

OXFORD LOCAL PLAN 2042

PLANNING OXFORD'S FUTURE FIRST DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2042

We would like to hear your views on the
First Draft Oxford Local Plan 2042.



The new Local Plan will aim to address the key issues facing all of Oxford's residents and businesses. Based on the existing use of the land in the city, it will outline where and how new housing developments can take place in the future, whilst also ensuring the city's economic growth is managed and made more inclusive for everyone, and preserving the qualities that make Oxford unique.

THE CONSULTATION RUNS UNTIL 8TH AUGUST

The Plan will be informed by evidence we collect, by Government policy and by consultation. An early involvement survey has given an insight about what is most important to residents and businesses. We have drafted a set of policies to guide future development of Oxford.

In this leaflet we have picked out key parts of the draft. Your responses will help inform the draft Local Plan that we aim to consult on by the end of this year, before we then submit it to the Government to be examined.

THE FULL
DRAFT CAN BE
VIEWED HERE



www.oxford.gov.uk/localplan2042

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THE IN-DEPTH
CONSULTATION:



<https://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/planning-services/oxford-local-plan-2042-reg18>

TO RESPOND
TO THE SHORT
CONSULTATION:



<https://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/planning-services/local-plan-2042-reg18-short>

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LEAFLET

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



WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE OPTIONS
WE'RE CONSIDERING FOR THE LOCAL PLAN 2042...

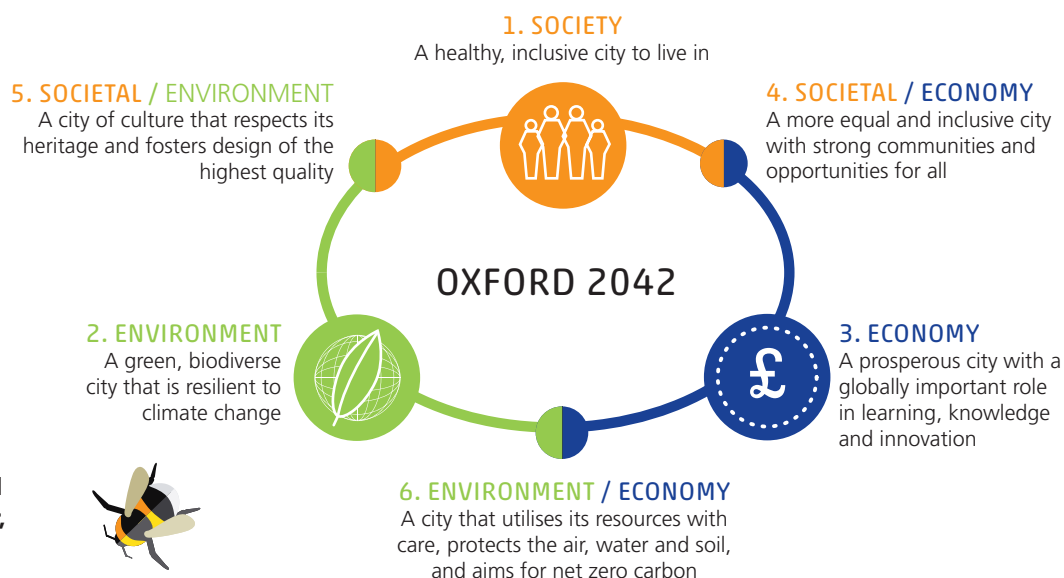
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The First Draft Local Plan 2042 is organised around six themes, with the aim of achieving sustainable development, making sure our city, our environment and our people all thrive together, now and into the future.



WHAT IS OUR HOUSING NEED AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO TRY AND MEET IT?

There is a great need for new, affordable homes in Oxford. Our housing need is 1,087 dwellings per year. Oxford is one of the least affordable cities to live in the UK.

- 1** We have used up-to-date evidence of costs and profits in new developments to set an affordable housing requirement- we are proposing that 40% of new developments with more than 10 homes should be affordable, and 80% of those affordable homes should be social rented housing as this is the most affordable type to best meet needs. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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ALLOCATING SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT

We don't have space to meet our full need in the city, certainly not without compromising other needs like open space. But we must still try to deliver as much housing need as possible. Our policies prioritise housing and we have worked hard to identify sites - contacting landowners, running a call for sites and carrying out desk-based exercises. We are also looking at the Green Belt.

We have identified sites that we are investigating to allocate for development. Nearly all of these are on previously developed land. We will continue to talk to landowners and assess impacts for example in terms of access, heritage and green infrastructure. We would welcome comments on key things to consider as we go on to draft the detailed site allocation policies. Maps of the sites can be found online by scanning the QR code.



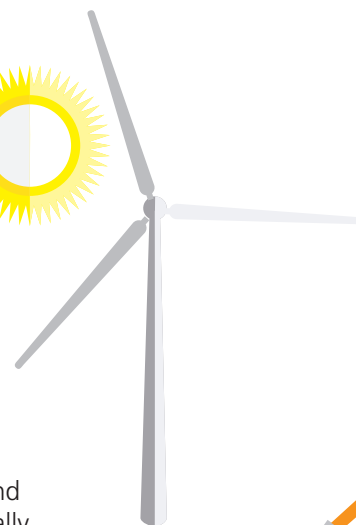
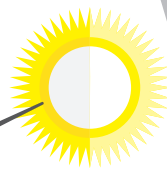
GREEN BELT



Having unmet housing need means that the Government tells us we have to see if areas of the Green Belt could be developed for housing. At this stage, we have ruled out much of the Green Belt as not being suitable for development, for example because it is functional flood plain or because of its wildlife value. The rest of the Green Belt we have assessed against the purposes of Green Belt, and we now need to investigate landowner interest, biodiversity interest, whether there is access and whether there are any other constraints. Maps that show the area of Green Belt, the areas ruled out and the areas in scope for further investigation are available by scanning this QR code.



Maps showing the sites we're investigating are available on our website. If wish to see them but can't view these please email planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk or telephone 01865 252847.



TAKING CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

We think it is important that Oxford is a green biodiverse city that is resilient to and minimises our impact on climate change. Requiring low carbon and environmentally friendly buildings is something we should do. The quality of our built environment is also key to supporting a high standard of living, so we should promote good design across the whole of the city that respects heritage assets and their surroundings.

- 2** We are protecting our important green spaces and features. We are also requiring biodiversity enhancements and new green features on sites. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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- 3** We have drafted a policy that requires all new buildings are net zero carbon in operation from adoption of the plan. In a few exceptional cases, payment to offset carbon impacts will be allowed (for example for hospitals, which need to use more energy than it is likely can be generated onsite). To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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- 4** Good design is about ensuring development functions positively for the people who live and work there and that it makes best use of land and respects heritage. We have also drafted a policy that requires high density development and efficient use of land first and foremost, alongside policies to ensure design respects heritage including views of the renowned skyline. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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SUPPORTING OXFORD'S SUCCESSFUL ECONOMY AND REDUCING INEQUALITIES

Oxford is a prosperous city, with a globally important role in learning, knowledge and education. However, there are inequalities across the city. Reducing these means there needs to be access to employment opportunities for all, as well as access to decent, affordable homes.



- 5** We have identified what we think are key employment sites in the city that we should protect. These are sites that support Oxford's internationally important role in education, research and health, and also those that support a diverse and strong economy. We are not protecting any employment sites in the city centre or district centres, to give full flexibility in those areas, for example to allow for offices to change use to housing. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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- 6** We propose requiring community employment plans so that work and training opportunities are given to local people. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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- 7** Affordable workspace is proposed as a new policy approach- the largest key employment sites will be expected to deliver an affordable workspace strategy, to ensure a range of employment types and businesses. To what extent do you agree with this approach?

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ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?



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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 2042. Your comments will be considered by the Planning Policy team at Oxford City Council.

Your Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Address:

Email:

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer not to say

Prefer to self-describe:

Age Group: ☐ Under 16 ☐ 16-19 ☐ 20-24 ☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-59 ☐ 60-64 ☐ 65-74

☐ 75+ ☐ prefer not to say

Date:

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 engagement events relating to the Local Plan 2042? ☐ YES ☐ NO

DATA PROTECTION Your personal details will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018. Your information will be used for Oxford Local Plan 2042 consultations only, and we will only store your data until the Plan is adopted.

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