Welcome to our Local Plan exhibition

Here you will find information on the Council’s proposed changes to its Local Plan covering the period to 2031.

Please work your way through the panels from left to right.

Officers are on hand to provide further information and answer questions.

We welcome your feedback on the proposed changes to the Local Plan.
How we have got to this stage

Draft Local Plan published for consultation in March 2015.


Examination held in November 2015.

Inspector’s preliminary findings received in December 2015.

Examination suspended in January 2016 to allow the Council to do further work on housing numbers and sites.

Consultation on proposed modifications to the Local Plan (this stage) – November 2016
Why the examination was suspended

The Inspector found that:

• The proposed housing target was too low and had not been agreed with the other Oxfordshire authorities.

• The local plan had not taken into account any ‘unmet’ housing need arising from Oxford City and needs to do so.

• Not enough land had been allocated and that new allocations should be made to ensure at least a 5-year supply of housing land.

• The needs of travelling communities had not been properly met.

• Other aspects of the plan should be revisited or strengthened through any further work.
## Summary of proposed changes

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<th>Change</th>
<th>Reason why</th>
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<td>Housing target increased from 10,500 to 15,950.</td>
<td>Accounts for Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (13,200) plus an element of ‘unmet’ housing need from Oxford City (2,750).</td>
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<td>Capacity of three existing strategic site allocations (North Witney, East Witney and East Chipping Norton) increased.</td>
<td>Helps meet the increased housing requirement, assist with viability and ensure delivery of key infrastructure.</td>
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<td>Two new strategic site allocations proposed West of Eynsham and north of the A40 near Eynsham (new ‘Garden Village’).</td>
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<td>New ‘science park’ (40 hectares) proposed north of the A40 near Eynsham.</td>
<td>Provides increased job opportunities and capitalises on proximity to the Oxfordshire ‘knowledge spine’.</td>
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<td>15 ‘non-strategic site allocations proposed at various locations across the District.</td>
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<td>New allocation for travelling showpeople at Cuckoowood Farm, Freeland.</td>
<td>Helps meet identified needs for travelling showpeople.</td>
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<td>All residential development required to meet more stringent requirements for ‘water efficiency’.</td>
<td>Because West Oxfordshire is in an area of demonstrable ‘water stress’.</td>
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North Witney

- Urban extension of 1,400 homes including affordable housing.
- New transport links including West End Link.
- New primary school.
- Public open space.
- Flood risk mitigation.
- Opportunities for self-build housing.
- High standard of design and energy efficiency.
East Witney

- Urban extension of 450 homes including affordable housing.
- New transport links including Shores Green western slip roads.
- Public open space and improved links across the Lower Windrush Valley.
- Flood risk mitigation.
- Opportunities for self-build housing.
- High standard of design and energy efficiency.
East Chipping Norton

- Urban extension of 1,400 homes including affordable housing.
- New employment land (9 hectares).
- New transport links including potential eastern ‘link road.’
- New primary school.
- Public open space.
- New local centre.
- Opportunities for self-build housing.
- High standard of design and energy efficiency.
West Eynsham

- Urban extension of 1,000 homes including affordable housing.
- New primary school.
- Potential secondary school facility.
- New transport links including potential western ‘link road.’
- Public open space.
- Opportunities for self-build housing.
- High standard of design and energy efficiency.
West Oxfordshire Garden Village

- New settlement based on ‘garden village’ principles.
- 2,200 homes including affordable housing.
- New transport infrastructure including potential northern ‘link’ road, 1,000 space park and ride and connections into Eynsham (eg iconic A40 bridge).
- 40 hectare science park.
- New primary schools.
- Public open space.
- Opportunities for self-build housing.
- High standard of design and energy efficiency.
Non-strategic housing allocations

There are 15 smaller allocations proposed including:

- REEMA North and Central, Carterton (300 homes)
- Milestone Road, Carterton (200 homes)
- Land at Swinbrook Road, Carterton (70 homes)
- Land north of Jefferson’s Piece, Charlbury (40 homes)
- Land east of Woodstock (300 homes)
- Land north of Hill Rise, Woodstock (120 homes)
- Land north of Banbury Road, Woodstock (250 homes)
- Land north of Woodstock Road, Stonesfield (50 homes)
- Land east of Burford (85 homes)
- Land at Myrtle Farm, Long Hanborough (50 homes)
- Oliver’s Garage, Long Hanborough (25 homes)
- Former Airfield, Stanton Harcourt (50 homes)
- Land south of Milton Road, Shipton-under-Wychwood (44 homes)
- Land west of Minster Lovell (85 homes)
- Woodford Way Car Park, Witney (50 homes)
Carterton proposed allocations

- **REEMA North and Central**
  - (300 homes)

- **Land at Swinbrook Rd**
  - (70 homes)

- **Milestone Rd**
  - (200 homes)
Woodstock proposed allocations

- Land east of Woodstock (300 homes)
- Land north of Hill Rise (120 homes)
- Land north of Banbury Rd (250 homes)
Long Hanborough, Stanton Harcourt and Freeland proposed allocations

Long Hanborough:  
- **↑ Land at Myrtle Fm**  
  (50 homes)  
- **↓ Oliver’s Garage**  
  (25 homes)

Freeland: **Cuckoowood Fm**  
(6 plots for travelling showpeople)

Stanton Harcourt:  
- **↑ Former Airfield**  
  (50 homes)
Stonesfield, Charlbury, Shipton-u-Wychwood and Burford proposed allocations

- **Stonesfield**: Land north of Woodstock Rd (50 homes)
- **Charlbury**: Land north of Jeffersons Piece (40 homes)
- **Shipton-u-Wychwood**: Land south of Milton Rd (44 homes)
- **Burford east**: (85 homes)
Minster Lovell and Witney proposed allocations

- Land west of Minster Lovell
  (85 homes)

- Witney: Woodford Way car park
  (50 homes)
What happens next

- 6-week consultation on proposed changes to the plan (11 November – 23 December 2016).
- Proposed changes and comments received sent to Planning Inspector in January 2017.
- Examination reopens in March/April 2017.
- Inspector’s report received – summer 2017.

Commenting on the proposed changes

We welcome your comments:

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Please note you can only comment on the proposed changes to the plan, not the original plan as submitted for examination. Each proposed change has been assigned a reference number and should be referred to when submitting comments.

Thank you for attending our exhibition.