# **OXFORD PLANNING OXFORD'S FUTURE** PREFERRED OPTIONS PLAN With your responses, together with the evidence base, we

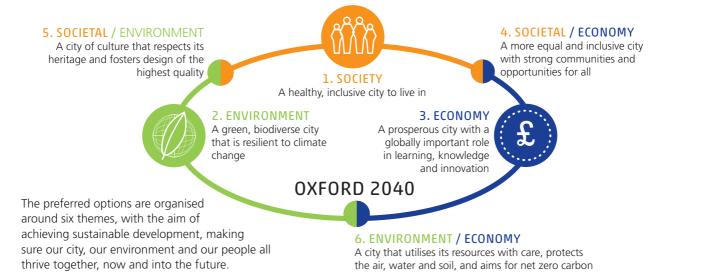


will start to draft the policies in the Oxford Local Plan 2040.

The Local Plan can help tackle many of the issues that the city faces, such as our environment, inequalities and climate change. It will set out where and how new development can happen. It will look at what development is needed in the city and try to provide for that. At the same time it will try to keep hold of the things that make Oxford a special place, and see where things can improve to make it a better place to live, work and visit.

Last summer we asked you what issues the new Local Plan should cover. We have listened to what local communities, businesses and other organisations have told us and set out what we think are the best policy options for Oxford and we want to know what you think. The Preferred Options document is available to view at www.oxford.gov.uk/localplan2040 and details of how to comment on the whole document are also available there.

This leaflet summarises our key preferred policy options and asks for your views on them. You may complete the questions inside and return freepost (see instructions on reverse), but if possible we ask you instead to complete the form online here: www.oxford.gov.uk/localplan2040 THE CLOSING DATE IS 14 NOVEMBER 2022



This is the second stage of consultation, with one more key consultation stage to follow next year:

Issues Consultation	Summer
Comments, evidence and studies inform the development of potential policy options.	2021
Preferred Options Regulation 18 Consultation Consultation used to draft the policies in the Plan.We are here	October/November 2022
Consultation on outstanding evidence base	February/March
Following the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 no longer being pursued.	2023
Final Consultation (Regulation 19)	Autumn
This will be a consultation on the draft Plan.	2023
Submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State	March
Submission of Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.	2024
Local Plan Examination	Summer/Autumn
With a government inspector. Hearings will be open to the public.	2024
Adoption of the Plan The Plan provides the strategy for the development of Oxford to 2040 and will be used to determine planning applications.	Summer 2025

# WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE OPTIONS WE'RE CONSIDERING FOR THE LOCAL PLAN 2040...

**OXFORD** LOCAL PLAN

## **15 MINUTE CITY**

The Local Plan 2040 places a strong emphasis upon the concept of a 15 minute city whereby daily needs are within a 15 minute walk of your home. This provides the opportunity to build strong local communities that enable residents to thrive.

- **1** Should we continue to protect community, cultural and social facilities and set out criteria for new ones?
- 2 Should we set out guidance for our District and Local Centres?
- 3 Should we continue to promote the use of a design checklist, to improve the design, layout and architecture of new developments?
- 4 Should we continue to prioritise travel by active and sustainable modes (walking and cycling) and discourage private car travel, by seeking to reduce public parking and parking in new developments (residential and non-residential)?
- 5 The Local Plan can help identify infrastructure needs and help co-ordinate with the organisations who deliver them. Our assessment of infrastructure needs (the Infrastructure Delivery Plan) has not identified significant gaps, however we are aware of the challenges that communities face as the city develops and evolves. Do you consider there to be any significant infrastructure gaps in your area that would prevent development?

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# **REDUCING INEQUALITIES**

Oxford has diverse communities and a strong identity but there are wide inequalities across the city, exposed and exacerbated further by the recent pandemic. These include access to housing and employment opportunities and in health and wellbeing. One of the challenges we face is to reduce these inequalities and create opportunities for all.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 1 Should we continue to encourage intensification and regeneration of employment sites that are already important to supporting the local and national economy?
- 2 Should we require major development projects to provide training and employment opportunities for local people?
- **3** Should we introduce a policy requirement for affordable workspaces (e.g. offering lower rent options) to be delivered as a percentage of large commercial developments (affordable workspaces)?

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## HEALTH

Should we continue to require Health Impact Assessments for all major new developments, to show how they are supporting healthy communities and tackling health inequalities?

# **CLIMATE CHANGE**

The need to adapt to the impacts of the changing climate and to build resilience across the city is important if we are to leave our environment in a better state in 2040 than it is today. The Plan seeks to accelerate the move to net zero buildings and introduces measures to ensure the city is ready to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

- 1 Should we continue to protect a network of green spaces, including ecological sites, because of their value for health and wellbeing, biodiversity etc?
- 2 Should we require greening of sites by requiring developments to include green features such as additional planting or green roofs?
- **3** Should we require new developments to include features to support wildlife such as bird and bat boxes?
- **4** Should we support the use of retrofitting (the addition of new features to an existing building) to reduce carbon emissions?
- **5** Should we require planning applications to show how developments will be resilient to climate change?
- 6 Should we focus new development away from areas of flood risk but allow redevelopment of sites at risk from flooding where it will improve the current situation?

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1	Should we allow an element of housing to be introduced on existing employment sites?					
2	Should we continue to meet as much of our housing need as possible by prioritising housing over employment where the space is available?					
3	Should we continue to prioritise the delivery of affordable housing that people can rent (e.g. social rent) over affordable housing that people can buy (e.g. Shared ownership or First Homes)?					
4	Should we continue to prioritise affordable housing as the main community benefit from new developments, so that developers are required to provide as much as possible?					
5	Should we continue to deliver a mix of dwelling sizes (number of bedrooms) and types (housing for specialist needs, accessible homes) for different people's needs?					
6	Should we prioritise smaller houses or flats, in order to provide more homes overall?					





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# **YOUR DETAILS**

We will accept anonymous responses, but please let us know your name and contact details. This will mean we can contact you when we next consult on the Local Plan 2040. Your comments will be considered by the Planning Policy team at Oxford City Council.

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Do you agree to us using your data to analyse responses? YES NO

Do you agree to us using your data to contact you about future 

## DATA PROTECTION

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