

Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village – Fact Sheet

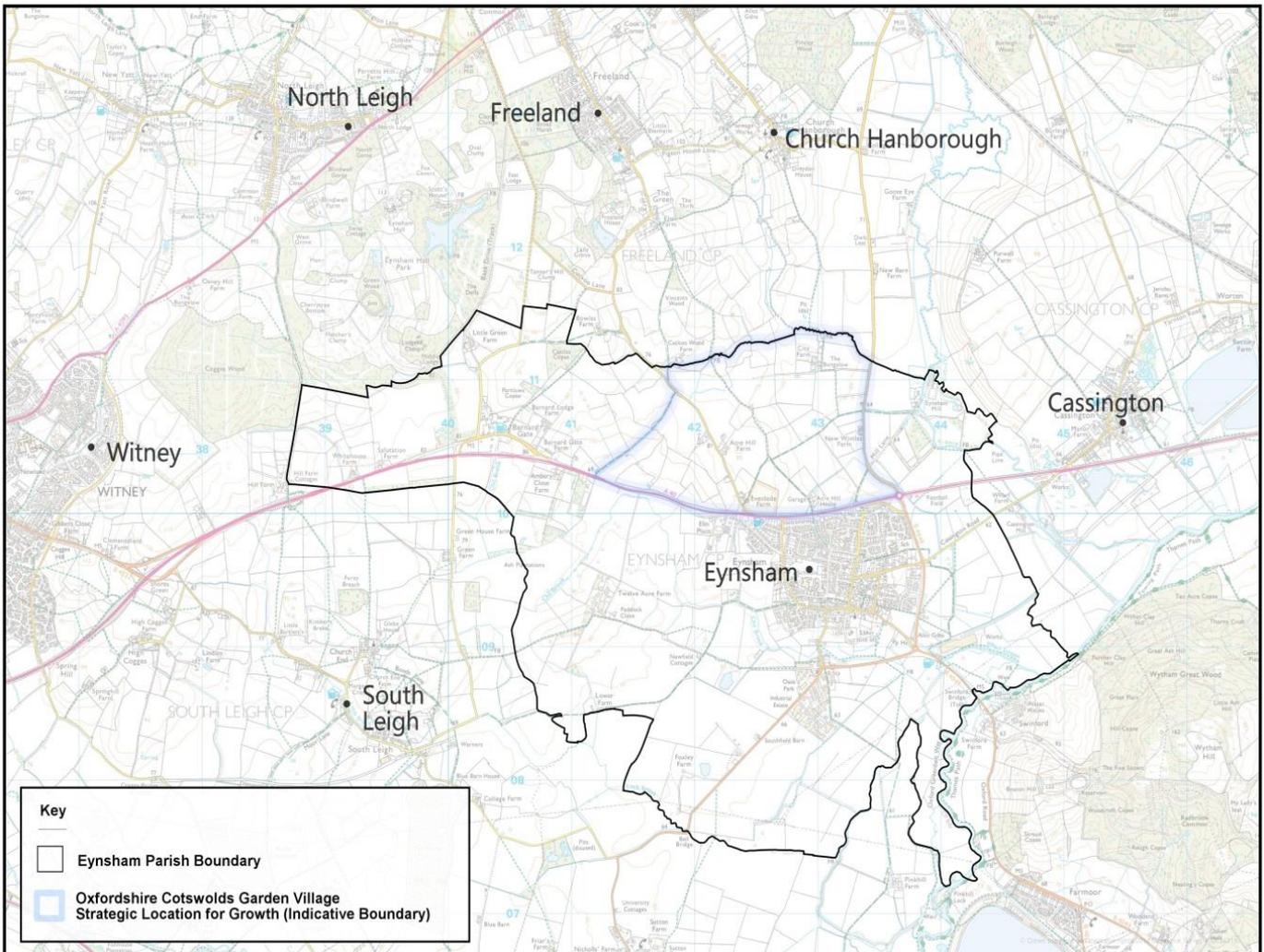
Introduction

The purpose of this ‘fact sheet’ is to provide some background information on the new ‘Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village’ – one of 14 new garden villages supported by Government under its Locally Led Garden Village, Town and City Programme.

The fact sheet is set out in the form of various questions and answers which we hope you find useful. If you require any further information please email planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk or telephone 01993 861667.

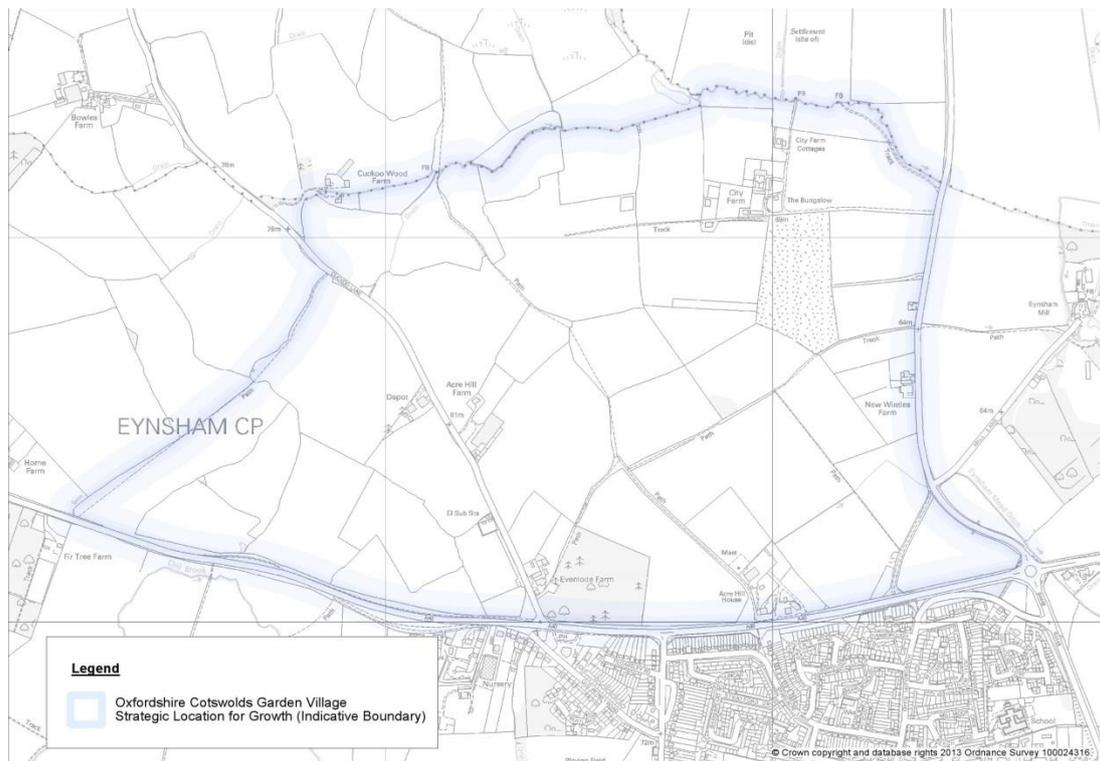
Where is the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village?

The garden village site is located to the north of the A40 near Eynsham, as indicated on the map below. The location of the site means it is well placed in relation to key transport links and Oxford City.



How big is the site?

The precise boundary of the garden village site is yet to be fixed but a broad area has been identified as shown on the map below. This covers approximately 215 hectares (531 acres).



Why is the development needed?

The garden village is being brought forward to help Oxford City Council which does not have enough housing land to meet its identified needs. Each of the Oxfordshire local authorities are assisting Oxford and the garden village is West Oxfordshire's main contribution together with some further planned housing to the west of Eynsham.

How many houses are proposed?

The garden village is based on a 'working assumption' of around 2,200 new homes although more detailed planning is needed to determine the most appropriate number and type of homes that should be built.

How was the name 'Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village' decided upon?

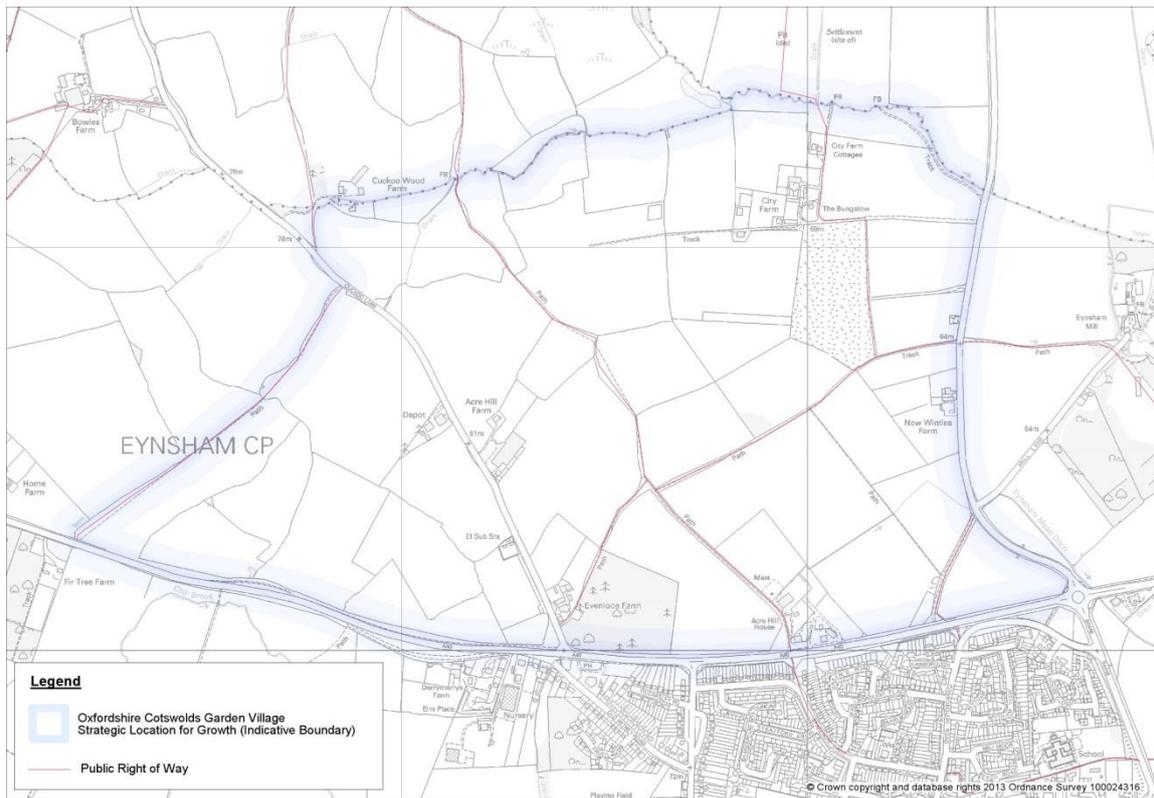
The name 'Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village' stems from the Government's locally led garden village programme and is the current 'working title'. As the site is taken forward through the planning process we will seek views from the local community and other stakeholders on the most appropriate name for the new garden village.

Are there any existing uses on the site?

The majority of the site is in agricultural use with a number of different farms and agricultural buildings located across the site. There are several residential properties at the City Farm complex in the northern part of the site as well as an aggregate recycling facility to the south of City Farm.

In the southern part of the site there is a large area of community woodland as well as a commercial area which includes a petrol filling station and shop and car sales and restoration.

There are a number of existing public rights of way running across the site as shown on the plan below.



Who owns the land?

The site is in a number of separate land ownerships.

Is there a developer on board?

Grosvenor Developments Ltd. has been appointed as development partner on behalf of a number of the landowners.

How will the proposal be taken forward?

The garden village site is identified as a 'strategic location for growth' in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 which should be adopted in early summer 2018. The Council's intention is to take the site forward through a separate 'Area Action Plan' (AAP) taking account of the key constraints and opportunities affecting the site, which it hopes to adopt by October 2019. Once adopted, the AAP will have the same statutory status as the Local Plan.

In parallel with the preparation of the AAP, Grosvenor intends to prepare a masterplan and outline planning application for the site to be submitted in 2019.

How can I get involved?

There will be lots of opportunities to get involved in both the Area Action Plan and the preparation of the outline planning application. The District Council will update its garden village webpage to advise how and when you can get involved in the project as it moves forward. If you are not already registered on our contact list you can do so via the link below:

[Register for updates on the Garden Village and other issues relating to Local Planning](#)

Alternatively you can email planning.policy@westoxon.gov.uk or call 01993 861667 to request to be added.