.

QUESTION 15: What are your views on our proposed approach to tourism development?

Support the proposal, provided it benefits the local community.

QUESTION 16: What are your views on our proposed approach to retail development and town centres?

The Council realises that Bicester town centre is in dire need of support and anything which can be done to improve the facilities would be of benefit to the town.

QUESTION 17: Do you agree with the town centre and primary shopping frontage boundaries shown on the plans?

No. The shops at the front of the Claremont carpark should be included in the proposals (ie former Wilko store), even if the car park is to be converted to residential.

QUESTION 18: Do you agree that only within the primary shopping frontage area E use classes should be protected?

No experience of Class E retail.

QUESTION 19: Do you have comments on the Housing and Economic Needs Assessment?

The Parish Council is not qualified to respond to this question.

QUESTION 20: Do you have comments on our emerging housing distribution?

The housing distribution is seems reasonable.

QUESTION 21: Are there any Parish Councils seeking a specific housing requirement for Neighbourhood Plans?

Caversfield Parish Council is not proposing to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

QUESTION 22: What are your views on our settlement hierarchy proposals?

It would be helpful to have clarification of the villages included within the *Open Countryside* categorisation and more detail for how the Plan intends to protect those villages.

QUESTION 23: What are your views on our suggested policy for affordable housing?

The allocation should be more than the statutory minimum required.

QUESTION 24: Would you support maximising the delivery of affordable housing, and in particular the delivery of more social rented housing, if sacrifices were made in respect of other requirements?

While affordable housing is always needed, this should not be to the detriment of the village hierarchy requirements and particularly within those areas which have been classified as Open Countryside.

QUESTION 25: Do you agree with our approach for assessing the suitability of sites for travelling communities?

No comments.

QUESTION 26: Would you like to propose any sites for consideration as Local Green Spaces?

Caversfield Parish Council would like to propose two areas of Local Green Space for the benefit of the village.

1. The vacant area to the south of Springfield Road (which used to be a play area) and
2. The land to the north of Rau Court (which also used to be a play area).

Do you have any additional comments on Our Strategy for Development in Cherwell Chapter?

No

Banbury Area Strategy

QUESTION 27: What are your views on our aspirations for the Banbury area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 28: Do you think these sites in the Banbury area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 29: Are there any alternative housing sites for Banbury you wish to suggest?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 30: Are there other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes at Banbury?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Do you have any additional comments on the Banbury Area Strategy chapter?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Bicester Area Strategy

QUESTION 31: What are your views on our aspirations for the Bicester area?

Good aspirations, but whether they are achievable, is debatable.

QUESTION 32: Do you think these sites in the Bicester area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?

Yes.

QUESTION 33: Are there any alternative housing sites for Bicester you wish to suggest?

No, there are no alternatives.

QUESTION 34: Do you agree with the employment sites we have selected at Bicester to accommodate new employment development?

No comment.

QUESTION 35: Are there any alternative sites to accommodate housing and employment needs that you think are more suitable?

No.

QUESTION 36: Are there any other transport schemes that you think should be delivered at Bicester?

Buses for north west Bicester to connect with the stations and town centre.

QUESTION 37: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes at Bicester?

The proposal for the bus priority route on page 168 is not clear. The A41 is not on the Banbury Road.

QUESTION 38: Is there other green and blue infrastructure you think should be delivered at Bicester?

No.

Question 39: No question – Duplication in draft Local Plan

QUESTION 40: Are there any other measures we should be taking to improve Bicester town centre?

If the Claremont car park AND the market square car park are redeveloped, there will be no disabled parking provision at that end of the town which may exclude a large number of visitors. Sainsbury's car park is not fully accessible and level access for many is imperative.

QUESTION 41: What are your views on our proposed approach to development proposals at Former RAF Bicester?

The Council has supported the development (with the obvious protection caveats) of the site over the last ten years.

Do you have any additional comments on the Bicester Area Strategy chapter?

No.

Kidlington Area Strategy

QUESTION 42: What are your views on our aspirations for the Kidlington area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 43: Do you think these sites in the Kidlington area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 44: Are there any alternative housing sites for the Kidlington area you wish to suggest?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 45: Do you agree with the employment sites we have selected at Kidlington to accommodate new employment development?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 46: Are there any alternative sites to accommodate housing and employment needs that you think are more suitable?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 47: Should this Plan adjust Green Belt boundaries in the Langford Lane area in response to recently developed land?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 48: Should land for employment use be identified at London Oxford Airport?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 49: Do you have any comments on the transport schemes proposed for the Kidlington area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 50: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes in the Kidlington area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 51: Do you have any comments on the green and blue infrastructure proposed for the Kidlington area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 52: Do you have any views on the proposed changes to the village centre?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 53: Do you have any views on the areas of change identified?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 54: Are there any other opportunity areas or sites that we should be including?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Do you have any additional comments on the Kidlington Area Strategy chapter?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Heyford Park Area Strategy

QUESTION 55: Do you have any views on our aspirations for Heyford Park?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 56: Do you agree with the local service role for Heyford Park proposed in Core Policy 3?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 57: Do you think we should be considering employment uses alongside the potential allocation for more homes in the longer term at Heyford Park?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 58: Do you have any comments on the potential allocation at Heyford Park?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 59: Do you have any views on the principle of phased development at Heyford Park subject to implementation of the approved masterplan and the delivery of transport infrastructure?

The Council does not have a view on this.

QUESTION 60: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes in the Heyford area?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Do you have any additional comments on the Heyford Park Area Strategy chapter?

The Council does not have a view on this.

Rural Areas Strategy

QUESTION 61: Do you have any views on our aspirations for our Rural Areas?

No additional views, but welcome the strategy requiring areas to be specifically included in the local or neighbourhood plan before development is allowed.

QUESTION 62: Do you support our preliminary proposals for housing in our rural areas?

Yes, but the Smaller Villages and Open Countryside categorisation **MUST** be strongly protected.

QUESTION 63: Are there any potential rural housing sites you wish to suggest?

No.

QUESTION 64: Do you know of any potential new rural employment sites?

No.

Do you have any additional comments on the Rural Areas Area Strategy chapter?

No further comments.

Implementing the Plan

QUESTION 65: Do you have any comments on these measures?

No

Do you have any additional comments on the Implementing the Plan chapter?

No

Appendices

Do you have any comments on the appendices?

No further comments.

Supporting Documents

Do you have any comments on the supporting technical evidence?

No further comments.

Additional comments

Do you have any additional comments on the Draft Local Plan Review?

No further comments.

