



Outlook

Examination of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 - STAGE 2 HEARINGS (Individuals)

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Oxford EiP Stage 2 Matters Issues and Questions.pdf; Oxford EiP Stage 2 Hearing Programme.pdf; Oxford EiP Stage 2 Guidance.pdf;

Dear Respondent,

Examination of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 - Guidance Note, Hearings Programme and Matters, Issues & Questions for Stage 2

Further to my email of 8 September 2026 and subsequent correspondence with those who responded, I am now writing to provide further information on the Stage 2 hearings, which will consider site allocations and development management policies of the Oxford Local Plan 2045.

Stage 2 Hearings will be held at The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES between **Tuesday 24 November and Friday 11 December 2026**. The timings and matters to be discussed are specified in the attached Examination Hearing Programme. This follows on from Stage 1 of the examination, hearing sessions for which will take place in public between Tuesday 20 and Friday 24 October 2026 at the same venue.

Please find attached the following documents:

- Stage 2 Guidance Note, setting out how the examination will proceed;
- Stage 2 Programme, setting out what will be discussed and when on each of the days;
- Stage 2 Matters, Issues & Questions, on which Hearing Statements are invited from the Council and eligible participants.

I draw your attention to two important deadlines, explained in detail in paragraphs 14 - 22 of the Stage 2 Guidance Note.

Firstly, if you wish to be heard at the Stage 2 hearings, you must confirm this in writing to me no later than **Friday 30 October 2026**, even if you indicated in your original Regulation 19 representation and/or you have already told me that you wished to participate. If I do not receive written confirmation, it will be assumed that you do not wish to participate and that you will be relying on written submissions.

Secondly, the Inspectors have directed the Council to submit Hearing Statements responding to the questions set out in their Stage 2 Matters, Issues & Questions. Any representors who have made comments seeking a change to the Plan and who are invited to the hearing sessions may also submit Hearing Statements in support of their original representations. This is optional and not

a requirement. Eligible representors not participating at the hearing sessions may also submit an additional Written Statement.

All Stage 2 Statements must be submitted electronically to me by no later than **5pm on Tuesday 10 November 2026**. The deadline is the same for the Council and representors. Please read the Guidance carefully to ensure that you follow the Inspectors' instructions as to focus, format and length of Statements, to avoid having your submissions returned. **Only those people seeking to change the Plan, and who made representations on the relevant topic at the Regulation 19 stage, may submit Statements.** All Statements will be published on the examination website in due course.

All information concerning Stages 1 and 2 of the examination, including latest updates and useful Planning Inspectorate guidance for participants, is available on the examination website, which can be accessed via [Oxford Local Plan 2045 Examination](#) | [Oxford City Council](#)

Finally, 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.

Yours sincerely,

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