

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Oxford Local Plan 2045

Notice of Examination Hearings under Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

On 14 July 2026 Oxford City Council submitted its Local Plan 2045 to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The Secretary of State has appointed **Matthew Birkinshaw BA(Hons) MSc MRTPI** and **Clive Coyne BA (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI** to undertake an independent examination as to the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan and to issue a report with his conclusions.

As part of the Examination process, hearing sessions will be held as follows:

Dates	Venue
Stage 1 hearings Between Tuesday 20 October 2026 and Friday 23 October 2026	The Cherwell Room, The King's Centre Osney Mead Oxford OX2 0ES
Stage 2 hearings Between Tuesday 24 November and Friday 11 December 2026	Venue to be confirmed.

Sessions will commence at 9:30am unless detailed otherwise on the [Examination website](#). Hearings sessions can be attended by interested members of the public who wish to observe proceedings. The sessions will also be livestreamed via the Council's website. The link will be published on the [Examination website](#) in advance of the hearing sessions.

Additional information about the Examination including latest news and all the background evidence for the Local Plan Examination, can be viewed on the [Examination website](#). Further information will be published on the [Examination website](#) once it is available.

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