

**Secretary of State
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
By email**

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Dear Secretary of State,

PROPOSAL FOR THREE OXFORDSHIRE UNITARY COUNCILS

On behalf of Oxford City Council, we are pleased to submit our submission pack in response to the call for local authorities to make suggestions for new Unitary Government solutions in Oxfordshire.

Our submission represents substantial work with partners, business and communities across Oxfordshire and West Berkshire, with a comprehensive programme of engagement that has involved thousands of residents, business and stakeholders across the whole geography. We are confident that our proposals represent the best solution for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire, and that they help to meet the Government's priorities for housing delivery, economic growth, service transformation, effective neighbourhood representation and securing significant cost savings.

Working with your officials and the published guidance, we have developed the following:

1. An "unmodified" submission – type-C proposal as set out in the 2007 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act. This includes a request for modification, in order to better meet our aspirations and the Government's objectives, and includes West Berkshire alongside the district and city authorities currently within the Oxfordshire County Council area.
2. A "modified" submission – which represents our conclusion as to the best way to deliver LGR in Oxfordshire. Subject to your agreement to modification, it is this submission we wish to take forward and through consultation. This is a Type C proposal including West Berkshire alongside the district and city authorities currently within the Oxfordshire County Council area.

We look forward to hearing from you and working with the Government on the next phase of this work.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Susan Brown
Leader, Oxford City Council



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Enclosures:

Oxfordshire Local Government Reorganisation – Three Unitary Authorities Proposal

1. Unmodified Submission and Request for Modification.

2. Three Unitary Authorities in Oxfordshire proposal

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Chapter 4:	Case for Three Unitary Authorities
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3. Three Unitary Authorities in Oxfordshire proposal – Appendices

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Appendix I:	Case for Cities report 2025 (produced by Inner Circle Consulting).



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