Examination of Oxford Local Plan 2045

Historic England, Written Statement

November 2026

Historic England is the principal Government adviser on the historic environment, advising it on planning and listed building consent applications, appeals and other matters generally affecting the historic environment. Historic England is consulted on Local Development Plans and provides advice to ensure that legislation and national policy in the National Planning Policy Framework are thereby reflected in local planning policy and practice.

The tests of soundness require that Local Development Plans should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Historic England's representations on the Publication Draft Local Plan are made in the context of the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in relation to the historic environment as a component of sustainable development.

Historic England - Written Statement

Introduction

This statement addresses the Inspector's questions with regards to Matter 5 of the Local Plan Examination: Stage 2 Matters, Issues and Questions. This written statement should be read alongside Historic England's comments submitted at previous consultation stages of the Local Plan.

Matter 5: Site Allocations

Our position on Matter 5 (Site Allocations) is confirmed in the signed Statement of Common Ground with the Council (June 2026 / ref: COM.015). We have agreed a schedule of proposed modifications which, if incorporated into the Plan, will address our previous concerns.