

Draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040: Addendum Note for Overview & Scrutiny 11/01/23 and Executive 19/01/23

The following addendum summarises a correction to the proposed Draft Cherwell Plan 2040 Consultation Document by reducing the identified housing need/ requirement from 26,267 homes up to 2040 to 25,847 as shown in the update to Table 4.1 below.

This change arises from Oxford City updating their anticipated annual housing delivery from 393 dwellings per year to 457 dwellings per year prior to their recent Local Plan consultation that came to light during our Duty to Cooperate discussions. This has a knock-on reduction to the total amount of identified unmet housing need for Oxford and therefore consequential reduction in the contribution Cherwell would need to make to unmet need.

It is proposed that necessary updates are made to the Draft Local Plan document ahead of the consultation commencing. Examples of key changes (to paragraphs 4.15, 4.17 and 4.22) are also highlighted below for information.

The changes do not affect the proposed strategy, but it does increase slightly the level of proposed housing over-supply for the purposes of the consultation, which is also updated by Table 4.1 below.

Proposed Update: Table 4.1: Cherwell Housing Requirement and Housing Supply 2020 to 2040

Bold/ Underlined/ Green Highlighting shows proposed changes.

~~Strikethrough~~ shows proposed deletions

Category	Number of Dwellings
Housing Requirement	
Cherwell's Requirement	20,180
Oxford's unmet need to be met within Cherwell	6,087 5,667
Total Housing Requirement*	26,267 (1,313 homes per annum) 25,847 (1,292 homes per annum)
Housing Supply	
Housing completions (Apr 2020 to Mar 2022)	2,367
Housing commitments (deliverable or developable supply)	18,287
New strategic site allocations (100 or more homes)	5,605
New provision for non-strategic sites (5-99 homes)	500
Total Windfalls	2,800
Total Housing Supply*	29,559
Contingency	3,292 3,712

- 4.15 With these aims, the Plan makes provision for at least ~~26,267~~ **25,847** new homes to be delivered during the plan period (2020 to 2040) as set out by **Core Policy 2: District Wide Housing Distribution**. This reflects the Objectively Assessed Need for housing for Cherwell District up to 2040 as identified in the updated Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA 2022). The figure of ~~26,267~~ **25,847** new homes comprises the housing requirement. As set out below, however, the Plan makes for provision in excess of the housing requirement.
- 4.17 Overall, the Plan provides for ~~6,087~~ **5,667** homes for Oxford's needs including the 4,400 homes that are already planned. This approach is based upon:
- 4.22 Cherwell has already made provision for 4,400 homes for Oxford, through its Local Plan Partial Review, adopted in 2020, and these allocations are saved through this Local Plan 2040. Our Local Plan Review, through the identified allocations, also makes provision for 'at least' ~~1,687~~ **1,267** homes elsewhere in Cherwell (i.e., giving a total of ~~6,087~~ **5,667** as set out above), that are accessible to Oxford, including for example at Bicester. Bicester is easily accessible to Oxford by sustainable transport modes. Specific sites and homes will not be identified for Oxford at Bicester, other than for the provision of ~~844~~ **633** affordable homes, thus maintaining the commitment to deliver 50% affordable homes provision for Oxford as part of the identified unmet need. The Council will use the same mechanism for allocating affordable homes for Oxford City as for the saved Partial Review Plan allocations.