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Subject: Examination of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 - Initial Letter from Programme Officer

Dear Representor,

Examination of the Oxford Local Plan 2045

I am writing to you because you have made representations [on behalf of your own or another organisation] concerning the Oxford Local Plan published by Oxford City Council under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 14 July 2026.

Last month, the Secretary of State appointed Inspectors M Birkinshaw BA(Hons), MSc, MRTPI and C Coyne BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Plan. The Inspectors will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and whether it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspectors with all administrative aspects of the Examination and my contact details are set out below. Outside the hearing sessions which form part of the examination, the Inspectors do not have direct contact with either the Council or Representors. Therefore, all communications with the Inspectors will need to take place through me.

The Inspectors are currently appraising the Plan, the associated evidence and the representations submitted at the Regulation 19 stage, and I will be in contact again when I am able to provide further information on the examination process, including the timing of any hearing sessions.

All information concerning the examination, including latest updates and useful Planning Inspectorate guidance for participants, will be made available on the examination website, which can be accessed via the following link: [Oxford Local Plan 2045 Examination | Oxford City Council](#)

As the independent Programme Officer, I am your point of contact throughout the examination process. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from the notification list.

Yours sincerely,

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