



Pre-examination checklist for local plans prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Introduction

The Planning Inspectorate's Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations was updated on 23 September 2025 to introduce this pre-examination checklist for local planning authorities to complete for local plans prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The examination checklist now forms part of the Service Level Agreement between the Planning Inspectorate and local planning authorities for all plans published under regulation 19.

Purpose of the pre-examination checklist

The purpose of the checklist is to help local planning authorities ensure their plan is "ready for examination" as referred to in section 20 of the 2004 Act. Ready for examination means:

- All of the necessary practical arrangements are in place.
- Essential evidence and other documents are ready for submission.
- The rationale for the plan content is clear.

Local planning authorities may find it helpful to refer to the checklist during the preparation of plans, and Inspectors holding local plan advisory meetings with local planning authorities will offer to discuss the examination checklist.

Before submission

The local planning authority should complete the checklist after considering all representations made under regulation 20 and finalising the documents it intends to submit under regulation 22 (see further information below under "Completing the pre-examination checklist").

The completed checklist should then be sent to the Planning Inspectorate [REDACTED] [before](#) the plan is submitted. The local planning authority should await a written response before submitting their plan under regulation 22.

Planning Inspectorate's response to the checklist

The Planning Inspectorate will aim to provide a written response to the local planning authority within 10 working days of receiving the pre-examination checklist. The written response will either confirm that the plan is ready for examination, or set out specific actions that the Planning Inspectorate recommends the authority takes before submission.

Submission of the plan for examination

If the Planning Inspectorate's written response to the completed checklist is that the plan is ready for examination, the local planning authority should submit it promptly.

If the Planning Inspectorate's response recommends specific actions before submission, they should be addressed by the local planning authority as appropriate. Once the actions have been taken, and the authority is satisfied that the plan is ready for examination, it should submit the plan and other documents.

The submission documents should include the checklist the authority had completed before submission, the Planning Inspectorate's written response, and a letter explaining how any actions specified in that response have been addressed.

Appointment of the examining Inspector

Following submission of the plan and other documents under regulation 22, an Inspector will be appointed to examine the plan in accordance with the timescales set out in the Service Level Agreement.

Publication of the checklist and correspondence

The checklist that the authority had completed before submission, the Planning Inspectorate's written response, and the authority's letter explaining how the specified actions had been addressed will be published on the examination website along with the plan and all other submission documents.

Completing the pre-examination checklist

This checklist is relevant to full local plans as described in the NPPF and associated planning policy guidance, prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and 2012 Regulations.

Tailored checklists will be made available for other types of development plan document made under the 2004 Act such as area action plans, partial updates to local plans, “part 2” plans, or minerals and waste plans.

The local planning authority is requested to answer all of the following questions by ticking the box next to either “yes” or “no” for each.

Where requested, a hyperlink to the relevant document(s) should be provided along with reference number(s)¹ and specific pages / paragraph numbers in the document where appropriate.

If the answer to any question is **RED** capitalised (rather than **blue**), a brief explanation (maximum 250 words) should be provided beneath the yes / no answer (using a box as provided as an example under question 1.1).

Where relevant, the explanation for any **RED** capitalised answers should be a summary of, and refer to, the reasoned justification in the Plan or part of the supporting evidence.

It is important to note that **RED** capitalised answers do not necessarily mean that the Planning Inspectorate will recommend that the local planning authority takes further actions before submitting the plan for examination; that will depend on the number and nature of such answers and the explanations provided for them.

¹ Each proposed submission and supporting document (Regulation 22) should have a unique reference number agreed with the Programme Officer in accordance with PINS guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

Oxford Local Plan 2045

CSD.001- Oxford Local Plan 2045 Proposed Submission Draft -updated contents.pdf

1. Practical arrangements for the examination

Programme officer

1.1 Is a suitably experienced Programme Officer, who meets the requirements set out in PINS guidance², in post?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Explanation for **RED** capitalised answer (maximum 250 words)

Cut and paste this explanation box beneath any question that you have given a **RED** capitalised answer to and insert a brief explanation (max 250 words).

1.2 Does the Programme Officer have sufficient time available for a period of at least one year to input effectively to the examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Examination website

1.3 Will an examination website, that complies with PINS guidance³, be operational shortly after the plan has been submitted for examination?

Yes	✓	NO		Weblink	
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Venue for hearings

1.4 Will the Council be able to ensure that a suitable venue, that complies with PINS guidance⁴, is available for the examination hearings?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Video conferencing facilities

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations#rolekey-tasks-at-each-stage-of-the-examination>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations#rolekey-tasks-at-each-stage-of-the-examination>

1.5 Will the Council be able to provide video conferencing facilities (such as Microsoft Teams) to facilitate virtual hearing sessions or virtual input to physical hearing sessions should these be necessary?

Yes	✓	NO	
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LPA staff and resourcing

1.6 Will the Council have sufficient staff and resources, including any consultancy or specialist support used in the preparation of the plan and evidence, available for a period of at least one year to input effectively to the examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2. Legal requirements

Local development scheme

2.1 Was the plan prepared in accordance with the Council's local development scheme as required by section 19(1) of the 2004 Act?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
DPL.009	Oxford City Council LDS 2026-2031 updated July 2026 assuming approved at Cabinet on 6 th July: DPL.009 - LDS 2026-31.pdf	Full document

Public consultation

2.2 In preparing the plan did the Council comply with their statement of community involvement as required by section 19(3) of the 2004 Act?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.003	Compliance at Regulation 19 – Consultation Report to be published Compliance at Regulation 18 (June/August 2025) – See Preferred Options Consultation Report - Appendix 4 – Preferred Options Consultation Report.pdf	Full documents

	Early Engagement Survey Report (March/April 2025) - Appendix 6 – Early Engagement Report .pdf	
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Maintaining effective cooperation

2.3 Has the Council completed a Statement of Cooperation and signed statements of common ground with all other relevant LPAs and bodies intended to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working in relation to strategic matters during the preparation of the Plan?⁵

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
		All

2.4 Does the Statement of Cooperation identify:

- a. The strategic matters⁶ that needed to be addressed during the preparation of the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
COM.001	COM.001 LP2045 Cooperation Statement.pdf	4-6

- b. The LPAs and other prescribed bodies that were engaged with in relation to each strategic matter?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
COM.001	COM.001 LP2045 Cooperation Statement.pdf	All

- c. Specific activities that were undertaken in liaison with all of the relevant LPAs and prescribed bodies from the start of the preparation of the plan (initial regulation 18 consultation) up until the date on which it was submitted for examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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⁵ The Government announced on 27 November 2025 that the duty to cooperate under section 33A of the 2004 Act would be abolished early in 2026. However, Inspectors are still expected to examine plans in line with NPPF policies on maintaining effective cooperation
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69286415345e31ab14ecf67d/Local_Plans_letter_to_PIN_S.pdf

⁶ A “strategic matter” is (a) sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact in at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, and (b) sustainable development or use of land in a two-tier area if the development or use is a county matter or would have a significant impact on a county matter [section 33A(4) of the 2004 Act].

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Doc ref COM.001 and also COM.002- COM.017	Doc hyperlink 006 COM – Effective Cooperation and Statements of Common Ground	Relevant page(s) All
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d. The main areas of agreement in relation to each strategic matter?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref COM.002- COM.0017	Doc hyperlink 006 COM – Effective Cooperation and Statements of Common Ground	Relevant page(s)
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2.5 Are there any significant outstanding issues where agreement has not been reached in relation to any strategic matter?

YES		No	✓
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2.6 Are there are any relevant LPAs or prescribed bodies with whom duty to cooperate statements of common ground that have not yet been agreed and signed?

YES	✓	No	
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A Memorandum of Understanding relating to Oxford's unmet need has been signed with all Oxfordshire LPA's. A bilateral Statement of Common Ground has been signed with West Oxfordshire. South and Vale District Councils and Cherwell District Council have informally agreed theirs, but not yet provided the signed version. There is a signed Statement of Common Ground with other prescribed bodies who made comments at Regulation 19 (not those who did not). The Environment Agency's SoCG is in draft form but will be finalised prior to submission.

General conformity with the London Plan

2.7 If relevant⁷, has the Mayor of London made a representation (under section 24(5) of the 2004 Act or regulation 20 or regulation 21) advising that the submitted plan is in general conformity with the London Plan?

Yes		NO	
This is not applicable to Oxford City Council's Local Plan.			

Sustainability appraisal

⁷ If the LPA is a London Borough or a Mayoral development corporation.

2.8 Was the plan informed throughout its preparation by a sustainability appraisal?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 2 (Introduction) - Section 2.2 includes a summary of the stages of SA undertaken and relevant consultation stages.	Relevant page(s) Pages 28-30
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2.9 Does the sustainability appraisal report include the following information as may reasonably be required, taking account of (a) current knowledge and methods of assessment; (b) the contents and level of detail in the plan; (c) the stage of the plan in the decision-making process; and (d) the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process in order to avoid duplication of the assessment⁸?

- a. An outline of the contents and main objectives of the plan, and of its relationship with other relevant plans and programmes?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 2 (Introduction) - Chapter 3 (Updated Sustainability Appraisal scoping) - Thematic Background Papers (SA)	Relevant page(s) Pages 21 – 39
BGP.001a-o	005 BGP - Background Papers	

- b. The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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⁸ SEA Regulation 12(3).

Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 3 (Updated Sustainability Appraisal scoping) – Section 3.2 - Thematic Background Papers (SA)	Relevant page(s) Pages 39 – 48
BGP.001a-o	005 BGP - Background Papers	

c. The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Summary in Chapter 6 (Whole Plan Appraisal) - Section 6.2 appraises the impacts from the site allocations - Section 6.3 appraises overall and cumulative impacts of the plan. - SA Appendix C: Site Allocations supports Chapter 6 summary	Relevant page(s) Pages 117-119
CSD.004b	CSD.004b - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) Appendix C (Site assessments).pdf	Appendix C – all pages

d. Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as a European site (within the meaning of regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 3 (Updated Sustainability Appraisal scoping) – Section 3.2.2 - Thematic Background Papers (SA)	Relevant page(s) Pages 46 to 49
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- e. The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 3 (Updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping) – Section 3.1 - Thematic Background Papers (SA)	Relevant page(s) Pages 34-39
BGP.001a-o	005 BGP - Background Papers	

- f. The likely significant effects on the environment, including short, medium and long-term effects, permanent and temporary effects, positive and negative effects, and secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, on issues such as (a) biodiversity; (b) population; (c) human health; (d) fauna; (e) flora; (f) soil; (g) water; (h) air; (i) climatic factors; (j) material assets; (k) cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage; (l) landscape; and (m) the inter-relationship between the issues referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (l)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 4 (Developing/testing vision, themes and objectives) - Chapter 5 (Exploring options for the emerging Local Plan) - Chapter 6 (Whole plan appraisal)	Relevant page(s) Pages 69 - 133
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- g. The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 7 (Mitigating the Local Plan's impacts)	Relevant page(s) Pages 134 - 139
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- h. An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 2 (Introduction) - Section 2.6 confirms there were no significant difficulties encountered. - Chapter 5 (Exploring options for the emerging Local Plan) - sets out a narrative for how alternatives were identified and preferred options selected both in terms of the overall growth strategy (in section 5.1) and in developing individual policies (section 5.2).	Relevant page(s) Page 31 (section 2.6), pages 75 – 104 (sections 5.1 and 5.2)
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- i. A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with SEA regulation 17.

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 8 (Monitoring of the Local Plan's impacts)	Relevant page(s) Pages 140 - 142
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j. A non-technical summary of the information referred to above?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 1 (Non-Technical Summary)	Relevant page(s) Pages 5 - 20
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2.10 Does the sustainability appraisal report also include relevant, adequate and proportionate information relating to social and economic issues (in addition to the environmental information required by the SEA regulations referred to in the questions above)⁹?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref CSD.004a	Doc hyperlink Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 3 (Updated Sustainability Appraisal scoping) - the SA framework includes a variety of objectives which include economic and and social issues and these have been used to inform the SA process throughout. - Table 2.5 sets out the links between the background papers, the SA Objectives and the constituent parts of the “environment” as set out in the 2004 SEA Regs.	Relevant page(s) All, in particular pages 34 – 68. Supporting background papers expand on various issues of relevance too. Page 32 All
BGP.001a-o	Thematic Background Papers (SA) 005 BGP - Background Papers The following background papers published at the Reg. 19 consultation stage focus on social/economic issues: - BGP.001a - (SA) Housing need requirement and mix - BGP001b - (SA) Affordable Housing - BGP001c - (SA) Specialist Housing	

⁹ NPPF 33 and PPG ID:11-001-20190722.

	- BGP001d - (SA) Employment and Inclusive Economy - BGP.001k (SA) Health and Wellbeing - BGP.001m - (SA) Transport - BGP.001n - (SA) Liveable City - BGP.001o - (SA) Infrastructure	
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2.11 Does the sustainability appraisal report identify and appraise reasonable alternatives that take account of the objectives and geographical scope of the plan¹⁰ including relating to:

a. The spatial strategy?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.004a	Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 5 (Exploring options for the emerging Local Plan) - Section 5.1 deals with options for the overarching growth strategy.	Pages 75 - 90

b. If applicable, changes to Green Belt boundaries?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.004a	Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 5 (Exploring options for the emerging Local Plan) - Section 5.1 deals with options for the overarching growth strategy which included alternatives that would seek to boost greenfield development (a distinction is not made between green belt and/or other greenfield sites).	Pages 75 – 90 within CSD.004a Site assessment for SPE9 (page 212/213) within CSD.004b

¹⁰ SEA Regulation 12(2) and PPG ID:11-018-20140306. The subjects listed (a) to (c) are not specified in legislation or national policy, but experience indicates that it may be necessary to identify and appraise reasonable alternatives in relation to them (as well as other elements of the plan as appropriate).

CSD.004b	Also see: - SA Appendix C (site assessments), specifically SA site assessment for SPE9: Marston Paddock extension – which the plan proposes to remove from the Green Belt. CSD.004b - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) Appendix C (Site assessments).pdf	
BGP.001g	- Reg. 19 Background Paper: Green Belt BGP.001g - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 006 Green Belt.pdf	

c. The plan's housing requirement?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.004a	Oxford Local Plan 2045 Sustainability Appraisal (published at Reg 19 stage) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf See in particular: - Chapter 5 (Exploring options for the emerging Local Plan) - Section 5.2 includes a number of sets of options for policies in the Local Plan that were screened in for detailed appraisal including Options Set 001a 'Housing requirement for the plan period'.	Pages 95 - 97
BGP.001a	Also see: - Reg. 19 Background Paper: Housing Need, Requirement and Mix BGP.001a - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 001 Housing Need, Requirement and Mix.pdf	

2.12 Was the appraisal of the reasonable alternatives carried out using the same methodology and level of detail as the appraisal of the policies and proposals in the plan¹¹?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Habitat regulations assessment

¹¹ [Calverton PC v Nottingham CC \[2015\] EWHC 1078 \(Admin\).](#)

2.13 Has the Council carried out a habitat regulations assessment of the Plan under regulation 105 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) which considers the likely significant effects of all the development proposed in the Plan (in combination with other relevant plans and projects) on relevant habitat sites¹² in the plan area and elsewhere?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.005	Habitat Regulations Assessment: Screening Update and Appropriate Assessment (Nov 2025) CSD.005 - Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) - Screening Update and Appropriate Assessment.pdf Chapter 3-4 – Screening update Chapters 5-8 – Appropriate Assessment Chapter 9 – Conclusions	Pages 13-61
COM.009	Oxford City Council has a signed Statement of Common Ground which supports the conclusions set out the HRA (i.e., no LSEs). COM.009 LP2045 SoCG Natural England.pdf	

2.14 If **NO**, has the Council published a habitat regulations screening report that demonstrates that the development proposed in the plan (in combination with other relevant plans and projects) will not be likely to have any significant effects on relevant habitat sites in the plan area or elsewhere (without taking into account any mitigation measures¹³)?

Yes	✓		
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
PCD.007	To support the Reg. 18 consultation stage, Oxford City Council undertook HRA screening which was documented in the following report: Habitat Regulations Assessment – Screening (June 2025) PCD.007 - Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report.pdf	All

¹² Any site which would be included within the definition at regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 for the purpose of those regulations, including candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas and any relevant Marine Sites.

¹³ PPG ID: 65-005 to 007-20190722.

Climate change

2.15 Does the plan include policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the planning authority's area contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change as required by section 19(1A) of the 2004 Act?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	(Pages 58 – 104) - see policies referenced below
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Chapter 4 of the Local Plan includes a range of policies seeking to drive resilience to climate change/climate adaptation, including policies to protect/enhance greening (Policies G1-G3), protect/enhance biodiversity (Policies G4-G6), address flood risk and SuDS (Policies G7 and G8). There is also specific policy focused on climate resilient design (Policy G9).

Chapter 5 of the Local Plan includes policies that seek to mitigate impacts on climate change and drive carbon reduction, including Policy R1 (Net Zero Buildings in Operation), Policy R2 (Embodied Carbon construction), Policy R3 (Retro-fitting existing buildings). Other policies elsewhere in the plan also support mitigation, e.g. standards for bicycles (Policy C7) and motor vehicle parking (Policy C8).

Strategic priorities

2.16 Does the plan identify the Council's strategic priorities for the development and use of land in the area as required by section 19(1B) of the 2004 Act?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	Chapter 1 (pages 4-19)
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Chapter 1 of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Introduction and Strategy) sets out the vision, objectives and overarching threads. These strategic priorities are articulated into policy through PolicyS1 (and supplemented by with the other strategic policies in the plan (see Appendix 1.2 for further details).

Superseded policies in the adopted development plan

2.17 Does the plan identify all of the policies in the adopted development plan that are intended to be superseded by policies in the plan and state that fact as required by regulation 8(5)?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	See Appendix 8
Appendix 8 can be found in the Schedule of Main Modifications (CSD.009) CSD.009 - LP2045 Schedule of main modifications.xlsx					

Regulation 22 consultation statement

2.18 Has the LPA prepared a consultation statement setting out:

- a. who was invited to make representations on the plan at Regulation 18 consultation stage, how those representations were invited, a summary of the main issues raised, and how the representations were taken into account?

Yes	✓		
The Preferred Options consultation aimed to directly involve residents, workers, employers, students and visitors to Oxford as well as statutory consultees, service providers and other stakeholders with an interest in Oxford. Direct contact was made by email or post to all residential addresses in post code sectors covering Oxford, statutory consultees and Duty to Cooperate bodies, additional local groups and organisations, respondents from the Early Engagement Survey, all contacts on the Planning Policy contact list who wished to be informed about Local Plan. A leaflet questionnaire was distributed to all households and businesses through the city which could be returned using Freepost. In addition to being delivered to every household in the city, the leaflet was made available in the 7 local libraries and the central library. The main element of the consultation was based online via the Council's online consultation portal. There were two questionnaire formats, the first was a 'short form' questionnaire that was based on the postal leaflets – aimed specifically at people who only wanted to provide high level comments or had limited time to respond. The second was an in-depth, or 'longer' questionnaire, through which it was possible to make representations on all the policy options and supporting documents that have been prepared for the plan, as well as general comments on the plan or the process. Representations were also accepted by direct email. Representations were invited through a combination of methods including a citywide leaflet questionnaire (with freepost return), an online consultation portal offering both short and detailed questionnaires, email and postal submissions, as well as in-person and online consultation events. The consultation was widely publicised via direct notifications, the Council's website, social media campaigns, press releases, posters and councillor briefings. We organised a number of face-to-face sessions – including in person 'drop in' sessions at various locations across the city, attended by officers of the Planning Policy team, and a number of online sessions that were subject and topic based for which there was a sign up/booking process for members of the public. These were widely advertised through the posters displayed on all community notice boards, as well as on our website. The Regulation 18 Consultation report provides a comprehensive summary and analysis of all responses received during the consultation period, each response has been carefully summarised and analysed by chapter and by each draft policy. The main issues raised were: - Concerns about the lack of affordable housing - Concerns with rents being so high - Pushing for the 40% affordable housing threshold to be higher - Concerns about the amount of HMOs - Several comments wanting to protect green spaces, green features and the green belt – wanting to protect and improve where possible - Support for initiatives and policies that protect the environment and creation of additional green space - Concern about flooding and flood plains with new developments			

- Strong support for reducing the impacts of climate change through various carbon policies and concern to not make climate change worse
- Numerous comments about improving community facilities and high street shops
- Concerns about most sites and their impact on amenities, traffic, climate change

Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.003 Appendix 4	PO Consultation Report Appendix 4 – Preferred Options Consultation Report.pdf	All

- b. the number of representations made under Regulation 20 and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.003	Consultation Statement CSD.003 - Consultation Statement.pdf	Page 5
	The City Council received comments from 162 respondents under Regulation 20. The responses received are summarised in Appendix 3 of the Consultation Statement. This provides an extensive summary of the comments received and main issues raised.	

2.19 Does the consultation statement comprehensively and succinctly summarise all of the main issues raised in representations made under Regulation 20 and set out the Council's response to each following the approach set out in the PINS Procedure Guide and PAS ¹⁴¹⁵?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.003 Appendix 3	Consultation Statement – Appendix 3 Appendix 3 – Submission Draft Consultation Responses and Officer Responses.pdf	All
	The representations received under Regulation 20 are summarised in Appendix 3.	

¹⁵ [Local Plan Reg 22 Consultation Statement | Local Government Association](#)

	This provides an extensive summary of the comments received, as well as an officer response to the comments. Minor modifications to the Plan have been proposed in response to some of the comments. Where comments raised concerns, that the City Council has agreed could be resolved with an acceptable modification to the Plan, these modifications would be classed as a main modification that would therefore require consideration in the Sustainability Appraisal process and further consultation. These will need to be recommended by the Inspector as necessary to make the Plan sound.	
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Representations

2.20 Are all of representations made under Regulation 20 formatted and referenced ready to be posted on the examination website in accordance with PINS guidance¹⁶?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2.21 Will all of the representations made under Regulation 20 be readily accessible on the examination website, with each representor's full set of comments available in one downloadable document, and will those documents be ordered alphabetically by representor name?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
REP.001	Respondent Index REP_001 - Respondent Index.xlsx	All
REP.002	Database of all comments received REP_002 - OLP 2045 Reg 19 Database of Reps.xlsx	All

Supporting documents

2.22 Has the LPA prepared all of the supporting documents which it considers are relevant to the preparation of the plan¹⁷ (ie all of the evidence that is necessary to justify the plan)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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¹⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

¹⁷ Regulation 22(1)(e).

3. Plan content and evidence

Strategic policies

3.1 Does the plan explicitly identify strategic policies to address the strategic priorities for the development and use of land in the area?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	See appendix 1.2 (pages 307-308)
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Plan period

3.2 Do the strategic policies in the plan look ahead over a minimum 15 year period from adoption¹⁸?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	Chapter 1 (pages 4-19)
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Housing requirement

3.3 Does the plan include a minimum housing requirement figure that meets or exceeds local housing need calculated using the standard method in national planning practice guidance?

Yes		NO	✓	Plan page(s)	Chapter 1 (pages 4-19) Chapter 2 (pages 20-22)
Chapter 2 (Policy H1) sets the Oxford Local Plan's capacity-based housing requirement (See CSD.009 Main modifications for most up-to-date capacity figure). This capacity figure has been evidenced through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Joint working has been taken place with the surrounding District Councils, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been produced which establishes the mechanism for the apportionment of Oxford's 'unmet' housing need (for the twenty-year plan-period 2025-2045) between the other Oxfordshire District Councils. This approach is in accordance with the NPPF (December 2024).					

3.4 If **NO**:

- a. Is the plan supported by evidence intended to show that the application of policies in the NPPF that protect areas or assets of particular importance provides a strong reason for restricting the overall scale, type or distribution of

¹⁸ For the purposes of considering this question, it should be assumed that the plan will be adopted no earlier than one year after the date on which it is submitted for examination, and that the 15 year period starts on the 1 April following the date of adoption.

development in the plan area; or any adverse impacts of meeting local housing need in full would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against policies in the NPPF taken as a whole?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.004a	Sustainability Appraisal OLP2045 (Reg.19) (“The SA”). CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf	Chapter 5 (In particular, section 5.1) (Pages 75-90)
CSD.004b	Sustainability Appraisal OLP2045 (Reg.19) Appendix C CSD.004b - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) Appendix C (Site assessments).pdf - Chapter 5 (specifically section 5.1) provides an analysis of the reasonable growth strategy alternatives (including the chosen strategy). All growth strategy alternatives were tested against the SA Framework. The SA acknowledged the city’s inherent constraints both at a city-wide scale, and at the scale of individual development sites. Recognising at the city-wide scale the importance of maintaining a network while also protecting a hierarchy of green and blue spaces and also acknowledging the very limited supply of additional greenfield sites without inherent constraints (e.g., flooding/ national designations).	
HEA.004a	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (June 2026) HEA.004a SHLAA Report June 2026.pdf	SHLAA Table A SHLAA Table B
HEA.004b	SHLAA Appendices (June 2026) - Tables A and B HEA.004b SHLAA June 2026 Appendices.pdf	All
CAP.001-053	Site Capacity Assessments 016 CAP - Site Capacity Assessments	

	- Individual Site Capacity Assessments were undertaken to inform the site allocation policies. These forms are in addition to the SA Site Assessments (CSD.004b). The capacity assessment forms considered site specific considerations that may influence the residential capacity of development sites including local context and urban design/heritage considerations.	
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- b. If applicable¹⁹, has the Council reviewed Green Belt boundaries and does that review provide clear evidence that altering the boundaries to meet needs in full would fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt when considered across the area of the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
BGP.001.g	The background paper BGP.001g provides a high level summary of the Green Belt sites assessed in the Green Belt Assessment of additional sites December 2025 and the outcome of this (GRE.013a (also see GRE.013b, GRE.013.c, GRE.013.d, GRE.013.e). The background paper goes through each green belt parcel assessed in the Green Belt Assessment and explains considerations about its deliverability. It explains how, regardless of the assessment against the purposes of the Green Belt, it has not been possible to identify more than one site in the Green Belt to help accommodate Oxford's housing need. A variety of factors make the sites unsuitable for housing including lack of landowner interest and access constraints. BGP.001g - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 006 Green Belt.pdf	

Housing land supply

¹⁹ This requirement would apply to plans being examined in the context of NPPF December 2024 or February 2025 that include areas of Green Belt.

3.5 Does the plan identify a sufficient supply and mix of sites (to ensure that the minimum housing requirement can be met) comprising:

- a. Specific, deliverable sites for five years following the intended date of adoption²⁰?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA004b	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Appendices (June 2026) HEA.004b SHLAA June 2026 Appendices.pdf	SHLAA Table B
CSD.012	Five-year housing land supply on submission CSD.012 Five year land supply for LP2045 June 2026.pdf	Page 2
HEA.008a	Local Plan Housing Land Supply Templates (large sites) HEA.008a Local Plan housing land supply templates - large sites.pdf	All

- b. Specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth for the subsequent years 6-10 and, where possible, for years 11-15 (following adoption)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA.004b	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Appendices (June 2026) HEA.004b SHLAA June 2026 Appendices.pdf	SHLAA Table B

3.6 Is the plan supported by up-to-date evidence in accordance with²¹ intended to demonstrate that each site that makes up the land supply identified in the plan meets the NPPF definitions of “deliverable” and “developable”, along with a trajectory for each site?

Yes	✓	NO	
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²⁰ For the purposes of considering this question, it should be assumed that the plan will be adopted no earlier than one year after the date on which it is submitted for examination, and that the five year period starts on the 1 April following the date of adoption.

²¹ PPG ID:68.

Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA.004a	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (June 2026) HEA.004a SHLAA Report June 2026.pdf	SHLAA Report
HEA.004b	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Appendices (June 2026) HEA.004b SHLAA June 2026 Appendices.pdf	SHLAA Appendices Table A Table B
HEA.008a	Local Plan Housing Land Supply Templates (large sites) HEA.008a Local Plan housing land supply templates - large sites.pdf	All
HEA.008b	Small housing sites summary table HEA.008b Small housing sites summary table.pdf	All

Affordable housing

3.7 Is the plan supported by up-to-date evidence²² prepared in accordance with national planning policy guidance relating to affordable housing need?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA.001	Updated Specialist Housing Needs Evidence, December 2025 HEA.001 Updated Specialist Housing Needs Evidence.pdf	All

Gypsies and Travellers

3.8 Is the plan supported by up-to-date²³ evidence to establish the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers and travelling showpeople in accordance with PPTS policy A?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA.006a		All

²² For the purpose of this question, the assessment of need must have been undertaken or updated no more than two years before the submission date of the plan (PINS Procedure Guide 1.19).

²³ For the purpose of this question, the assessment of need must have been undertaken or updated no more than two years before the submission date of the plan (PINS Procedure Guide 1.19).\

HEA.006b	Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment 2024 (Cherwell, Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire) HEA.006a - Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment.pdf Executive Summary for Oxford City - Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment 2024 HEA.006b - Executive Summary for Oxford City - Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment 2024.pdf	All
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3.9 Does the plan include pitch targets for gypsies and travellers and plot targets for travelling showpeople consistent with the up-to-date evidence in accordance with PPTS policy B?

Yes		NO	✓	Plan page(s)	39-40
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A Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showperson Assessment (GTAA) was undertaken for all districts and the city within Oxfordshire. The assessment did not identify current or forecast need for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation in Oxford. This Plan therefore does not make any specific site allocations for new sites in Oxford but provides criteria to assess any proposals for new sites that may come forward during the Plan period.

3.10 Does the plan identify a supply of:

- a. Specific, deliverable sites for pitches and plots for five years following the intended date of adoption²⁴?

Yes		NO	✓	Plan page(s)	39-40
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The GTAA (HEA.006a) identifies the number of pitches and plots required for the shorter term in Oxfordshire. The GTAA doesn't identify any pitches or plots for Oxford during the shorter term. This Plan therefore does not make any specific site allocations for new sites in Oxford but provides criteria to assess any proposals for new sites that may come forward during the Plan period.

²⁴ For the purposes of considering this question, it should be assumed that the plan will be adopted no earlier than one year after the date on which it is submitted for examination, and that the five year period starts on the 1 April following the date of adoption.

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- b. Specific developable sites, or broad locations, for years 6 to 10 and, where possible, for years 11 to 15?²⁵

Yes		NO	✓	Plan page(s)	39-40
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The GTAA identifies the number of pitches and plots required for the longer term in Oxfordshire (HEA.006a). The GTAA doesn't identify any pitches or plots for Oxford during the longer term. This Plan therefore does not make any specific site allocations for new sites in Oxford but provides criteria to assess any proposals for new sites that may come forward during the Plan period.

3.11 Is the plan supported by up-to-date evidence in accordance with national planning guidance²⁶ intended to demonstrate that each site that makes up the land supply for pitches and plots identified in the plan meets the NPPF definitions of "deliverable" and "developable", along with a trajectory for each site?

Yes		NO	✓
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HEA.006b	Executive Summary for Oxford City - Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment 2024 HEA.006b - Executive Summary for Oxford City - Gypsy and Traveller, Travelling Showperson and Boat Dweller Accommodation Assessment 2024.pdf	2, 4

Not applicable as the assessment did not identify current or forecast need for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation in Oxford. This Plan therefore does not make any specific site allocations for new sites in Oxford but provides criteria to assess any proposals for new sites that may come forward during the Plan period.

Economic development

²⁵ For the purpose of this question, and to be consistent with the approach to general housing land supply, the deliverable sites for pitches and plots should be for the five years following the intended date of adoption, as should years 6 to 10 and 11 to 15.

²⁶ PPG ID:68.

3.12 Is the plan supported by up-to-date²⁷ evidence that quantifies the need for additional floorspace for industrial and storage/distribution uses over a minimum 15 year period from adoption?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
ECON.001	Oxford City – Employment Land Needs Assessment (Rapleys) (2026) ECON.001 - Oxford City Employment Land Needs Assessment.pdf Chapter 5 – Property Market Analysis Chapter 6 – Assessing Need for Employment Floorspace/ Land Chapter 7 – The Supply of Employment Land Chapter 8 – Conclusions	Pages 30-68
BGP.001d	(SA) Reg. 19 BGP 004 Employment and Inclusive Economy BGP.001d - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 004 Employment and Inclusive Economy.pdf	

3.13 Does the plan identify sufficient land to meet the identified need for additional industrial and storage/distribution floorspace over a minimum 15 years from adoption?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	Policies E1 & E2: 47-51 Site allocations: 183-184; 199-201; 266-268
The Plan's employment strategy (Policy E1) and approach to storage and distribution uses (Policy E2) in Chapter 3 in combination with several large site allocations which include B2/ B8 uses (over 50ha) provide sufficient land to meet the identified additional floorspace for industrial and storage/distribution uses over a minimum 15-year period from adoption. The page numbers above indicate the pages on which those policies/ site allocations are found.					

²⁷ For the purpose of this question, the assessment of need must have been undertaken or updated no more than two years before the submission date of the plan (PINS Procedure Guide 1.19).

3.14 Is the plan supported by up-to-date²⁸ evidence that quantifies the need for additional floorspace for office, retail, and leisure uses looking at least 10 years ahead²⁹?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
ECON.001	Office: <i>Oxford City – Employment Land Needs Assessment (Rapleys) (2026)</i> ECON.001 - Oxford City Employment Land Needs Assessment.pdf Chapter 5 – Property Market Analysis Chapter 6 – Assessing Need for Employment Floorspace/ Land Chapter 7 – The Supply of Employment Land Chapter 8 – Conclusions	Office: Pages 30-68
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LIV.001	Retail and Leisure: <i>Oxford Retail, Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study (Stantec) (2023)</i> LIV.001 - Oxford Retail Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study.pdf - Retail needs: Chapter 6 - Leisure Needs: Chapter 7	Pages: Retail: 81-86 Leisure: 87-89
LIV.001a	<i>Oxford Retail, Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study Appendices (Stantec) (2023)</i> LIV.001a - Retail, Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study - Appendices.pdf - Comparison retail capacity: Appendix D - Convenience retail capacity: Appendix E - Leisure capacity: Appendix F	Pages: App D: 26-35 App E: 36-45 App F: 46-53
LIV.002	<i>Oxford Retail, Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study Update (Rapleys) (2025)</i> LIV.002 - Oxford Retail Leisure and Town Centre Needs Study Update.pdf - Whole document	All

3.15 Does the plan identify land with sufficient capacity to meet the identified need for office, retail and leisure uses for at least ten years ahead³⁰?

²⁸ For the purpose of this question, the assessment of need must have been undertaken or updated no more than two years before the submission date of the plan (PINS Procedure Guide 1.19).

²⁹ For the purpose of this question, “at least ten years ahead” should be from the intended date of adoption.

³⁰ For the purpose of this question, “at least ten years ahead” should be from the intended date of adoption.

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	Office: pages 46-50 Retail/ Leisure Pages 127- 131	Office: pages 46-50 Retail/ Leisure: 127-130 Site Allocations: 142-277
Office Needs:						

Site selection methodology

3.16 Is the plan supported by an explanation of how the allocations (for housing, economic development and other uses as relevant) were chosen and other potentially reasonable alternative sites not chosen?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
BGP.002	Reg. 19 BGP 015 Developing Site Allocations BGP.002 - Reg. 19 BGP 015 Developing Site Allocations.pdf	All
BGP.002a-d	Reg. 19 BGP 015 Developing Site Allocations Appendices BGP.002a - Reg. 19 BGP 015a Appendix 1 Sites Rejected Before Reg 18.pdf BGP.002b - Reg. 19 BGP 015b Appendix 2 Sites proposed for allocations in Reg 18.pdf BGP.002c - Reg. 19 BGP 015c Appendix 3 Site Assessment after Reg 18.pdf BGP.002d - Reg. 19 BGP 015d Appendix 4 Final Reg 19 site allocations.pdf	All All All
CAP.001-053	Site Capacity Assessments 016 CAP - Site Capacity Assessments	All
CSD.004a	Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg.19) CSD.004a - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) (inc. Appendix A and B).pdf - Section 5.3	All
CSD.004b	Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) Appendix C (Site Assessments) CSD.004b - Sustainability Appraisal Oxford Local Plan 2045 (Reg 19) Appendix C (Site assessments).pdf	All

HEA.004a	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Submission version) HEA.004a SHLAA Report June 2026.pdf	Pages 30-68
HEA.004b	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Appendices (Submission version) HEA.004b SHLAA June 2026 Appendices.pdf - Table A - Table B	
ECON.001	Oxford City – Employment Land Needs Assessment (Rapleys) (2026) ECON.001 - Oxford City Employment Land Needs Assessment.pdf - Chapter 5 – Property Market Analysis - Chapter 6 – Assessing Need for Employment Floorspace/ Land - Chapter 7 – The Supply of Employment Land - Chapter 8 – Conclusions	

Viability

3.17 Is the plan supported by an up to date viability assessment carried out in accordance with national planning practice guidance?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref SUP.002	Doc hyperlink Local Plan Viability Assessment Update, December 2025 SUP.002 - Oxford Local Plan Viability Assessment.pdf	Relevant page(s) All
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Green Belt

3.18 Does the plan include any changes to the established Green Belt boundaries in the adopted development plan (additions and/or deletions, irrespective of size)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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3.19 If **Yes**:

- Has every change to the Green Belt (additions and/or deletions, irrespective of size) been clearly identified in the plan and/or another submitted document?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.007	CSD.007 - Policies Map.pdf	All

- b. Is the plan supported by a review of the Green Belt (including Grey Belt) that includes an assessment against the Green Belt purposes set out in the NPPF?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
GRE.013a	GRE.013a - Green Belt Assessment of Additional Sites 2025.pdf	All
GRE.013b	GRE.013b Green Belt assessment of additional sites 2023.pdf	
GRE.013c	GRE.013c Oxford City Green Belt Study Addendum 2017.pdf	
GRE.013d	GRE.013d Oxford City Green Belt Study 2017.pdf	

- c. Is the plan supported by evidence setting out the exceptional circumstances for each change to the Green Belt made in the plan (additions and/or deletions, irrespective of size)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
BGP.001g	BGP.001g - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 006 Green Belt.pdf	7-9

- d. Does the submitted policies map show the revised Green Belt boundaries?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Flood risk

- 3.20 Is the plan supported by a level 1 strategic flood risk assessment based on up to date evidence?

Yes	✓	NO	
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- 3.21 Does the plan allocate any sites for housing or economic development that are within areas at risk of flooding (flood zones 2 or 3, or at risk of surface water flooding or flooding from other sources)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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If **Yes**, is the plan supported by:

a. Level 2 flood risk assessment based on up to date evidence?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
GRE.016	Level 2 Summary Report GRE.016 - Level 2 SFRA Summary Report.pdf	All
GRE.016a	Appendix 1 - Site Assessments GRE.016a - Appendix 1 - Site Assessments	All

b. Up to date evidence that the sequential test has been applied?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
GRE.017	Flood Risk Sequential Test of Sites GRE.017 Flood Risk Sequential Test of Sites.pdf	All

c. Up to date evidence that the exception test has been applied (if applicable)?

Yes		NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
	Level 2 SFRA considers at a high-level at whether sites would be able to pass the exception test, see:	
GRE.016	Level 2 Summary Report GRE.016 - Level 2 SFRA Summary Report.pdf	All
GRE.016a	Appendix 1 - Site Assessments GRE.016a - Appendix 1 - Site Assessments	

Transport

3.22 Is the plan supported by up to date, adequate evidence assessing the individual and cumulative impacts of the development proposed in the plan on highway safety and the road network?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
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CSD.005	Habitat Regulations Assessment – Screening Update and Appropriate Assessment CSD.005 - Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) - Screening Update and Appropriate Assessment.pdf - Section 4: Air Quality Screening Update sets out the traffic modelling undertaken to support the HRA. The traffic modelling considers vehicle movements on the A34 (which forms part of the SRN).	Pages 19-28
BGP.006	Reg. 19 BGP 012a Traffic Modelling BGP.006 - Reg. 19 BGP 012a Traffic Modelling.pdf - Section 2: Strategic Road Network - Section 3: Local Road Network - Section 4: What this means for Oxford's Local Plan 2045	All
COM.010	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways COM.010 LP2045 SoCG National Highways.pdf - Paragraph 3.2 sets out the agreed position between Oxford City Council and National Highways. I.e., that the level of traffic impact as a result of proposed Local Plan growth projected on the A34 (was unlikely to be material.	All Page 2
COM.011	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways and Oxfordshire County Council COM.011 LP2045 SoCG National Highways and Oxfordshire County Council.pdf - This SoCG provides a record of agreement that the Oxford Local Plan 2045 is supported by up to date, adequate evidence assessing the individual and cumulative impacts of the development proposed on highway safety and the road network.	All

Infrastructure

3.23 Is the plan supported by up-to-date, adequate evidence about the new or improved infrastructure required to facilitate the development proposed in the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
CSD.006	Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) Submission version CSD.006 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) Submission Version.pdf	All
BGP.001e	(SA) Reg. 19 BGP 005a Green Infrastructure including Appendix B List of Core Spaces BGP.001e- (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 005a Green Infrastructure including Appendix B List of Core Spaces.pdf	All
BGP.001o	(SA) Reg. 19 BGP 014 Infrastructure BGP.001o - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 014 Infrastructure.pdf	All

Biodiversity

3.24 Is the plan supported by up-to-date, adequate evidence assessing the impacts of the development proposed in the plan on biodiversity?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
GRE.007	A targeted number of biodiversity surveys were undertaken on a selection of potential allocations where it was identified that there could be particular biodiversity value. Oxford City Biodiversity surveys 2025 (and appendices 1-4) GRE.007 - Oxford City Biodiversity Surveys 2025.pdf GRE.007a - Oxford City Biodiversity Surveys 2025_Appendix1 & 2.pdf GRE.007b - Oxford City Biodiversity Surveys 2025_Appendix3 & 4.pdf	Full docs as referenced
GRE.008	The Local Plan is also supported by a number of historic surveys for longer standing allocations also. These are as follows: Phase 1 Botanical Survey Target Notes for Additional Oxford City sites GRE.008 - Phase 1 Botanical Survey Target Notes for Additional Oxford City sites.pdf	
GRE.010	Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report Dunstan Park GRE.010 - Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report - Dunstan Park.pdf	

GRE.011	Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report Land East of Redbridge Park and Ride GRE.011 - Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report - Land East of Redbridge Park and Ride.pdf	
GRE.012	Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report Land North of St Clements GRE.012 - Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report - Land North of St. Clements.pdf	
GRE.006	A Source Pathway Receptor Analysis has been produced, which assesses impacts on the SSSIs. Any mitigation measures proposed are included within relevant policies. See: Source Pathway Receptor Analysis (SPRA) Local Plan 2045 Reg 19 GRE.006 - Source Pathway Receptor Analysis (SPRA) Local Plan 2045 Reg 19.pdf Additionally, the Local Plan is supported by a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA): For HRA – refer to answers under 2.13 and 2.14 above.	

Landscape

3.25 Is the plan supported by up-to-date, adequate evidence assessing the impacts of the development proposed in the plan on the landscape?

Yes	✓		NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
HER.003	A Character Assessment of Oxford in its Landscape Setting (2002) HER.003 - A Character Assessment of Oxford in its Landscape Setting (Part 1).pdf HER.003 - A Character Assessment of Oxford in its Landscape Setting (Part 3).pdf	Parts 1 and 3
HER.004	A Character Assessment of Oxford in its Landscape Setting 2022 Update Addendum Report HER.004 - A Character Assessment of Oxford in its Landscape Setting 2022 Update Addendum Report.pdf The Addendum Report was produced as a partial update to the original 2002 study and takes into account the most up-to-date guidance and evidence.	All. Entire Report replaces “Part 2” of original 2002 study

Historic environment

3.26 Is the plan supported by up-to-date, adequate evidence assessing the impacts of the development proposed in the plan on the historic environment?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref BGP.0011	Doc hyperlink (SA) Reg. 19. BGP 011 Urban design, placemaking, heritage and archaeology: BGP.0011 - (SA) Reg. 19 BGP 011 Urban Design, Placemaking, Heritage and Archaeology.pdf - This Background Paper provides general evidence base supporting the approach to the historic environment	Relevant page(s) All
HER.008	Heritage Impact Assessments Local Plan 2045 (Post-Reg 19 update) HER.008 - Heritage Impact Assessments Local Plan 2045 (Post Reg 19 update) DRAFT TO BE FINALISED AND REPLACED FOR SUBMISSION.docx - Targeted Heritage Impact Assessments were undertaken for a number of areas covering a handful of site allocations where particular heritage sensitivities were identified in liaison with Historic England. - These have been updated post-Reg 19 consultation to respond to further comments raised by Historic England as part of their Reg 19 response.	All
COM.015	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England COM.015 LP2045 SoCG Historic England.pdf - The SoCG with Historic England includes documentation of the Post Reg 19 updates to the Heritage Impact Assessments.	All

Other soundness issues

3.27 Are there any other soundness issues raised in representations made under regulation 20 that could potentially require a significant amount of work to address during the examination?

Yes		NO	✓
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End of pre-examination checklist
