Oxford Local Plan 2042 – Interim Regulation 18 stage site assessment form incorporating sustainability appraisal

Site name	East Oxford Bowls Club
SHLAA reference (and OLP2036 Policy if applicable)	204
Ward	St Clement's
Total site size (ha)	0.3ha
Existing use(s)	Recreation



<u>Stage 1a assessment – are there any clear conflicts with national planning policy and/or any</u> <u>insurmountable environmental or physical constraints?</u>

Assessment criteria	Outcome	Comments
Is the site an SAC or SSSI?	No	
Is the site greenfield in flood zone 3b?	No	
Is the site area less than 0.25ha?	No	

Is the site already at an	No	
advanced stage in the planning		
process (development		
commenced)?		

Stage 1a conclusion
No clear conflicts with national policy or insurmountable environmental or physical constraints.
Continue to next stage of assessment.

<u>Stage 1b assessment – Assessment of deliverability of the site including any known intentions for</u> <u>development.</u>

Is there confirmed landowner intention to develop	Yes.
Does the landowner specify types of development	Residential.

Stage 1b conclusion
Landowner has confirmed intent to develop, consider further for allocation for housing. Continue to
next stage of assessment.

<u>Stage 2 assessment – Further assessment of site deliverability, including consideration of</u> <u>sustainability impacts (using the Sustainability Appraisal framework)</u>

SA objective 1. To achieve the city's ambition to reach net zero **carbon emissions** by 2040.

See SA Objective 8 for decision-making criteria.

SA objective 2. To build **resilience to climate change**, including reducing risks from overheating, flooding and the resulting detriment to well-being, the economy and the environment.

Decision-making criteria: Is the use proposed suitable given the flood zone of the site?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
What flood zone(s) is the	0	Site is in Flood Zone 1
site in?		(Surface water flood risk is located predominantly inside the north western, south eastern and south western perimeter of site, with a patch located more centrally.)
Flooding of land surrounding site for access/ egress	0	There is safe access/egress from the site – area surrounding site is Flood Zone 1

SA objective 3. To encourage the **efficient use of land** through good design and layout, and minimise the use of greenfield and Green Belt land.

Decision-making criteria: Will the site make use of previously developed land? And will the site be on Green Belt land?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Previously	+	Site is previously developed with vacant buildings on site.
developed		
land?		
Green belt?	0	Site is not on Green Belt land.

SA objective 4. To meet **local housing needs** by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent affordable home.

Decision-making criteria: Will the site provide net new housing? And will it improve the availability of decent affordable housing?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Housing	l I	Depends on implementation.
provision		
Affordable	l I	Depends on implementation
housing		
provision		

SA objective 5. To reduce poverty, social exclusion, and health **inequalities**.

Decision-making criteria: Will it improve opportunities for people in the most deprived areas? *For the purposes of this assessment, a regeneration area is defined as an area that falls within the top 20% most deprived areas nationally according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.*

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Regeneration	0	Site is not within or adjacent to a regeneration area.
area (within		
the top 20%		
most deprived		
areas IMD)		

SA objective 6. To provide accessible essential services and facilities.

Decision-making criteria: Will it increase the provision of essential services and facilities? *See also SA Objective 8.*

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Community	l l	Depends on implementation.
facilities		

SA objective 7. To provide adequate **green infrastructure, leisure and recreation** opportunities and make these readily accessible for all.

Decision-making criteria: Will it increase the provision of public open space?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Public open	0	Site not allocated.
space		

SA objective 8. To reduce **traffic and associated air pollution** by improving travel choice, shortening journeys and reducing the need to travel by car/ lorry. (also SA objective 1: To achieve the city's ambition to reach net zero **carbon emissions** by 2040)

Decision-making criteria: Will it encourage walking cycling and use of public transport? And is the site within an Air Quality Management Area or in proximity to an Air Quality hotspot?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments		
Sustainable	+	<400m from multiple bus services on Cowley Road.		
transport links				
(bus stop)				
Sustainable	-	>1600m from Oxford train station.		
transport links				
(rail station)				
Primary	-	>800m to the nearest primary school.		
Schools				
Secondary	-	800m to the nearest secondary school (Oxford Spires Academy).		
Schools				
GP Surgeries	+	<800m from the nearest GP (Bartlemas Surgery).		
Post office	-	>800m from the nearest post office (Donnington Post Office).		
Air Quality	-	Whole city is within an AQMA.		

SA objective 9. To achieve water quality targets and manage water resources.

Decision-making criteria: Does the site contain, or is it near, a water body?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments	
Water	0	Site is not within 30m of a water body.	

SA objective 10. To conserve and enhance Oxford's **biodiversity**.

Decision-making criteria: Will development of the site be able to protect and enhance existing flora, fauna and habitats?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments
Ecology and	+	Adjacent to green infrastructure network (allotments).
Biodiversity		Site itself contains no nature conservation designations but has
		potential for nature conservation interest. Potential to improve
		wildlife linkages or habitat continuity.

SA objective 11. To promote **good urban design** through the protection and enhancement of the **historic environment** and heritage assets while respecting local character and context and promoting innovation.

Decision-making criteria: Is the development of the site likely to affect the significance (including the setting) of one or more heritage assets, including any associated historic, archaeological, artistic and/or architectural features?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments		
Archaeology	0	Site contains no known archaeological sites.		
Conservation	-	Site is entirely within Bartlemas Conservation Area.		
Areas &				
Register of				
Parks and				
Gardens (RPG)				
Listed	-	Site forms the setting of multiple listed buildings within the		
Buildings		conservation area.		
View Cones	-	Within view cone/High Buildings Area.		
Historic Core	0	Site is not within Historic Core Area.		
Area				

SA objective 12. To achieve sustainable inclusive **economic growth**, including the development and expansion of a diverse and knowledge- based economy and the culture/leisure/ visitor sector.

Decision-making criteria: Will it support key sectors that drive economic growth? And will it increase the quantity and quality of employment opportunities?

Criteria	SA rating	Comments	
Employment	l l	Depends on implementation.	
Opportunities			
in the			
knowledge-			
based			
economy			
Diversifying	l l	Depends on implementation.	
the economy			

end		
employment		
opportunities		

Other constraints which could affect suitability of site for development

Can access for vehicles be achieved?	Yes.
Can walking and cycling connections with the surrounding area be achieved?	Yes.
Does the site include any significant physical features such as trees, rivers/streams or changes in ground level?	As the site is entirely within a conservation area, all trees within and surrounding the site are subject to a Tree Protection Order.
Are land contamination issues likely?	No.
Does the site adjoin a sensitive land use? Is there an adjoining land use that may cause disturbance or environmental issues such as noise or smells?	No.

Stage 2 conclusion

No insurmountable constraints although any potential development would need to take into account the site's sensitive historic environment including nearby listed buildings, the view cone and make a positive contribution to Bartlemas Conservation Area. Site should be considered further for allocation subject to any additional work informing Regulation 19 Local Plan.