

Dear Oxford City Council,

I heard a presentation of the Oxford Plan a few months ago. I was impressed by the detailed work that has gone into the preparation of this document.

However, as someone very concerned for a long time now about the impact of climate change I realise that looking at the document on line I realise that it is, I am afraid, un-sound in the light of the latest figures on climate change.

The latest IPCC report shows a review of the risk of escalating climate change unless temperatures are held below 1.5 deg C. Already we know that the loss of Arctic ice has accelerated and that arctic permafrost is melting, with release of methane, a greater risk to climate change than CO2.

For instance, you base your plans for climate change mitigation in line with the Climate Change act of 2008, so they are completely out of date. Your ambitions for building similarly aim to be within 'the provisions of the National plan', which is also far from the radical action needed.

In summary, in spite of my recognition of the hard work and thought that has gone into your plan, unfortunately it is **unsound** because out of date with the latest scientific evidence. It will have to be re-written in the light of this.

Yours sincerely

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