

## **Consultation Report – Tenancy Strategy**

### **Who was consulted?**

A wide variety of stakeholders were consulted, including Registered Providers, Statutory and Voluntary agencies, Council members and members of the public. A full list is found at the end of this report.

### **How were they consulted?**

A variety of consultation methods were used, including email, letter, face to face and telephone, depending on the audience.

### **What was the feedback?**

There was a general acceptance of the principle of Affordable rents. Members of the public felt that this was a fair way of setting rents. Registered Providers appreciated the support offered by Cherwell in setting out its strategy at an early date and in enabling the provision of more affordable housing through the acceptance of Affordable Rents. Council Members have expressed some concerns about Affordable Rents, which were discussed at a Council Member consultation.

Generally, respondents supported the use of flexible tenancies. Again this was strongly supported by members of the public who felt that flexible tenancies offer a fair way of dealing with a scarce resource.

### **How was the Tenancy Strategy changed?**

As a result of consultation, several changes were made, including:-

- Strengthening the requirement that supported housing overall charges remain within Local Housing Allowance rates to enable vulnerable residents to continue to afford the support they need
- The section explaining how restricting the rate of conversion of void properties to Affordable rent will secure social rent lettings was extended and the explanation made clearer
- The section on disposals was extended to include the possibility of an RP disposing of a property to the existing tenant. This could happen during or at the end of a flexible tenancy, if the tenant's circumstances allow. Some RP partners plan to encourage this solution in areas of low home ownership
- The section on open market disposals was strengthened to improve Cherwell District Council's negotiating position on keeping investment within the District, when social housing properties are sold.

## Consultation

Beacon Centre  
CAB  
Connections FS  
Connexions  
Habitat for Humanity  
Home Group  
Home Group  
Making Life Work  
Oxfordshire County Council  
SHG  
Shifa Trust  
Supporting People  
Shelter  
Hometrack

## Rethink

local faith groups and churches from Bicester, Banbury, Kidlington and rural areas (Zaraostrian, Christian, Baha's, Muslim and more  
TV Police  
Frank Wise School  
Changing Faces  
Restore  
Oxford City Council  
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, Chairman of Transport for All, Oxfordshire  
LCD  
Oxford Brookes University  
Oxfordshire County Council  
SCOPE  
Oxford Brookes University  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Oxfordshire Learning Disability  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Oxford and Cherwell Valley College  
Redlands Centre & Special Olympics Club  
Unlimited  
Hft (Home Farm Trust)  
Mill Centre Banbury  
MDS Banbury Local Support Group  
Bardwell FC  
Circles Network  
Lexicon Signstream  
The Kingwood Trust  
Oxfordshire Learning Disability Partnership Board  
NHS  
Let's Play Project  
Oxford Brookes University  
CDC  
Restore  
Shaw Trust  
Frank Wise School  
OASIS  
Cherwell CVS

Macular Disease Society  
Macular Disease Society Banbury  
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Bardwell FC  
Mind in Banbury  
Home Farm Trust (HFT)  
CCVS service  
The Kingwood Trust  
Rugrats and Half Pints  
OCC (Learning Disability Team)  
The National Autistic Society  
RNIB (blind people)  
Bardwell FC  
Royal Institute of Blind People  
INDI South East  
Cherwell CVS  
Oxford University  
BADSAD  
meet every Thursday at 13 at Lakeside Bowling Club  
Mencap  
Guide Dogs  
Carers Centre (North & West Oxfordshire)  
Oxford Brookes University  
Rethink Carer Support Service  
National Autistic Society  
North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership  
Lets Play Project  
Bardwell FC  
Banbury CAB  
Banbury Phab Club  
Redlands Gateway  
INDI South East (infrastructure for disability information)  
Oxfordshire Neurological Alliance  
SID  
Lexicon Signstream  
Reading University Museums  
Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers  
Chamber of Commerce  
Bardwell School  
National Volunteer Manager  
Leonard Cheshire Disability  
Transport for all  
Oxfordshire Unlimited  
SCOPE  
Hft (Home Farm Trust)  
North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership  
North Oxon Carers Centre  
Wheel Chair Basketball Club  
Oxfordshire Boccia Academy  
Abingdon Fencing Club  
Oxford Fencing Club  
Banbury United LD Football Team  
Bloxham Football  
Coasters Football Group

Henley YMCA Casuals Football Club  
Oxford City Casuals  
Summertown Stars VI Football Section  
Active8 Abingdon Junior Multi-Sports Club  
KEEN – Kids Enjoy Exercise Now  
Oxfordshire Deaf Children’s Society  
OXSRAD  
Oxford Adapted Rowing Club  
Witney Wolves Inclusive Rugby  
Sailability  
Downs Syndrome International Swimming Organisation  
Oxford Otters  
Oxford Swans Swimming Club  
Age UK  
Circles Network  
A2Dominion  
Ability  
Advance  
Anchor  
Bromford  
Catalyst  
English Rural  
GLOSHA  
Greensquare  
Hanover  
Housing 21  
Jephson  
OCHA  
Paradigm  
Raglan  
Residents' panel  
Sanctuary  
Sovereign  
TVHA  
Customer  
Services  
Development  
Control and  
Major  
Developments  
Director of  
Development  
  
Eco Bicester  
economic  
development  
Equalities  
equality and  
access to  
services panel  
Health  
Housing  
older people  
Planning Policy

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Reneration and  
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Safer  
communities  
Safer  
Communities  
(antisocial  
behaviour)  
Safer  
Communities  
(rural)  
Valuer  
Parish Councils  
Cherwell  
Landlords' forum  
Oxford City  
South and Vale  
South Northants  
West Oxon  
Developer database