

# Appendix 1: Public Notice

**CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION  
22 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 3 NOVEMBER 2023  
Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 – Regulation 18 Consultation Draft**

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Cherwell and would like your views. We are presenting a draft of the Plan for consultation so that you can consider our emerging proposals. It has been prepared to prompt discussion and feedback on new planning policies to guide the delivery of sustainable development across the district.

The draft Plan sets out a vision and proposes homes, employment land, infrastructure and other essential services required to support the local community over the Plan period.

### **Inspect the Documents**

The draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 and supporting documents are available to view on-line at <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

Hard copies of the documents are available to view at the locations below during the following opening hours:

**Cherwell District Council Offices**, Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Monday to Friday 9am - 5.15pm

**Banbury Library**, Marlborough Road, Banbury, OX16 5DB

Monday 9am - 1pm, Tuesday 9am - 7pm, Wednesday 9am - 8pm, Thursday 9am - 7pm, Friday 9am - 7pm, Saturday 9am - 4.30pm.

**Woodgreen Library**, Woodgreen Leisure Centre, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0AT

Monday 10am - 5pm, Tuesday 10am - 1pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5pm, Thursday 10am - 1pm, Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1pm.

**Bicester Library**, Franklins House, Wesley Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JU

Monday 9.30am - 7pm, Tuesday 9.30am - 5pm, Wednesday 9.30am - 7pm, Thursday 9.30am - 7pm, Friday 9.30am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 4.30pm.

**Kidlington Library**, Ron Groves House, 23 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2BP

Monday 9.30am - 5pm, Tuesday 9.30am - 7pm, Wednesday 9.30am - 1pm, Thursday 9.30am - 5pm, Friday 9.30am - 7pm, Saturday 9am - 4.30pm.

**Adderbury Library**, Church House, High Street, Adderbury, OX17 3LS

Tuesday 10am - 1pm and 2 - 5pm, Thursday 4 - 7pm, Friday 10am - 1pm and 2 - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1pm.

**Deddington Library**, The Old Court House, Horse Fair, Deddington, OX15 0SH

Monday 2pm - 7pm, Wednesday 9.30am - 1pm, Thursday 1pm - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1pm.

**Hook Norton Library**, High Street, Hook Norton, OX15 5NH

Monday 2pm - 7pm, Wednesday 2pm - 5pm, Friday 2pm - 5pm, Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

**West Oxfordshire District Council**, Welch Way Office, 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

**Woodstock Library**, The Oxfordshire Museum, Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN

Tuesday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm, Wednesday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm, Thursday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm, Friday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 12.30pm and 1pm - 4.30pm.

### **Submitting Comments**

Comments on the draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 and supporting documents can be made online using our engagement portal <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft> or can be sent:

By email to [PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

Or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA.

Response forms are available at the locations above and can be downloaded from <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

All documents are also available on Cherwell District Council's website at: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/local-plan-review-2040>

If anyone has difficulty accessing the documents online, they can contact the Planning Policy Team for assistance on 01295 221779 or email [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk).

**Comments should be received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 3 November 2023.**

Any comments received will be made publicly available. Personal details will be protected although it may be necessary to disclose these to a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State at a later date. Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

**Public Exhibitions**

The following public exhibitions will be held during the consultation period:

**Wednesday 4 October, 3pm – 8pm**

Kidlington Football Club, Yarnton Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AT

**Friday 13 October, 2pm – 7pm**

The John Paul II Centre, The Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW

**Tuesday 17 October, 2.30pm – 6.30pm**

Woodstock Community Centre, 32 New Road, Woodstock, OX20 1PB

**Saturday 21 October, 11am – 3pm**

Lock 29, Castle Quay Waterfront, Castle Street, Banbury, OX16 5UN

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# Appendix 2: Consultation Letters

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Dear Town and Parish Councils

As previously advised, at its meeting on 4 September 2023, the Council's Executive approved the draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 for public consultation (as amended by the agreed changes).

I am now writing to give pre-notification that the public consultation will commence on Friday 22 September 2023 for a period of 6 weeks. The consultation will close on 3 November 2023.

During the consultation key documents will be available to view at Bodicote House and libraries across the District. All documents will also be available on the Council's website and its Citizen's Space consultation platform.

Each town/parish council will also be sent a copy of the draft Local Plan, together with some publicity material.

Further details of the consultation, including the public exhibitions will be set out in the public notices to be sent out when the consultation launches.

In addition to the public exhibitions we will be holding workshops for town and parish councils to discuss the draft local plan. Invitations to these events will be sent shortly once dates and timings have been set.

If you have any questions regarding the forthcoming consultation, then please do contact me.

Kind regards

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Dear Consultee

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Kind regards

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# **Appendix 3: Consultation Summary Leaflet**



**Cherwell**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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# SUMMARY BOOKLET

## Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040

CONSULTATION DRAFT  
(REGULATION 18) SEPTEMBER 2023



## HAVE YOUR SAY

<https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

## Overview

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**We are preparing a new Local Plan for Cherwell and would like your views. This is a summary leaflet of some of its key topics.**

We encourage you to take a look at the full plan. Details of where documents are available and how to comment are on the back of this leaflet.

**We recommend that you read the full draft local plan before making your comments.**

Our emerging Local plan will help guide and manage development in Cherwell until 2040. This includes how we will address the climate emergency and protect our green areas, where new homes and employment areas will be located and the infrastructure required to support our new and existing communities.

This leaflet includes information on

- The Key Themes of the Plan
- A proposed vision
- Proposed strategic objectives for meeting that vision
- Potential strategies for the district and its places
- Suggested policies for achieving the objectives including potential allocations of land for development
- Where to find the consultation documents and how to make comments.

We have some key questions we would like you to consider:

- What is welcome/unwelcome and why?
- Have we missed anything?
- Could the plan be improved?
- Does the draft Plan meet Cherwell's needs?

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



## Steps in Our Programme for Preparing the Plan

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**STEP 1:**

District-wide Issues Consultation (Regulation 18)

**STEP 2:**

District-wide Options Consultation (Regulation 18)

**STEP 3:**

Consultation on Full Draft Plan (Regulation 18)

We  
are  
here

**STEP 4:**

Consultation on Proposed Submission Plan  
(Regulation 19)

**STEP 5:**

Submission (Regulation 22)

**STEP 6:**

Public Examination (Regulation 24)

**STEP 7:**

Receipt and Publication of Public Examination  
Inspector's Report (Regulation 25)

**STEP 8:**

Adoption (Regulation 26)



## Our Vision and Strategic Objectives for Cherwell 2040

**The Plan sets out a vision for Cherwell to ensure that by 2040, we will (in summary):**

- Achieve our climate action targets
- Provide a choice of market and affordable housing, in well-designed, sustainable, healthy, vibrant and cohesive communities
- Invest in social and physical infrastructure
- Support a sustainable, resilient and flexible local economy
- Attract business investment and reduce poverty and social isolation
- Maintain Cherwell's rural character
- Protect our natural and historic environment
- Enhance our heritage assets and our biodiversity resource
- Support Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington as vibrant attractive retail, social and cultural centres
- Ensure Heyford Park and other areas of planned growth have the infrastructure investment required to support them.

**The emerging Plan has three overarching themes:**



**Meeting the  
Challenge of  
Climate Change  
and Ensuring  
Sustainable  
Development**



**Maintaining and  
Developing a  
Sustainable Local  
Economy**



**Building Healthy  
and Sustainable  
Communities**



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## Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change and Ensuring Sustainable Development

- SO 1:** Promote net-zero carbon new developments, with high sustainable construction standards, and low embodied carbon to ensure new developments deliver the highest viable energy efficiency, including the use of decentralised energy; and support a local zero-carbon energy system that reduces Cherwell’s reliance on global fossil fuels and prioritises community energy.
- SO 2:** Deliver developments that efficiently use local natural resources (particularly water), that minimise and are resilient to the impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events such as flooding, drought and heatwaves.
- SO 3:** Improve air quality. Protect and maximise opportunities for biodiversity net gain and the enhancement of Cherwell’s natural capital assets, such as soils, woodlands, hedges and ponds in order to capture and store carbon.
- SO 4:** Maintain and improve the natural and built environment including biodiversity, landscape, green Infrastructure and waterways by ensuring new development achieves high-quality design standards and conserves and enhances the natural, historic, cultural and landscape assets of Cherwell.
- SO 5:** Prioritise active travel and increase the attraction of and opportunities for public transport, ensuring high standards of connectivity and accessibility to services for all. Reduce dependency on the private car as a mode of travel, facilitating the creation of a net-zero-carbon transport network.







## Maintaining and Developing a Sustainable Local Economy

- SO 6:** Support a strong and sustainable economy within the district, including the visitor economy and agriculture, and ensure sufficient land is allocated to meet our identified needs.
- SO 7:** Increase education, training and skills, and encourage investment in the local workforce; improve and enhance digital connectivity and infrastructure, to support a sustainable and resilient economy, reduce inequality and help to reduce unnecessary transport.
- SO 8:** Support Cherwell's urban centres, including where beneficial, redevelopment and renewal, to maintain and enhance their vitality, viability, distinctiveness and safety.
- SO 9:** Recognise the economic benefits of preserving and enhancing the character and beauty of Cherwell's built and natural heritage, and landscape, and the wider benefits from its natural capital and ecosystem services to ensure Cherwell remains attractive to business and as a place to live, work and visit for current and future communities.





## **Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities**

- SO 10:** Meet the housing needs of all sectors of Cherwell's communities, in a way that creates sustainable, well-designed, safe, inclusive and mixed communities, promoting inter-generational connectivity and lifetime neighbourhoods.
- SO 11:** Create sustainable, well-designed, distinctive places where healthy behaviours (being active, having opportunities to access a healthy diet, and having good social connections) are the norm and which provide a sense of belonging, safety, and a sense of community.
- SO 12:** Focus development in Cherwell's sustainable locations, making efficient and effective use of land, conserving and enhancing the countryside, landscape, the natural environment, and the setting of its towns and villages.
- SO 13:** Protect and enhance the historic environment, including protecting and enhancing cultural heritage assets and archaeology, and promoting inclusive access to local assets where appropriate.
- SO 14:** Provide sufficient accessible, well maintained good quality services, facilities and infrastructure, to meet health, education, transport, open space, sport, recreations, cultural, social and other community needs.



## Our Overall Strategy for Development in Cherwell

### District

- Minimise carbon emissions and achieve set net gains in biodiversity wherever possible in delivering new development;
- Raise design standards and improvements to the built environment to elevate the attractiveness of our towns and villages;
- Ensure that new development improves well-being wherever possible through design, accessibility, social interaction, the provision of amenities and facilities and opportunities for active travel and recreation;
- Encourage new development that improves opportunity for all and in particular provides access to housing to meet all needs.

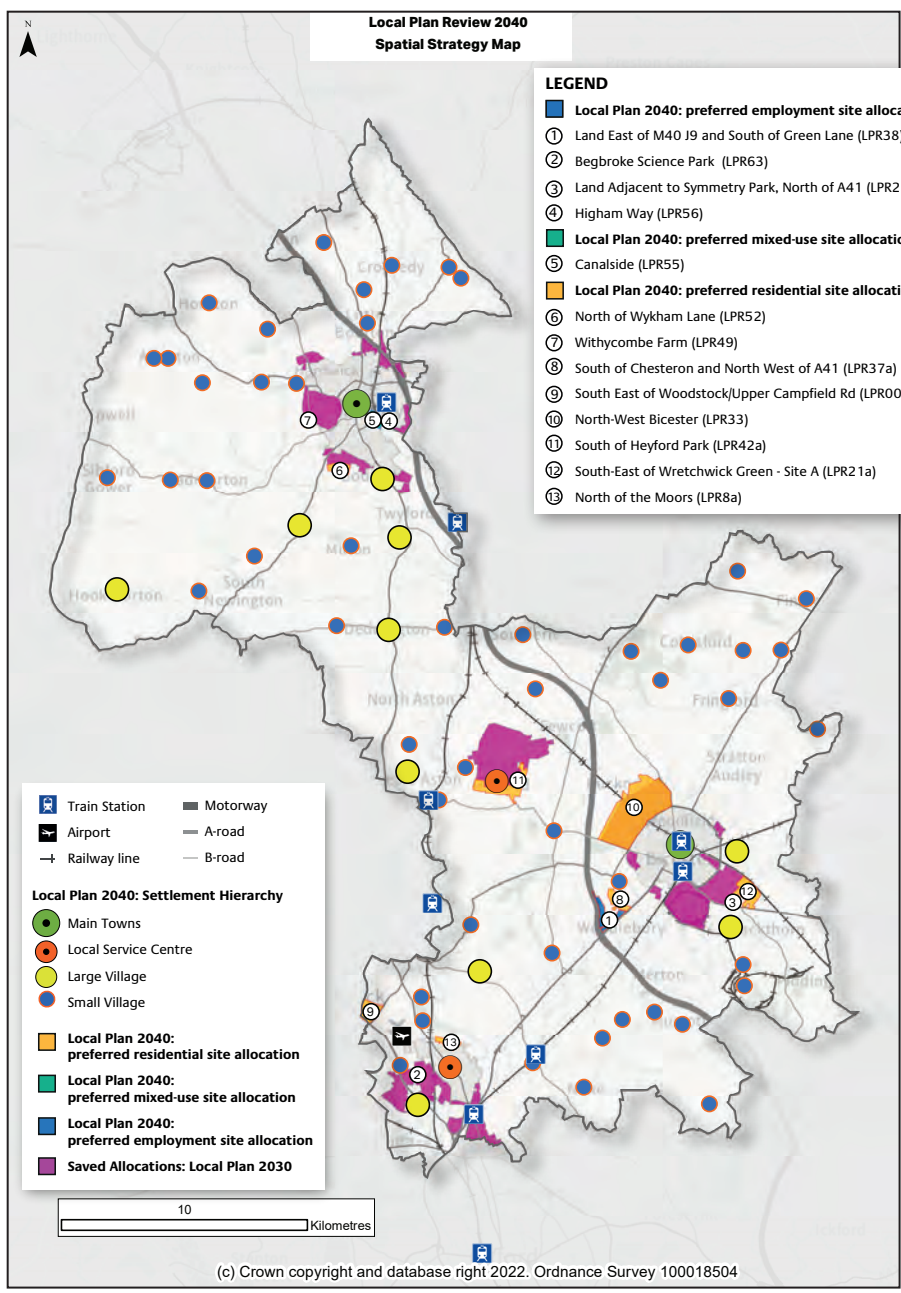
Our draft spatial strategy provides a guide to where, and what type of, development could happen across the district as illustrated in the following Key Diagram.

We have also developed strategies for our places, which we set out later in this leaflet.





# Key Diagram – Cherwell’s Spatial Strategy



## District-Wide Policies

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There are too many to cover in this leaflet, but some of the key policy areas are highlighted below.

### **Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change**

Climate change is the greatest long-term challenge facing society. The Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and pledged to be carbon neutral by 2030. Climate change impacts how we live now and in the future. Its impacts are evident locally in extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall and extreme temperatures.

In recognition of the importance of mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change the Local Plan focuses on achieving sustainable development as far as possible. However, we recognise that it cannot address all climate issues alone.

It has a suite of proposed policies that cover zero or low carbon energy sources, net zero development, carbon offsetting and renewable energy.

### **Housing**

We need to establish how many houses we need to plan for over the lifetime of the Plan. To help us with this task we commissioned a Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA) jointly with Oxford City Council.

This suggests that Cherwell needs 1,009 new homes per year to 2040. In addition, we expect to have to provide some housing to meet Oxford's housing need that cannot be provided within the City. We have estimated that this figure could be 284 homes per year, but it will likely change as Oxford City progresses its own local plan.



Overall housing need could, therefore, be:

### **Projected Housing Need**

<b>Projected Housing Need</b>	
Cherwell’s housing need	1,009 per annum
Oxford’s housing need	1,322 per annum
Oxford’s current housing capacity	457 per annum
Oxford’s current unmet need	865 per annum
Indicative % of unmet need to Cherwell	32.8 %
Unmet need potentially distributed to Cherwell	284 per annum
Housing need to be met in Cherwell	1,293 per annum
<b>Housing need to be met in Cherwell 2020-2040</b>	<b>25,860</b>

However, the housing requirement in a Local Plan is not necessarily the same as the housing need identified. We must also examine our existing housing supply from previous local plan allocations, and sites that have planning permission but are yet to be built.

Our assessment of housing supply for the future may change but our current assessment for 2020 – 2040 is:

### **Housing Supply 2020-2040**

	Housing Completions 2020-22	Deliverable Supply 2022-2040*	Developable Supply 2022-2040*	Totals
Banbury	954	2,273	1,871	5,098
Bicester	817	4,391	5,588	10,796
Heyford Park	136	643	1,103	1,882
Kidlington	109	32	0	141
Rural Areas	351	538	0	889
Partial Review Sites	0	1,090	3,310	4,400
Windfall Projection	0	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>9,967</b>	<b>11,872</b>	<b>24,206</b>

\*Appendix 3



This suggests that we only need to identify 1,654 homes to meet the housing need identified (a need of 25,860 minus a current supply of 24,206).

We also need to consider if all the homes included within our current supply can be delivered by 2040, and whether we need to meet specific local needs particularly in the Kidlington and rural areas.

North-West Bicester is planned to provide 6,000 homes. We consider that about 3,000 of those homes may be delivered beyond 2040. **This means that our existing supply falls from 24,206 to 21,206 homes by 2040.**

We have more work to do to assess housing land availability and housing potential. Work so far suggests that the following development options may be appropriate.

### ***Potential Development Sites/Supply***

Potential New Development Sites/Supply	
<b>Banbury</b>	
North of Wykham Lane	600
Withycombe Farm (conditionally approved)	230
<b>Bicester</b>	
South-East of Wretchwick Green	800
South of Chesterton/North-West of A41	500
<b>Kidlington</b>	
North of The Moors	300
South-East of Woodstock	450
<b>Heyford Park</b>	
South of Heyford Park	1,235
<b>Rural Areas</b>	
Indicative allocation	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,615</b>



### **Affordable and Suitable Housing**

Providing affordable housing is one of our highest priorities. We currently propose that all future developments of 10 or more dwellings should provide **at least 30% of new housing as affordable homes on site**. However, with the help of this consultation and our evidence, we need to determine whether we can do more.

### **Meeting Employment Needs**

Our key commercial centres are Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington.

Our last local plan identified a significant amount of employment land and whilst much of this has been developed, substantial areas of land remain available. We have also identified a number of additional potential employment sites across the District.

Site Name	Use Classes	Available Development Land (Hectares)
Higham Way – Banbury	Mixed Use B2, B8 and E(g)	3.0
Canalside – Banbury	Mixed Use B2, B8 and E(g)	7.5
Land East of M40 J9 and South of Green Lane – Bicester	Mixed Use B2, B8 and E(g)	40.0
Land adjacent to Symmetry Park, North of A41 – Bicester	Mixed Use B2, B8 and E(g)	6.3
Bicester Business Park (Bicester 4)	Saved 2015 LP Allocation for B1 (a) and E(g)(i)	3.3
Begbroke Science Park	Science Park - E(g) (ii)	14.7

### **Our Town Centres**

Banbury and Bicester Town Centres and, to a lesser extent Kidlington village centre are the main focus for shopping, commerce, leisure and other services and facilities. They also play an increasingly important role as places to live.





In common with many town centres across the country our urban centres have come under pressure in recent years, particularly with competition from out-of-town retail parks, and the shift to online retailing. We are committed to supporting our town centres and to enhancing and strengthening their vitality and viability.

We propose that new retail development will continue to be focused in our town centres and built to high design standards. We will also support the role that new restaurants and cafes can have in attracting people into our town centres and we will support uses that contribute to the evening economy in appropriate locations.

We will continue to work with our local communities and other stakeholders to promote and enhance the attractiveness of our urban centres. Particular priorities include improvements to the public realm, accessibility, signage, publicity and design.

### **Settlement Hierarchy**

Our last local plan uses a village categorisation system as a way of directing growth to the most sustainable villages.

This approach has generally helped to limit development in the rural areas and ensure a focus on more sustainable urban areas. However, there has been some criticism of the category of some villages, particularly in recent years.

The opportunity has therefore been taken to review the current village categorisation, based on an assessment of the current level of services and facilities in individual settlements. This has resulted in a number of villages within Category A of the old Plan being reassessed as proposed 'smaller villages' in this new Plan.

These re-categorised villages include Arncott, Begbroke, Chesterton, Cropredy, Finmere, Fringford, Fritwell, Milcombe, Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower, Weston-on-the-Green and Wroxton.



## The Settlement Classifications are:

### Main Towns

Banbury, Bicester

### Local Services Centres

Kidlington(\*), Heyford Park

### Larger Villages

Adderbury, Ambrosden, Bletchingdon (part \*), Bloxham, Bodicote, Deddington, Hook Norton, Kirtlington, Launton, Steeple Aston, Yarnton (\*)

### Smaller Villages

Arcott, Balscote, Begbroke (\*), Bourtons, Charlton on Otmoor (GB), Chesterton, Clifton, Cottisford, Cropredy, Drayton, Epwell, Fencott (GB), Finmere, Fringford, Fritwell, Godington, Hardwick with Tusmore, Hempton, Lower Heyford, Upper Heyford, Horley, Hornton, Horton cum Studley (GB), Islip(GB), Mercott (GB), Middle Aston, Middleton Stoney, Milcombe, Milton, Mixbury, Mollington, Newton Purcell with Shelswell, Noke (GB), Oddington (GB), Shenington with Alkerton, Shipton on Cherwell (GB), Shutford, Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower, Souldern, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton, Thrupp (GB), Wardington, Weston on the Green (part GB), Wiggington, Wroxton

### Open Countryside

Those villages not included within the categories described above are considered to form part of the Open Countryside.

(GB) These settlements are washed over by Green Belt.

(\*) These settlements are inset to the Green Belt. (part GB) These settlements are partly in the Green Belt.



## Cherwell's Places

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**The Plan proposes a vision, strategy and policies for each of Cherwell's places.**

### Banbury Area Strategy

#### Banbury Vision 2040

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In 2040 Banbury will continue to be a thriving, historic market town and an important economic and social focus for its residents, visitors, for business and for a large rural hinterland.

- The town will have a diverse economic base;
- Over 5,000 homes will have been built by 2040 of which 30% will be affordable homes;
- New services, facilities and cultural and recreation opportunities will have been provided;
- The town will be healthier, with levels of deprivation reduced;
- The town centre will be vibrant and at the heart of the town, a place to live, shop and access cultural and community facilities;
- The quality of the public realm and built environment will have been improved and new developments will be designed to a high standard;
- Air quality will have been improved and traffic congestion reduced;
- There will be more opportunities for safe, convenient active travel routes. Public transport will have been improved;
- There will be more natural and semi-natural open space accessible to the public, including new wooded areas and new linear parks/green corridors.



To achieve this vision, our strategy for Banbury is:

**Overall Spatial Strategy**

- Deliver committed development and provide for some limited additional growth reflecting the topographical, landscape and rural character constraints of the town’s edge;
- Revitalise, appropriately repurpose and seek further investment in the town centre, continue to improve its built and ‘green’ environment and public realm and further develop the nighttime economy;
- Continue to support and strengthen the town’s economy and diversify its skill base;
- Encourage development proposals that will support education and help reduce deprivation;
- Seek strategic transport improvements to encourage active travel, reduce congestion and pollution, and reduce cross town traffic by motorised vehicles.

**Banbury Area Strategy**

- Focus new development on previously developed land within the existing urban area, particularly in the vicinity of the town centre;
- Bring about Canalside regeneration, including enhancing the gateway to the town and improving access to the railway station, for the benefit of the whole town;
- Encourage residential development within the town centre on appropriate sites;
- Support the role of the town centre by resisting further major out of centre retail developments;
- Help reduce the level of deprivation by securing benefits achieved through specific development proposals and by economic growth and diversification;
- Secure a site that will provide a permanent home for Banbury United Football Club;



- Deliver a new secondary school for the town;
- Ensure new developments deliver improved community and health facilities;
- Deliver an improved and enhanced green infrastructure network across the town, including access to green spaces, the Oxford Canal and River Cherwell corridor, and children's play space, allotments and community gardens;
- Deliver schemes that reduce transport congestion, particularly along Hennef Way and in areas around the town centre;
- Ensure new developments strengthen the connection between the town centre and railway station, a key gateway to the town, and
- Ensure new developments deliver improved active travel routes in and around the town, radiating to surrounding villages.





## Banbury Area Strategy Map



### LEGEND

- Local Plan 2040: preferred residential site allocation**
- ① Withycombe Farm (LPR49)
- ② North of Wykham Lane (LPR52)
- Local Plan 2040: preferred mixed-use site allocation**
- ③ Canalside (LPR55)
- ④ Core Policy 14 (Site 2): Bolton Road
- Local Plan 2040: preferred employment site allocation**
- ⑤ Higham Way (LPR56)
- Saved Allocations: Local Plan 2030**
- ⑥ Hardwick Farm, Southam Rd (East and West)
- ⑦ West of Bretch Hill
- ⑧ Land at Bankside Phase 2
- ⑨ North of Hanwell Fields
- ⑩ Employment Land West of M40
- ⑪ Employment Land North East of Junction 11
- ⑫ Land South of Salt Way (East)
- ⑬ Land South of Salt Way (West)
- ⑭ Land at Drayton Lodge Farm
- ⑮ Bretch Hill Regeneration Area
- Train Station
- Road network improvements
- Green infrastructure improvements

### Local Plan 2040: Settlement Hierarchy

- Main Towns
- Local Service Centre
- Large Village
- Small Village



## Core Policy 62: Banbury Area Strategy

Our over-arching priority for this area is to secure the aligned delivery of housing and infrastructure required to achieve sustainable development and support town centre regeneration.

Development in the Banbury Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in Core Policy 35:

**Housing Delivery:** 5,950 homes will be delivered at Banbury between 2020 and 2040 including the following strategic site allocations:

Site	Housing numbers 2020-2040	
North of Wykham Lane	600	New Site Allocation
Withycombe Farm	230	New Site Allocation
Canalside	-168	Replacing Policy of the Local Plan 2011-2031 with a new allocation including 500 homes
Higham Way	-150	Replacing Policy Banbury 19 of the Local Plan 2011-2031 to allow for employment use



The following existing strategic site policies are retained and will not be replaced.

- Policy Banbury 2: Land to the West of Southam Road
- Policy Banbury 3: West of Bretch Hill
- Policy Banbury 4: Bankside Phase 2
- Banbury 5: North of Hanwell Fields
- Banbury 16: South of Salt Way West
- Banbury 17: South of Salt Way East
- Banbury 18: Land at Drayton Lodge Farm

A further allowance will be made for ‘windfalls’ of less than 10 dwellings on previously developed sites within the built-up area.

**Employment:** 10.5 hectares of employment land will be provided for business and employment growth in accordance with *Core Policy 25* in the following locations:

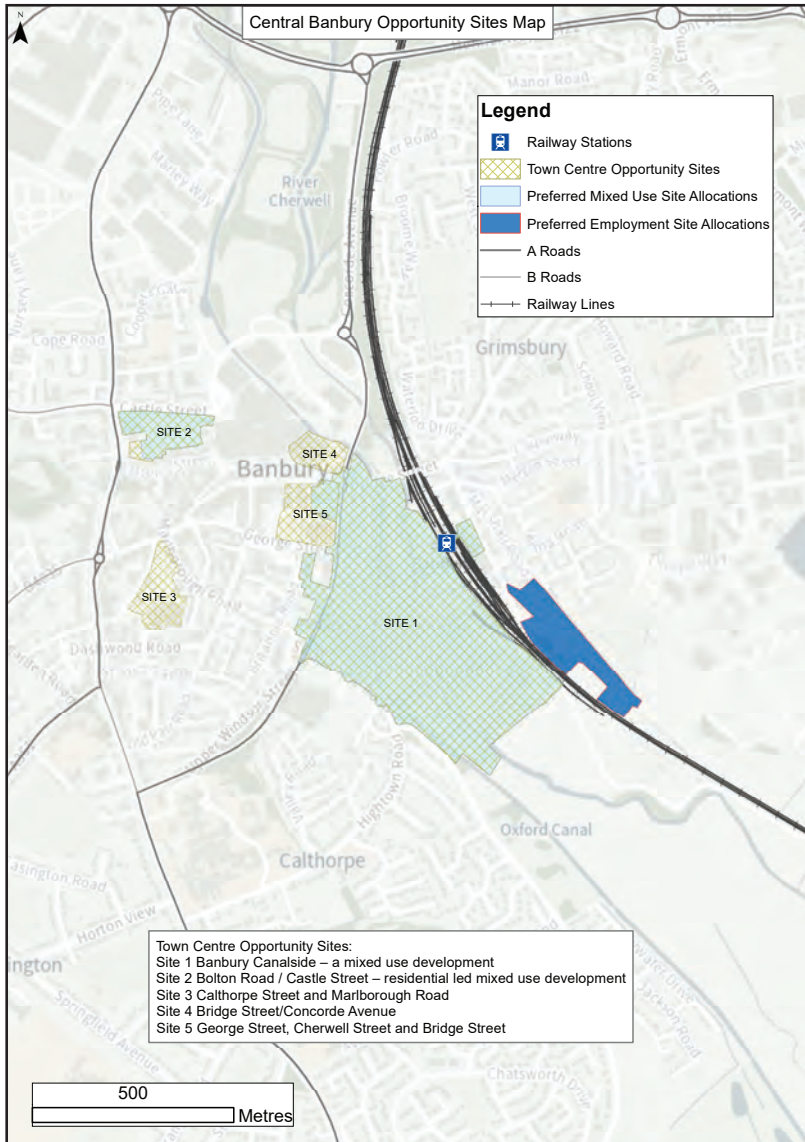
Site	Employment Hectares
Higham Way	3.0
Canalside – Regeneration	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.5</b>





### Banbury Areas of Change

We have identified a number of opportunities in and around the town centre for development/regeneration. These opportunities could also help to deliver public realm enhancements as part of a wider vision for Banbury town centre.



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# Bicester Area Strategy

## Bicester Vision 2040

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In 2040, Bicester will continue to be a thriving historic market town and an important economic and social focus for its residents, visitors, and for business, achieving its Garden and Healthy New town objectives:

- The town will have a diverse economic base with 50 hectares of land developed for new employment;
- Over 10,000 homes will have been built by 2040 of which 30% will be affordable homes;
- New services, facilities and cultural and recreation opportunities will have been provided;
- The town will be healthier, with levels of deprivation reduced;
- The town centre will be vibrant and at the heart of the town, a place to live, shop and access cultural and community facilities;
- The quality of the public realm and built environment will have been improved and new developments will be designed to a high standard;
- Air quality will have been improved and traffic congestion reduced;
- There will be more opportunity for safe, convenient active travel routes and public transport will have been improved;
- There will be more natural and semi-natural open space accessible to the public, including new wooded areas.

To achieve this vision, our strategy for Bicester is:

### **Overall Spatial Strategy**

- Deliver committed development and be the focus for additional development reflecting the town's on-going growth and transformation as a sustainable Garden Town and its regional and sub-regional location on the Oxford-Cambridge Corridor including and East-West Rail route;



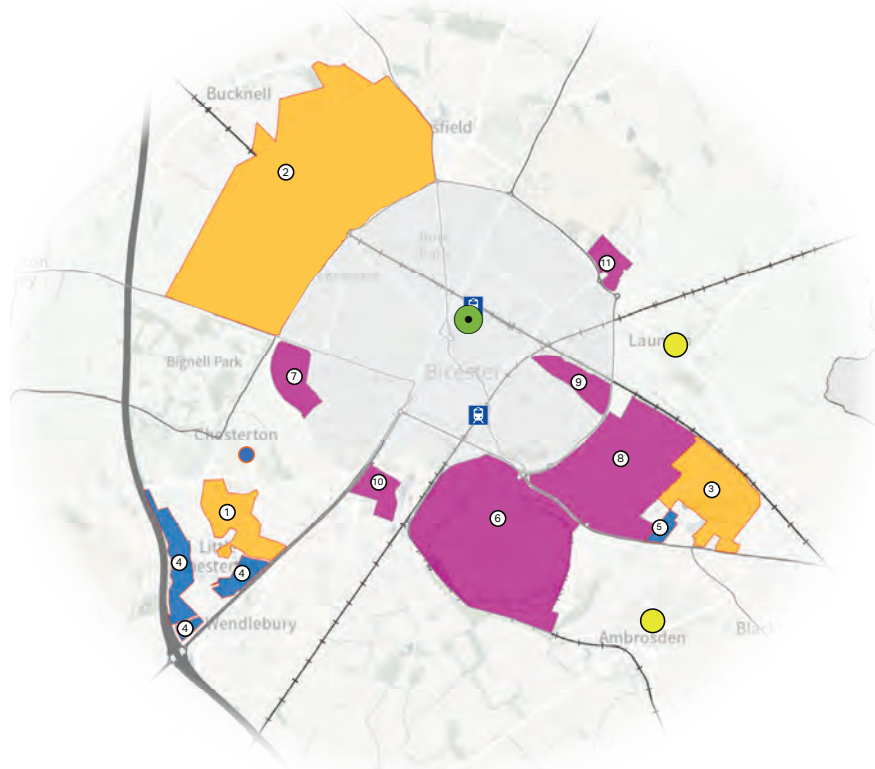
- Continue to maximise the benefits of having key international and national destinations and economic activity to support further business investment;
- Support the continued improvement of the town's centre, its facilities, its public realm and 'green' environment;
- Resolve transport connectivity and infrastructure challenges and encourage active travel.

### ***Bicester Area Strategy***

- Deliver new high quality development helping to achieve climate change objectives;
- Provide new jobs and services reducing the need for out-commuting and travel to other locations;
- Provide new infrastructure alongside new homes and employment;
- Maximise opportunities for new development on previously developed land within the existing urban area, particularly in the vicinity of the town centre;
- Bring about coordinated town centre improvements and regeneration including the redevelopment of Market Square;
- Support the role of the town centre by resisting further major out of centre retail developments;
- Ensure new developments deliver improved community and health facilities;
- Deliver an improved and enhanced green infrastructure network across the town, including access to green spaces, children's play space, allotments, community gardens and a new cemetery;
- Protect and enhance areas of ecological importance and historic value;
- Deliver schemes that reduce transport congestion, including a potential new south east link road;
- Strengthen the connections between the town centre and Bicester Village;
- Ensure new developments deliver improved active travel routes in and around the town and to surrounding villages.



## Bicester Area Strategy Map



### LEGEND

- Local Plan 2040: preferred residential site allocation**
- ① South of Chesterton and North-West of A41 (LPR37a)
- ② North-West Bicester (LPR33)
- ③ South-East of Wretchwick Green - Site A (LPR21a)
- Local Plan 2040: preferred employment site allocation**
- ④ Land East of M40 J9 and South of Green Lane (LPR38)
- ⑤ Land Adjacent to Symmetry Park, North of A41 (LPR21b)
- Saved Allocations: Local Plan 2015**
- ⑥ Graven Hill
- ⑦ South West Bicester Phase 2
- ⑧ South East Bicester
- ⑨ Gavray Drive
- ⑩ Bicester Gateway
- ⑪ Employment Land at North East Bicester

Train Station

### Local Plan 2040: Settlement Hierarchy

- Main Towns
- Local Service Centre
- Large Village
- Small Village



## Core Policy 70: Bicester Area Strategy

Our over-arching priority for this area is to secure the aligned delivery of housing and infrastructure required to achieve sustainable development along with supporting the enhancement of the town centre.

Development in the Bicester Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in Core Policy 34.

**Housing Delivery:** 9,100 homes will be delivered at Bicester between 2020 and 2040 including the following strategic site allocations:

Site	Housing Numbers		
	2020-2040	Post 2040	
South of Chesterton / North-West of A41	500	-	New Site Allocation
South-East of Wretchwick Green	800	-	New Site Allocation
North West Bicester	2,775*	4,000	Extended Site Allocation to provide an additional 1000 homes Replacing Policy Bicester 1 of the Local Plan 2011-2031

\*225 completions recorded before 1/4/20



The following existing strategic site policies are retained and will not be replaced:

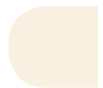
- Policy Bicester 2: Graven Hill
- Policy Bicester 3: SW Bicester
- Policy Bicester 12: SE Bicester
- Policy Bicester 13: Gavray Drive

A further allowance will be made for ‘windfalls’ of less than 10 dwellings on previously developed sites within the built-up area.

**Employment:** 49.6 hectares of employment land will be provided for business and employment growth in accordance with *Core Policy 25* on the following strategic employment sites:

Site	Employment Hectares
Land East of M40 J9 and South of Green Lane	40.0
Land Adjacent to Symmetry Park, North of A41, South East Bicester	6.3
**Bicester 4 (Bicester Business Park)	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.6</b>

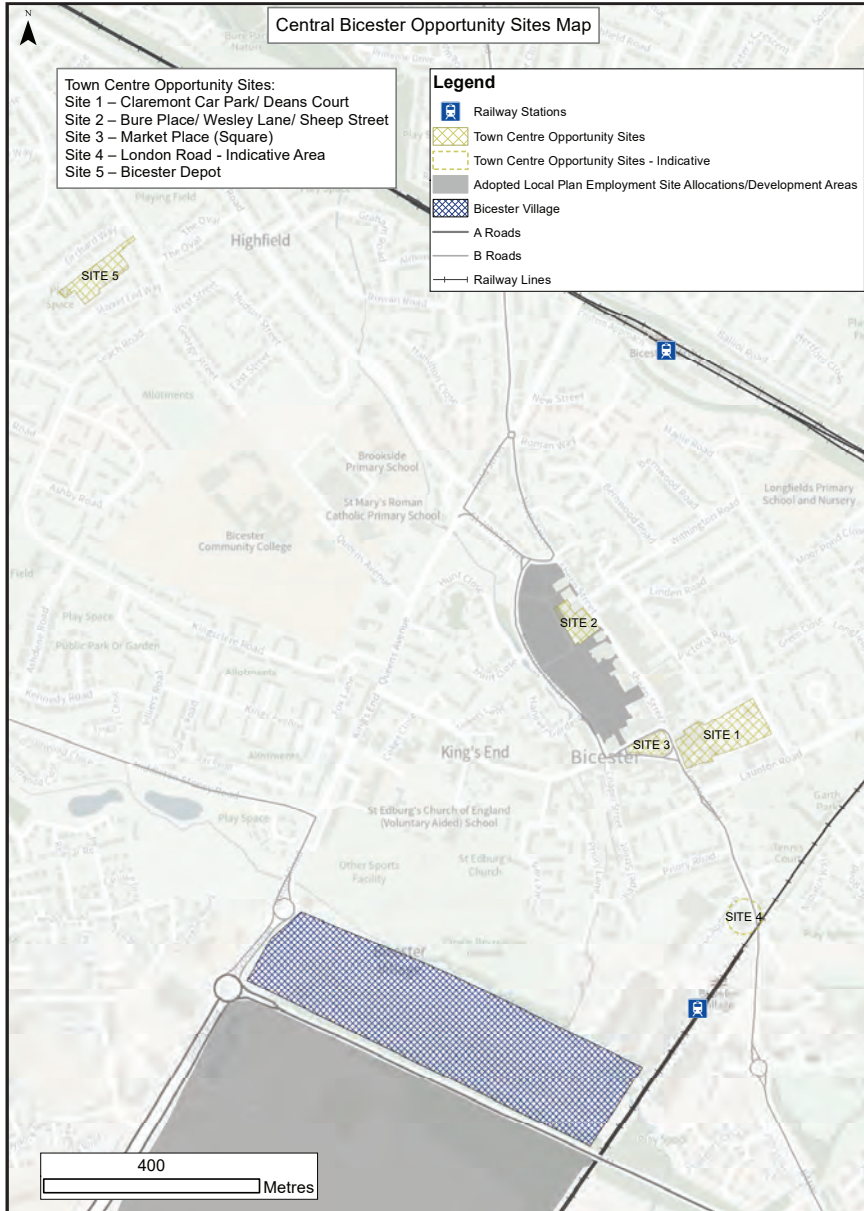
\*\* Bicester Business Park (Policy Bicester 4 in the 2015 Plan) is an existing allocation with residual capacity of 3.3ha beyond completions and extant planning permissions at 1st April 2022 that is being saved through this Local Plan.





## Bicester Town Centre and Areas of Change

We have identified a number of opportunity areas within and close to Bicester Town Centre.



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# Kidlington Area Strategy

## Kidlington Vision 2040

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In 2040 the Kidlington area will continue to be an attractive place to live, visit and invest:

- We will have delivered the 4,400 homes already planned to help Oxford's unmet housing needs;
- Kidlington will be a local hub for employment and investment opportunities with attractive services and community facilities;
- Our residents and visitors will enjoy a high quality of life with improved access to natural green spaces and affordable housing;
- The area will be one of the best connected in Oxfordshire where people can and want to walk, cycle and use public transport.

To achieve this vision, our strategy for the Kidlington area is to:

### ***Overall Spatial Strategy***

- Strengthen Kidlington's role as a Local Service Centre;
- Continue to support investment in key economic assets including the Village Centre, London-Oxford Airport, Begbroke Science Park and at Langford Lane;
- Improve the built and 'green' environment of Kidlington Village Centre;
- Ensure the successful implementation of the committed 4,400 homes to help Oxford's housing needs so that the planned benefits for the communities of Kidlington, Gosford and Water Eaton, Begbroke and Yarnton are delivered.

### ***Kidlington Area Strategy***

- Support a strong local economy with a focus on high value employment uses at Langford Lane and Begbroke centred on the Oxford Technology Park, London Oxford Airport and Begbroke Science Park;
- Deliver new planned neighbourhoods at Yarnton, Begbroke



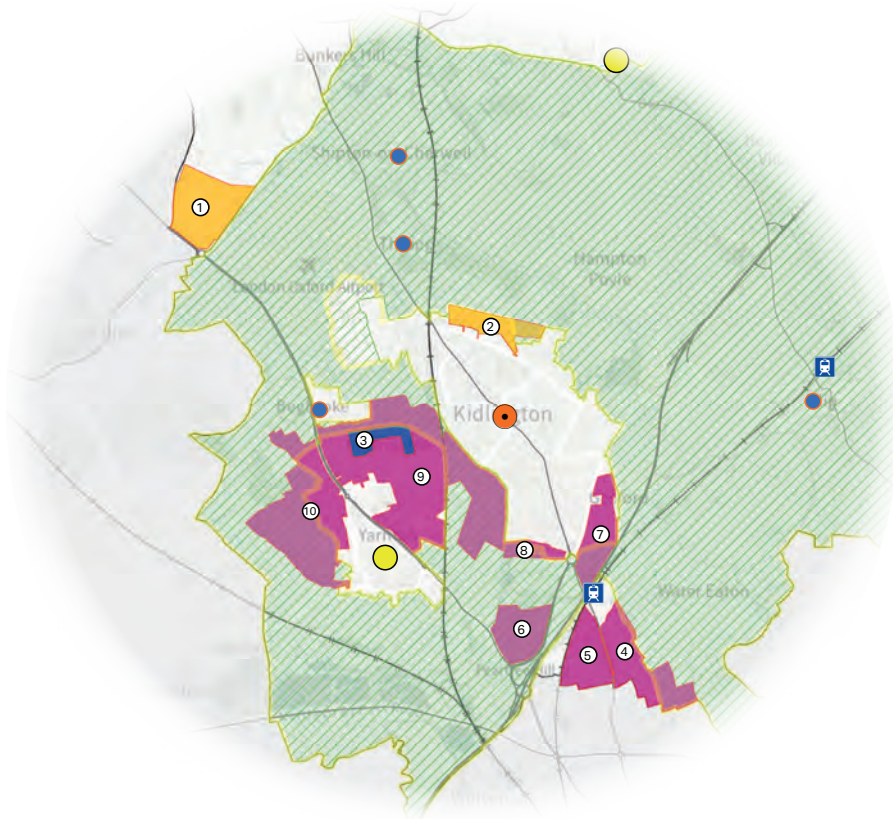


and Gosford and Water Eaton with community facilities and infrastructure supporting greener sustainable living;




- Support proposals that enhance the attractiveness and visibility of Kidlington's centre;
- Promote an enhanced role for Kidlington as a local service centre with new business and homes in/near the village's centre and an improved cultural and leisure/night economy offer;
- Improve access for all residents to high quality community facilities, sports and recreation spaces, and support improved health care facilities with the expansion of existing GP surgeries or a new facility;
- Securing high-quality well-designed and accessible buildings and public spaces;
- Provide enough market and affordable homes to address local needs;
- Protect and enhance the townscape and landscape that form the setting of Kidlington, Gosford and Water Eaton, Shipton on Cherwell and Thrupp, Begbroke and Yarnton and maintain their local distinctiveness;
- Protect and enhance areas of high natural capital value in the Cherwell Valley and the wider region including Oxford Meadows Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the proposed Otmoor, Bernwood and Ray Nature Park;
- Support increased access to nature, open spaces and the Green Belt with specific opportunities to 'green' Kidlington's centre and secure improvements to the Oxford Canal and River Cherwell corridors;
- Build on the area's excellent links to Oxford, Bicester and London by public transport and work with County and Parish councils to deliver safe and inclusive routes that facilitate car free movements as the first choice for residents and visitors;
- Support the delivery of Kidlington's Local Cycling and Walking Plan with new and enhanced walking and cycling routes linking Kidlington to the surrounding villages of Hampton Poyle, Islip, Yarnton, Begbroke, Thrupp, Shipton-on- Cherwell;
- Work with the Environment Agency, Thames Water and Oxfordshire County Council to mitigate surface water run off through appropriate sustainable drainage infrastructure and look for opportunities for betterment where flood risk is already present.






## Kidlington Area Strategy Map



### LEGEND

-  **Local Plan 2040: preferred residential site allocation**
- ① South East of Woodstock/Upper Campfield Road (LPR002)
- ② North of the Moors (LPR8a)
-  **Local Plan 2040: preferred employment site allocation**
- ③ Begbroke Science Park (LPR63)
-  **Saved Allocations: Local Plan Partial Review**
- ④ Land East of Oxford Road
- ⑤ Land West of Oxford Road
- ⑥ Land at Frieze Farm
- ⑦ Land SE Kidlington
- ⑧ Land at Stratefield Farm
- ⑨ Land East of the A44
- ⑩ Land West of Yarnton

-  Train Station
-  Green Belt
-  Proposed Green Belt Boundary

### Local Plan 2040: Settlement Hierarchy

-  Main Towns
-  Local Service Centre
-  Large Village
-  Small Village



## Core Policy 76: Kidlington Area Strategy

Our over-arching priority for this area is to secure the aligned delivery of housing and employment together with the infrastructure required to achieve sustainable development.

Development in the Kidlington Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in *Core Policy 34*.

### ***Housing Delivery:***

900 homes will be delivered at Kidlington between 2020 and 2040 including the following strategic site allocations:

Site	Housing Numbers 2020-2040	
South-East of Woodstock	450	New Site Allocation
North of the Moors	300	New Site Allocation



The following existing strategic site policies are retained and will not be replaced:

- Policy PR6a – Land East of Oxford Road
- Policy PR6b – Land West of Oxford Road
- Policy PR6c – Land at Frieze Farm
- Policy PR7a – Land South East of Kidlington
- Policy PR7b – Land at Stratfield Farm 1
- Policy PR8 – Land East of the A44
- Policy PR9 – Land West of Yarnton

A further allowance will be made for ‘windfalls’ of less than 10 dwellings on previously developed sites within the built-up area of Kidlington.

***Employment:***

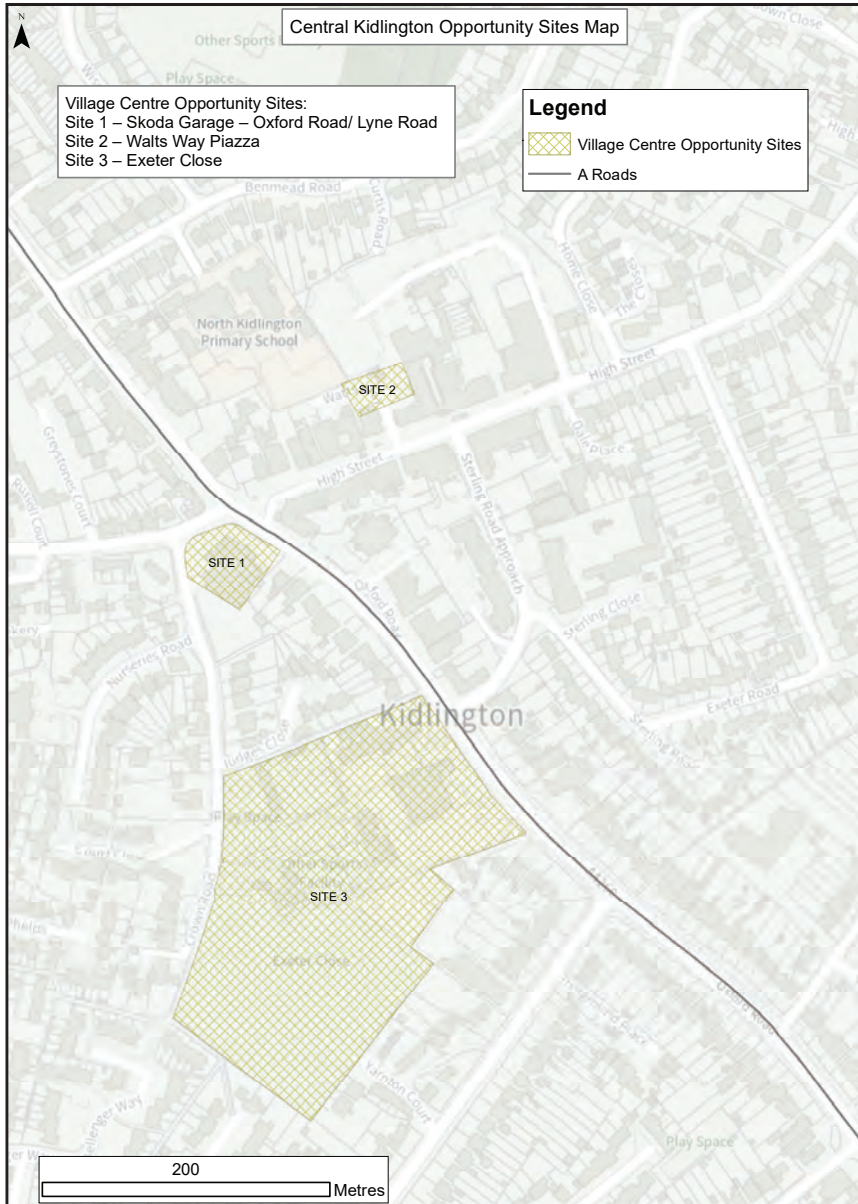
14.7 hectares of employment land will be provided for business and employment growth on new strategic employment allocations as follows:

Site	Employment Hectares
Begbroke Science Park – Expansion	14.7



## Kidlington Areas of Change

We have identified a number of opportunity areas within and close to Kidlington Centre.



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# Heyford Park Area Strategy

## Heyford Park Vision 2040

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Heyford Park will continue to make a significant contribution to delivering homes and jobs in Cherwell.

By 2040, Heyford Park will be a distinct place with its own facilities and employment opportunities but well related to Bicester and the wider rural area in Mid Cherwell. The new community will grow and prosper, taking proper account of the area’s sensitive environment and the importance of its heritage legacy.

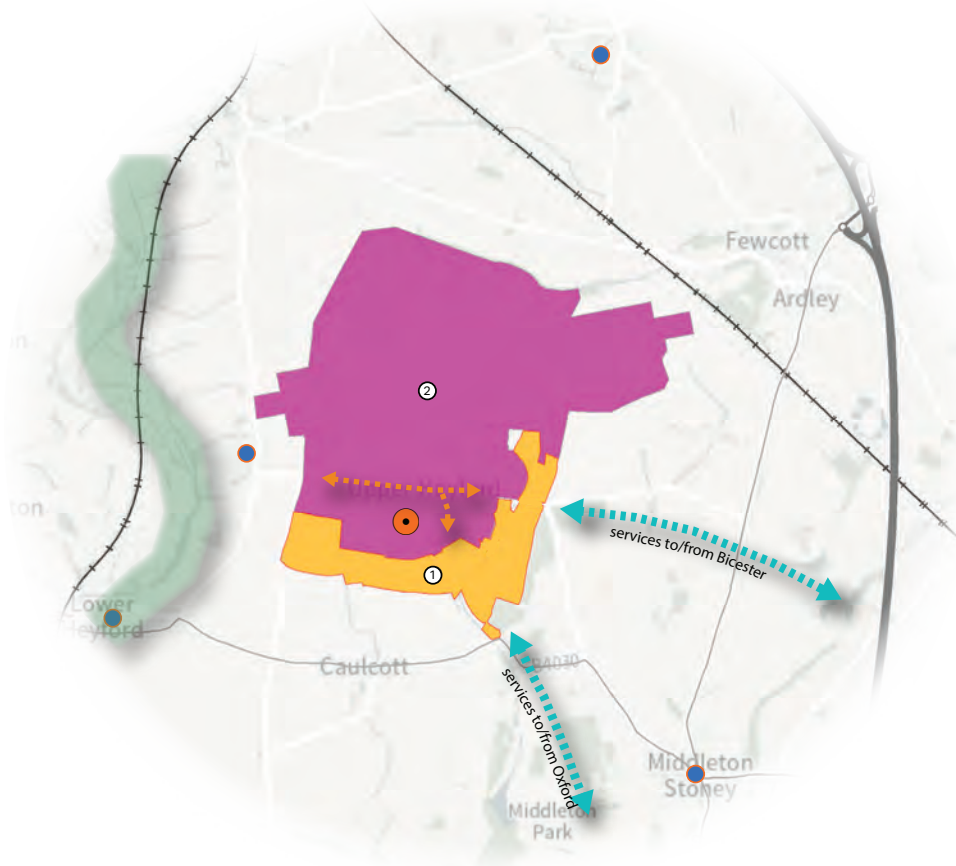
New development will be supported, if able to boost infrastructure and deliver sustainable transport links. Our vision for Heyford Park is:

- The approved (2022) masterplan for Heyford Plan will be delivered;
- Additional development on land to the south will be well integrated with the 2022 masterplan vision and help secure further infrastructure and improved transport links;
- Heyford Park will be a local service centre for the wider community in Mid Cherwell well connected to Bicester;
- New services, community facilities, and cultural and recreation opportunities will be delivered;
- The area will be an attractive location for business and a focus for creative industries in Oxfordshire;
- Public transport will have improved;
- New and improved walking and cycling routes will be created within Heyford Park and to the wider countryside;
- Preservation of the historic environment and environmental improvement of the former airbase will be secured;
- Environmental and recreational improvements to the wider area beyond Heyford Park will be delivered, including to the Canal and River corridors with improved public access and an enhanced natural environment.





## Heyford Area Strategy Map



### LEGEND

**Local Plan 2040: preferred residential site allocation**

① South of Heyford Park (LPR42a)

② Former RAF Upper Heyford

② Former RAF Upper Heyford

Train Station

Green infrastructure improvements

Public transport and active travel infrastructure improvements

Wider public transport improvements

**Local Plan 2040: Settlement Hierarchy**

Main Towns

Local Service Centre

Large Village

Small Village



## Core Policy 82: Heyford Area Strategy

Our over-arching priority for this area is to secure the aligned delivery of housing and employment together with the infrastructure required to achieve sustainable development as part of a comprehensive approach.

Development in the Heyford Area should be in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set out in *Core Policy 35*.

**Housing Delivery:** 1,235 dwellings will be delivered through a new strategic site allocation:

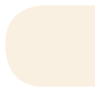
Site	Housing Numbers 2020-2040	
South of Heyford Park	1,235	New Site Allocation

The following existing strategic site policy is retained and will not be replaced:

- Policy Villages 5: Former RAF Upper Heyford

Development will be supported on the newly allocated site after 2030 in the interests of:

- First ensuring the delivery of the approved (2022) masterplan under Saved Policy Villages 5, and
- Securing further sustainable transport infrastructure investment necessary to support the additional homes.





# Rural Areas Strategy

## Rural Areas Vision 2040

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There is a need for some limited housing and employment development at our larger and more sustainable villages to help sustain local services and enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities. Our vision is that by 2040:

- Housing and employment growth will have been managed to protect the character, appearance, heritage and identity of our villages;
- Our most important landscapes will have been protected or enhanced;
- We will have continued to meet local community and business needs and created sustainable housing and employment opportunity;
- We will have directed most development in our rural areas to our larger and best served villages with most opportunity for sustainable travel choices, particularly those better connected by public transport to nearby urban areas;
- Farming and rural businesses will have had the opportunity to thrive within the context of a more restrictive policy context for the countryside.

To achieve this vision we will deliver the following strategy:

### ***Overall Spatial Strategy***

- Protect the identity and character of our villages and rural areas, and avoid unplanned development in the open countryside;
- Provide for limited development to meet local community and business needs and help support the vitality of these more rural settlements and the viability of existing businesses and farms;



- Direct the development of new housing to the larger and more sustainable villages that offer a wider range of services and are more well connected to our urban areas than the smaller villages;
- Maintain the designated Green Belt but consider a limited release at Kidlington to meet local housing needs if there are exceptional circumstances to do so;
- Protect the Cotswolds National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).

### **Rural Areas Strategy**

- Development opportunities to meet identified local needs;
- tight management of speculative development and the avoidance of comparatively less sustainable development outcomes;
- Greater emphasis on development being supported by sustainable transport and active travel opportunity;
- Greater emphasis on development being designed and supported by infrastructure to support health and well-being;
- Protection and enhancement of our environmental and heritage assets.

### **Core Policy 86: Rural Areas Strategy**

In accordance with the spatial strategy and *Core Policy 34: District Wide Housing Distribution*, the 500 dwelling non-strategic housing requirement for the rural area will only be met by site specific allocations in this Local Plan or in a Neighbourhood Plan.



## Have Your Say

View the document and make comments on the draft plan via our online consultation system. Scan the QR code or visit the Council's website <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>



Paper copies can be viewed at local libraries across the district or at the Council offices. If you need a paper copy, help viewing documents or have accessibility requirements, please contact us on 01295 221779.

Comment by downloading and completing a form. Email to [PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or post to Planning Policy Consultation, Planning Policy Team, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA

Your name and contact address (email or postal) are required. Any comments received will be made publicly available. Comments can be made from **Friday 22 September 2023** until **Friday 3 November 2023**.

You can also visit us at one of the following locations:

**Wednesday 4 October 2023 – 3pm to 8pm**

**Kidlington** Football Club, Yarnton Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AT

**Friday 13 October 2023 – 2pm to 7pm**

The John Paul II Centre, The Causeway, **Bicester**, OX26 6AW

**Tuesday 17 October 2023 - 2.30pm to 6.30pm**

**Woodstock** Community Centre, 32 New Rd, Woodstock, OX20 1PB

**Saturday 21 October 2023 - 11am to 3pm**

Lock 29, Castle Quay Waterfront, Castle St, **Banbury**, OX16 5UN

# Appendix 4: Consultation Poster



***Cherwell***  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

# Cherwell Local Plan 2040

Have your say on a draft vision for future  
development in Cherwell

Consultation runs until 3 November 2023



Your views are important to us

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We're making a plan for how Cherwell should grow and develop in a good way and the right places through to 2040. This plan will help us decide what to do when people want to build new things, like houses or businesses. It will support our goals, including having more affordable housing, protecting the environment, and enhancing our district's beauty and history.

## Exhibitions

Please come to one of our events to discuss things with our team.

**Kidlington  
Football Club  
(OX5 1AT)**  
Wednesday,  
4 October  
3pm to 8pm

**Bicester John  
Paul II Centre  
(OX26 6AW)**  
Friday,  
13 October  
2pm to 7pm

**Woodstock  
Community  
Centre  
(OX20 1PB)**  
Tuesday, 17 October  
2.30pm to  
6.30pm

**Lock 29,  
Castle Quay,  
Banbury  
(OX16 5UN)**  
Saturday,  
21 October  
11am to 3pm

## Share your views

Your views are essential, so please share them at:



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# Appendix 5: Representation Form

**CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION  
22 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 3 NOVEMBER 2023  
Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 – Regulation 18 Consultation Draft**

**Representation Form**

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Cherwell and would like your views. We are presenting a draft of the Plan for consultation so that you can consider our emerging proposals. It has been prepared to prompt discussion and feedback on new planning policies to guide the delivery of sustainable development across the district.

The draft Plan sets out a vision and proposes homes, employment land, infrastructure and other essential services required to support the local community over the Plan period.

The draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 and supporting documents are available to view on-line at <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

This response form can be downloaded from <https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft>

All documents are also available on Cherwell District Council's website at: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/local-plan-review-2040>

Hard copies of the documents are available to view, and hard copies of this form are available to take away at:

- Cherwell District Council offices at Bodicote house, Bodicote, Banbury
- Libraries across the District
- Woodstock Library
- West Oxfordshire District Council Offices at Welch Way, Witney
- Public exhibitions during the consultation period

### **How to use this form**

Please complete **Part A** in full.

Then complete **Part B for each question you wish to comment on**. Boxes for comments can be expanded.

#### **Please return completed forms:**

**By Email to:** [PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

**Or by post to:** Planning Policy Team, Planning Policy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA.

If you have any questions about completing the form or accessing documents, please telephone 01295 227985 or email [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk).

**Comments should be received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 3 November 2023.**

Your details will be added to our mailing list which means that you will be automatically notified of future stages of the local plan preparation process. If you subsequently wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us.

#### **PLEASE NOTE THAT ANONYMOUS OR CONFIDENTIAL COMMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.**

The information you provide will be stored on a Cherwell District Council database and used solely in connection with the Cherwell Local Plan Review. Representations will be available to view on the Council's website, but address, signature and contact details will not be included. However, as copies of representations must be made available for public inspection, they cannot be treated as confidential. Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.



**PART A**

	<b>Details of the person / body making the comments</b>	<b>Details of the agent submitting the comments on behalf of another person / body (if applicable)</b>
<b>Title</b>		
<b>First Name</b>		
<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>Job Title</b> ( <i>where relevant</i> )		
<b>Organisation</b> ( <i>where relevant</i> )		
<b>E-mail Address</b>		
<b>Postal Address</b>		
<b>Post Code</b>		
<b>Telephone Number</b> ( <i>optional</i> )		

**PART B – Please complete part B for each question you wish to comment on**

**Introduction**

**QUESTION 1: Do you have a view on the Plan period?**

**QUESTION 2: How could we improve presentation of the Plan?**

**QUESTION 3: Do you have any comments on our draft proposals for retaining/saving existing policies?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Introduction Chapter?**

**Vision and Objectives**

**QUESTION 4: Do you have any comments on the draft Vision?**

**QUESTION 5: Do you have any observations on our objectives?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Plan Vision and Objectives Chapter?**

## **Spatial Strategy**

**QUESTION 6: Do you have any comments on our strategy?**

## **District Wide Policies**

**QUESTION 7: Should we seek more than 10% biodiversity net gain if this means sacrificing other requirements?**

**QUESTION 8: Should we identify further land for employment?**

**QUESTION 9: We would welcome information from local businesses and landowners that would like to expand or potentially relocate. It will help inform an Employment Land Review and the further consideration of employment land needs.**

**QUESTION 10: Do you have any comments on our approach of focusing employment development on strategic sites at Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington?**

**QUESTION 11: What are your views on our proposed approach towards development at existing and allocated employment sites?**

**QUESTION 12: What are your views on our proposed approach towards new employment development on unallocated sites?**

**QUESTION 13: What are your views on allowing ancillary uses on employment sites?**

**QUESTION 14: What are your views on our proposed approach to rural diversification?**

**QUESTION 15: What are your views on our proposed approach to tourism development?**

**QUESTION 16: What are your views on our proposed approach to retail development and town centres?**

**QUESTION 17: Do you agree with the town centre and primary shopping frontage boundaries shown on the plans?**

**QUESTION 18: Do you agree that only within the primary shopping frontage area E use classes should be protected?**

**QUESTION 19: Do you have comments on the Housing and Economic Needs Assessment?**

**QUESTION 20: Do you have comments on our emerging housing distribution?**

**QUESTION 21: Are there any Parish Councils seeking a specific housing requirement for Neighbourhood Plans?**

**QUESTION 22: What are your views on our settlement hierarchy proposals?**

**QUESTION 23: What are your views on our suggested policy for affordable housing?**

**QUESTION 24: Would you support maximising the delivery of affordable housing, and in particular the delivery of more social rented housing, if sacrifices were made in respect of other requirements?**

**QUESTION 25: Do you agree with our approach for assessing the suitability of sites for travelling communities?**

**QUESTION 26: Would you like to propose any sites for consideration as Local Green Spaces?**

**Do you have any additional comments on Our Strategy for Development in Cherwell Chapter?**

### **Banbury Area Strategy**

**QUESTION 27: What are your views on our aspirations for the Banbury area?**

**QUESTION 28: Do you think these sites in the Banbury area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?**

**QUESTION 29: Are there any alternative housing sites for Banbury you wish to suggest?**

**QUESTION 30: Are there other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes at Banbury?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Banbury Area Strategy chapter?**

### **Bicester Area Strategy**

**QUESTION 31: What are your views on our aspirations for the Bicester area?**

**QUESTION 32: Do you think these sites in the Bicester area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?**

**QUESTION 33: Are there any alternative housing sites for Bicester you wish to suggest?**

**QUESTION 34: Do you agree with the employment sites we have selected at Bicester to accommodate new employment development?**

**QUESTION 35: Are there any alternative sites to accommodate housing and employment needs that you think are more suitable?**

**QUESTION 36: Are there any other transport schemes that you think should be delivered at Bicester?**

**QUESTION 37: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes at Bicester?**

**QUESTION 38: Is there other green and blue infrastructure you think should be delivered at Bicester?**

*Question 39: No question – Duplication in draft Local Plan*

**QUESTION 40: Are there any other measures we should be taking to improve Bicester town centre?**

**QUESTION 41: What are your views on our proposed approach to development proposals at Former RAF Bicester?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Bicester Area Strategy chapter?**

## **Kidlington Area Strategy**

**QUESTION 42: What are your views on our aspirations for the Kidlington area?**

**QUESTION 43: Do you think these sites in the Kidlington area should be explored further for potential allocation for housing?**

**QUESTION 44: Are there any alternative housing sites for the Kidlington area you wish to suggest?**

**QUESTION 45: Do you agree with the employment sites we have selected at Kidlington to accommodate new employment development?**

**QUESTION 46: Are there any alternative sites to accommodate housing and employment needs that you think are more suitable?**

**QUESTION 47: Should this Plan adjust Green Belt boundaries in the Langford Lane area in response to recently developed land?**

**QUESTION 48: Should land for employment use be identified at London Oxford Airport?**

**QUESTION 49: Do you have any comments on the transport schemes proposed for the Kidlington area?**



**QUESTION 50: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes in the Kidlington area?**

**QUESTION 51: Do you have any comments on the green and blue infrastructure proposed for the Kidlington area?**

**QUESTION 52: Do you have any views on the proposed changes to the village centre?**

**QUESTION 53: Do you have any views on the areas of change identified?**

**QUESTION 54: Are there any other opportunity areas or sites that we should be including?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Kidlington Area Strategy chapter?**

### **Heyford Park Area Strategy**

**QUESTION 55: Do you have any views on our aspirations for Heyford Park?**

**QUESTION 56: Do you agree with the local service role for Heyford Park proposed in Core Policy 3?**

**QUESTION 57: Do you think we should be considering employment uses alongside the potential allocation for more homes in the longer term at Heyford Park?**

**QUESTION 58: Do you have any comments on the potential allocation at Heyford Park?**

**QUESTION 59: Do you have any views on the principle of phased development at Heyford Park subject to implementation of the approved masterplan and the delivery of transport infrastructure?**

**QUESTION 60: Are there any other areas of land that you think should be safeguarded for transport schemes in the Heyford area?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Heyford Park Area Strategy chapter?**

## **Rural Areas Strategy**

**QUESTION 61: Do you have any views on our aspirations for our Rural Areas?**

**QUESTION 62: Do you support our preliminary proposals for housing in our rural areas?**

**QUESTION 63: Are there any potential rural housing sites you wish to suggest?**

**QUESTION 64: Do you know of any potential new rural employment sites?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Rural Areas Area Strategy chapter?**

### **Implementing the Plan**

**QUESTION 65: Do you have any comments on these measures?**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Implementing the Plan chapter?**

### **Appendices**

**Do you have any comments on the appendices?**

### **Supporting Documents**

**Do you have any comments on the supporting technical evidence?**

### **Additional comments**

**Do you have any additional comments on the Draft Local Plan Review?**