# **Appendix 11: Media Coverage**





LOCAL NEWS

# Councillors to have their say on draft Local Plan consultation

16/08/2023



# The project has been delayed since January when Council officers were given time to address feedback

After being delayed for a number of months the public consultation on proposals for a new Local Plan are finally set to take a step closer this evening.

In January Cherwell District Council's Executive decided to defer a decision on allowing the exercise to begin so council staff had the time to address feedback they had received from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

That Committee will meet today and study a revised version of the ideas that we will be consulted on.

When eventually adopted the new Local Plan will guide development decisions in the Cherwell District up to 2040. The draft consultation suggests that our area has a projected housing need of 1,293 new homes each year. 284 of these are to meet the needs of Oxford City Council, which can't accommodate its own requirements.

It is suggested much of the annual requirement could be achieved from sites where planning permission has already been granted, or the site is currently identified for development.

In Banbury it is proposed that residential development is encouraged on appropriate existing sites and the town centre is supported by resisting further major out of centre retail developments.

The proposals also highlight the need to secure a permanent home for Banbury United Football Club and to deliver a new secondary school.

Potential sites for housing on greenfield land are identified north of Wykham Lane and at Withycombe Farm.

Meanwhile, in the town centre a number of areas are identified for potential redevelopment, including at Bolton Road and "the bus station and the eastern end of Castle Quay shopping centre which has a number of vacant units".

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#### **People**

## Banbury residents invited to have their say on future





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At the council's executive meeting yesterday (Monday September 4), councillors approved a six-week consultation on a draft of the Local Plan Review 2040.

Related topics:

Cherwell District Council

Banbury











# Banbury residents invited to share thoughts on future development of town at council consultation

Cherwell District Council has invited Banbury residents to share their thoughts on future developments in the town at a consultation.

#### By Jack Ingham

Published 22nd Sep 2023, 16:04 BST Updated 22nd Sep 2023, 16:04 BST









The council is running the consultation at four locations in the district, with Banbury's taking place at Lock 29 in Castle Quay on Saturday, October 21 between 11am to 3pm. The consultations are aimed at helping the council draft its Cherwell Local Plan 2040, seeking views from residents to help develop the plan for future

developments in the district.

Cllr Dan Sames, portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "The local plan will be the blueprint for future development within Cherwell up until 2040. It will contain policies that will provide a legal framework, so it is important that we get it right.



Cherwell District Council is running a consultation in Banbury for residents to share their thoughts on future developments in the town.



"We want local communities and residents to help shape the policies so that they reflect the needs of the district, and this part of the Local Plan process provides the best opportunity to do this.

"We aim to protect and enhance our natural environment and ensure a sustainable future with responsible development in the right places. We understand the need for a limited amount of additional housing while maintaining affordability for those struggling to access the housing market."

The final local plan will outline objectives and strategies for the council's development, including housing, infrastructure, and employment land up to the year 2040.

Cllr Dan Sames added: "We must support our town centres, promote climate action, and ensure towns and villages are attractive and welcoming places to live



#### **Politics**

# Chance for residents to have their say on development of Banbury

The Banbury and District Chamber of Commerce is holding an exhibition tomorrow (Saturday) to hear residents suggestions for the Cherwell District Council's new Local Plan.

#### By Jack Ingham

Published 20th Oct 2023, 12:28 BST











The public exhibition is taking place on Saturday October 21 at Lock 29 between 11am and 3pm.

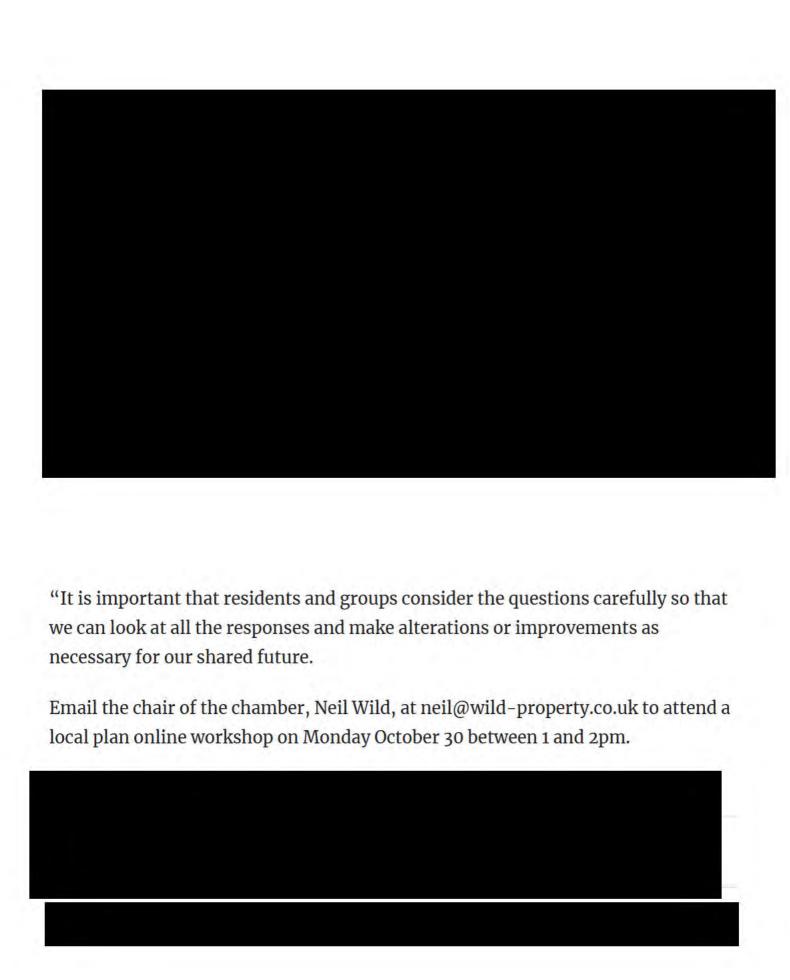
It gives members of the public and town business owners the chance to provide responses to the council's **Local Plan** Review 2040 that was released in February.



Dan Sames, <u>Cherwell District Council</u> portfolio holder for planning, said: "Given our desire for a sustainable future, we want people across the district to get involved, share their views, and make a difference. This consultation asks a series of questions that will help shape the future draft of the local plan.



Banbury's Chamber of Commerce is inviting residents to an exhibition looking at Cherwell District Council's new local plan.



# **Oxford Mail**

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### Cherwell public invited to make final comments on local plan

2nd November 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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By Matthew Norman @OxMailMattN1 Community Reporter

# **Oxford Mail**

Cherwell District Council's six-week consultation on its draft 2040 local plan will come to an end on Friday, November 3, meaning the public have just a few days to raise their voices on plans for new homes, places of work or infrastructure.

People can get involved by visiting the council's online consultation platform here: https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-



Councillor Dan Sames, portfolio holder for planning and development, said: "This draft Plan sets out a vision and proposes policies for new homes, employment land, town centre improvements, infrastructure and other essential services to support the local community up to the year 2040.

"It aims to guide future development, so it helps build healthy and sustainable communities, creates opportunities for all, and improves the places we live, work and play.

"The plan also needs to respond to challenges such as climate change and protect our environment, landscape and built heritage.

"We are keen for residents to tell us if they agree the draft Plan meets the district's needs and how it could be improved.

## **Oxford Mail**

At the end of the current consultation period the council will work through the feedback received.

They will consider all of the representations made, will continue to gather further evidence and work towards finalising the plan by next autumn. It will then be submitted to government and undergo an examination by a government-appointed planning inspector.

People can learn more and have their say by visiting cherwell.citizenspace.com.

The latest iteration of the council's draft local plan includes 1,000 additional houses on top of the original Hawkwell housing development, which already included 2,600 houses.

The development, proposed by Hallam Land Management and first validated by Cherwell District Council in December 2021, forms part of proposals to extend the land allocation for North-West **Bicester**.

The original proposals – for a parcel of land adjacent to Lords Lane and South-East of Hawkwell Farm, Bicester – were objected to by 400 members of the public.

Retired teacher Sally Ross, a homeowner in Bucknell, on the boundary of the proposed housing development, said if 1,000 extra houses are approved, it will bring the development right up to the edge of the village (Bucknell).

She, and others who oppose the development, have now printed out 6,000 flyers which they are handing out to people in the area.

# More housing proposed for Kassam Stadium site

Previously the council has said it would want at least 150 homes built on the site

NATHAN BRIANT OCT 12, 2023



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The council would expect hundreds of homes to be built on the stadium site (Pic: Richard Rogerson)

More homes than previously planned should be built on land currently used by the Kassam Stadium, a council has said.

Oxford City Council would expect at least 275 homes to be built on the site of Oxford United's current stadium after the club leaves in summer 2026 and if it "becomes available for development".

That is according to its draft Local Plan, which is set to go out to consultation between 10 November and 3 January 2024 ahead of formal adoption later.

At least 77 homes should be built on the stadium's current overflow car park if and when the football stadium has no use, the authority said.



In its current Local Plan, the city council said at least 150 homes should be built on the stadium site if the football club moves out of it.

If the stadium is demolished for homes, archaeological assessments will need to be carried out there after mitigation was not completed before work started to build it in 1996.

The council's plan states archaeology is "dispersed" but could include "Roman pottery manufacturing activity", "burials" and "prehistoric pollen sequences".

The authority hopes the reopening of the Cowley Branch Line to passengers would provide "a welcome public transport alternative" to the areas close to the ground.

Two rail stations are proposed for the railway line at the Oxford Science Park and in or around Blackbird Leys and Cowley.

The council said any developers building in the area, including homes at the Kassam Stadium site, "will be expected to make financial contributions towards the delivery of the Cowley Branch Line to mitigate the impact of their development".

The authority concedes in the plan that the sustainability of the site is "poor" and said that improvements to active and public transport, such as cycling, buses and trains, "will be required".

About 3,000 homes are planned for a site opposite the stadium on the other side of Grenoble Road. That will be known as the South Oxford Science Village.

That would be in South Oxfordshire but the land is part-owned by Oxford City Council, Thames Water and Magdalen College, Oxford.

Cherwell District Council's Local Plan is also out for consultation. That will close on 3 November.

# Local Plan Watch: Oxon council to consult on local plan after beefing up affordable housing commitments

A council in Oxfordshire which delayed a consultation on its local plan after concerns were flagged over the strength of its affordable housing policies has been given the green light to proceed.

by Ella Jessel





# **Appendix 12: Social Media Summary**

# Cherwell Local Plan Review Evaluation of communications in support of 2023 consultation

#### 1. Social media campaign

#### **Notes**

Social media insights are included below.

Reach = number of unique users who saw the post; Impressions = number of times the post was displayed; Engagement = instances of clicks, comments, shares, etc on the post.

Where indicated identical messages were also posted on Instagram.





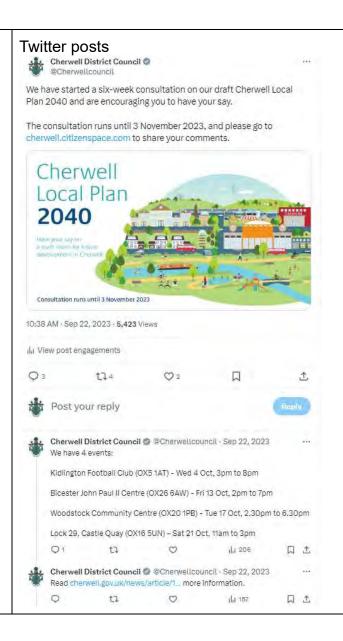
#### Facebook and Instagram posts





#### Instagram insights

Reach 52 Engagements 3



Twitter insights (3)

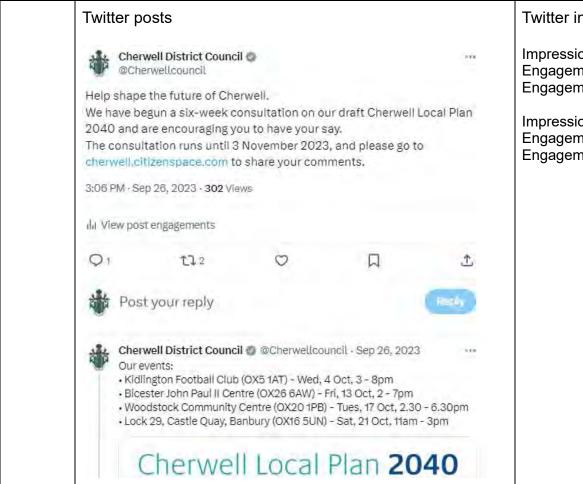
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Impressions 209 Engagements 3 Engagement rate 1.4%

Impressions 159 Engagements 6 Engagement rate 3.8%





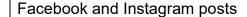


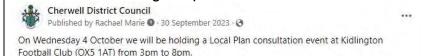
#### Twitter insights (2)

Impressions 304 Engagements 11 Engagement rate 3.6%

Impressions 191 Engagements 1 Engagement rate 0.5

#### 30 Sept and 1 Oct





Our planning policy team will be on hand with the draft plan and to answer any questions you may have

We would love to hear from you, so please do come along and share your thoughts and help us shape the future of Cherwell.

Read http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/.../cherwell-local-plan... for more information.

### Cherwell Local Plan 2040

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

#### Twitter post



On Wed 4 Oct we'll be holding a Local Plan consultation event at Kidlington Football Club from 3 - 8pm.

Our planning policy team will be on hand with the draft plan and to answer any questions.

We'd love to hear from you, so come along.

More info at cherwell.gov.uk/Local-Plan-con...

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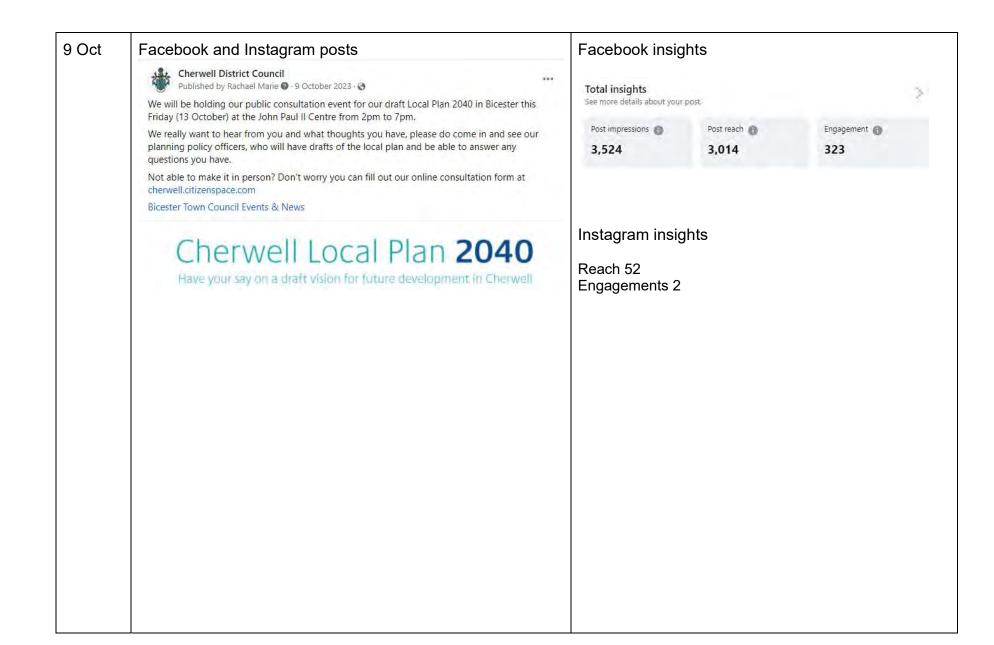


#### Instagram insights

Reach 54 Engagements 0

#### Twitter insights

Impressions 393 Engagements 12 Engagement rate 3.1%



#### Twitter posts Cherwell District Council @ @Cherwellcouncil We'll be at the John Paul II Centre in Bicester from 2pm - 7pm this Friday (13 Oct) at our consultation event for our draft Local Plan 2040. We want to hear from you, please come in and see our planning officers, who'll have drafts of the plan and able to answer any questions. 4:17 PM - Oct 9, 2023 - 502 Views III View post engagements Post your reply Cherwell District Council \* @Cherwellcouncil - Oct 9, 2023 Not able to make it in person? Don't worry you can fill out our online consultation form at cherwell citizenspace.com Cherwell Local Plan 2040 Have your say on a disit vision for future development in Cherwall Consultation runs until 3 November 2023

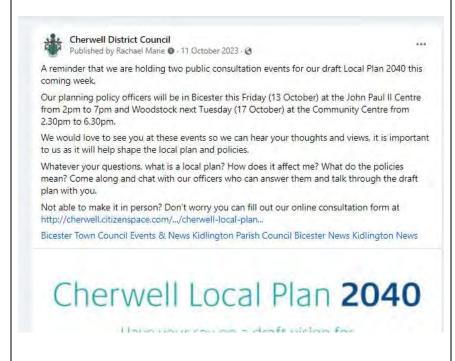
Twitter insights (2)

Impressions 504 Engagements 3 Engagement rate 0.6%

Impressions 169 Engagements 4 Engagement rate 2.4%



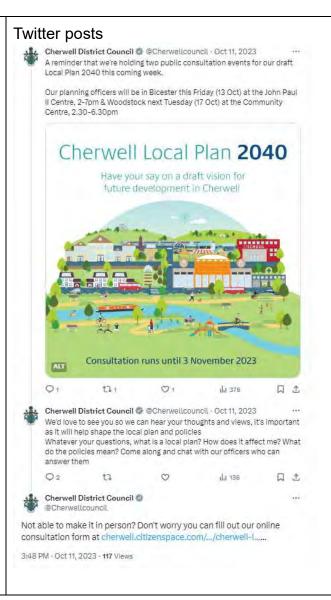
#### Facebook and Instagram posts





#### Instagram insights

Reach 27 Engagements 0



Twitter insights (3)

Impressions 378 Engagements 5 Engagement rate 1.3%

Impressions 138 Engagements 3 Engagement rate 2.2%

Impressions 119 Engagements 1 Engagement rate 0.8%

#### 13 Oct

#### Facebook and Instagram posts



Join us today at John Paul II Centre in Bicester from 2pm to 7pm for our Local Plan consultation event.

It is important to hear from you and our planning policy team will be on hand with the draft plan and more than happy to chat through any questions you may have.

We would love to hear from you, so please do come along and share your thoughts and help us shape the future of Cherwell.

If you are unable to make it today please do take part in our consultation online, https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/.../cherwell-local.../

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### Cherwell Local Plan 2040

Have your say on a draft vision for

#### Facebook insights

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#### Instagram insights

Reach 22 Engagements 0

#### Twitter post



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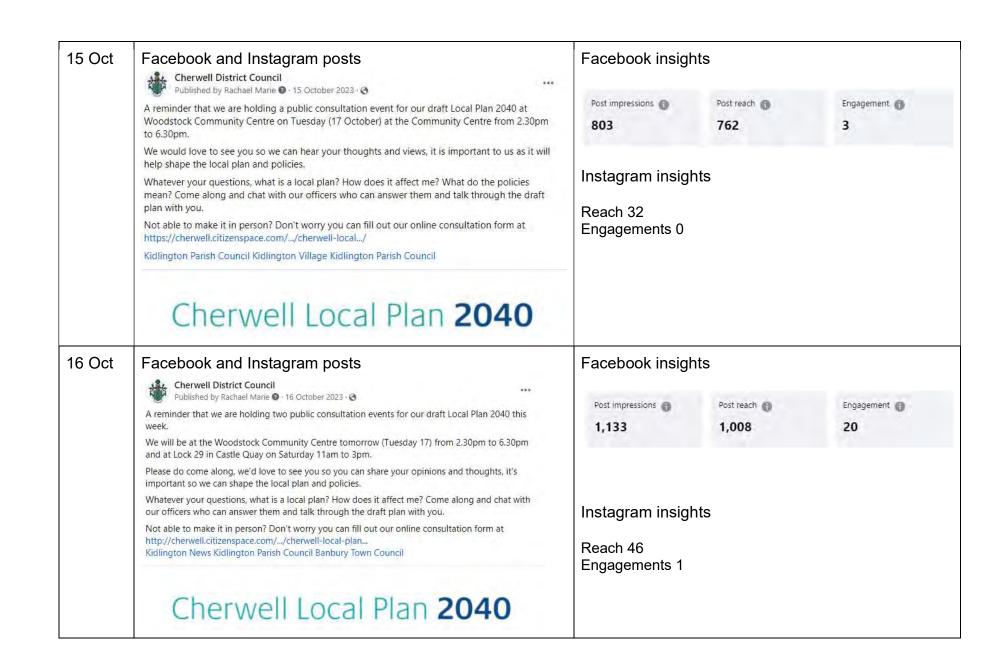
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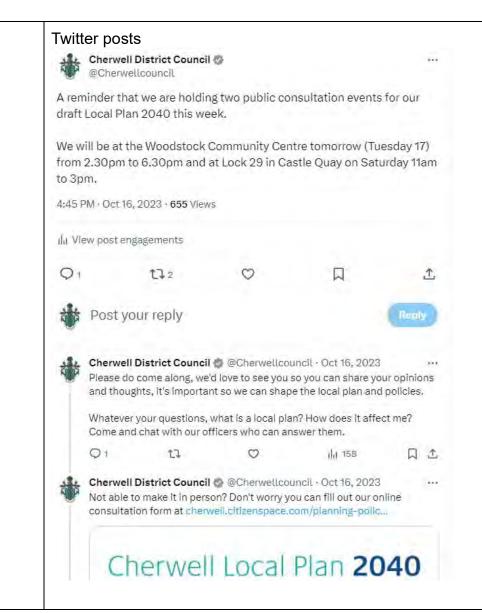
## Cherwell Local Plan 2040

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

Twitter insights

Impressions 765 Engagements 9 Engagement rate 1.2%





Twitter insights (3)

Impressions 656 Engagements 11 Engagement rate 1.7%

Impressions 160 Engagements 1 Engagement rate 0.6%

Impressions 156 Engagements 3 Engagement rate 1.9%



#### Facebook post



Cherwell District Council
Published by Rachael Marie

Published by Rachael Marie 9 · 17 October 2023 · 6

Don't forget our planning policy officers will be at our Local Plan 2040 event at Woodstock Community Centre today from 2.30pm until 6.30pm, please come along and say hi and ask any

They will have drafts of the local plan 2040 and will be able to talk through them with you and answer any questions you have, from what is a local plan to how will it benefit me.

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and let us know your views on the draft plan.

Don't worry if you can't make it, we have an online consultation available too at, https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/.../cherwell-local.../

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Cherwell Local Plan 2040

#### Facebook insights

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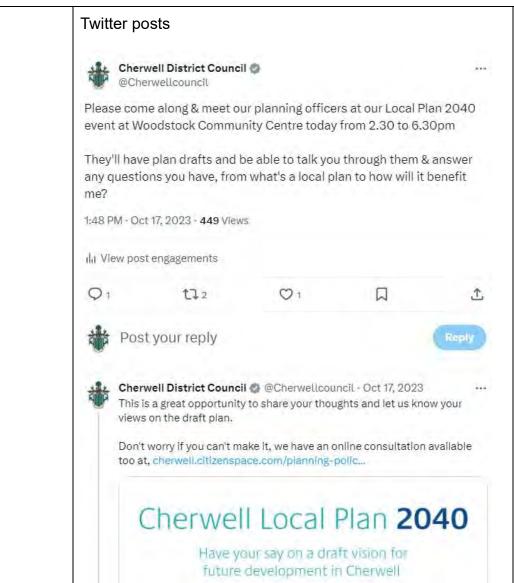
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Engagement 🚯

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#### Twitter insights (2)

Impressions 451 Engagements 5 Engagement rate 1.1%

Impressions 113
Engagements 6
Engagement rate 5.3%

#### 20 Oct

#### Facebook and Instagram posts



Published by Rachael Marie 2 · 20 October 2023 · 3

A reminder that we will be holding our final draft Local Plan 2040 public consultation event tomorrow at Lock 29 in Castle Quay from 11am to 3pm, please come along and say hi and have a look through the draft plan.

Our friendly planning officers will be available to chat about the plan and answer any questions you may have about it.

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and let us know your views on the draft plan.

Don't worry if you can't make it, we have an online consultation available too at, https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/.../cherwell-local.../

Banbury Town Council Banbury Town Council Castle Quay, Banbury

Cherwell Local Plan 2040

#### Facebook insights

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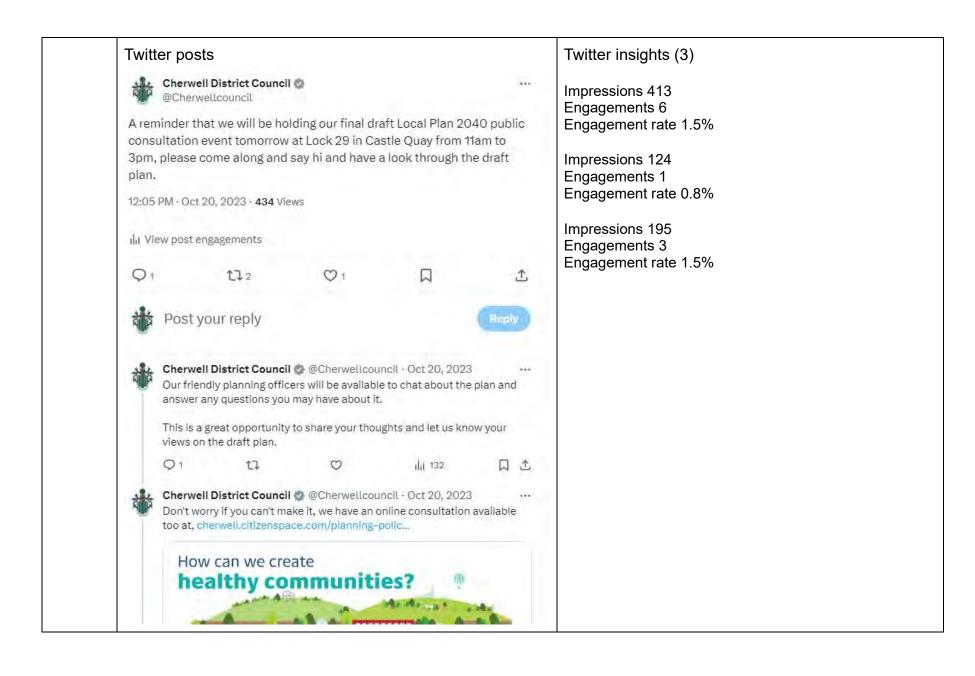
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Engagement 💮

Instagram insights

Reach 43 **Engagements 1** 





future development in Cherwell







Don't miss out on the chance to meet our planning officers & talk over the draft Local Plan 2040 with them.

They'll be at Lock 29, Banbury today from 11-3, we'd love to see you, please come along and say hi and ask any questions.

Share your thoughts & let us know your views.



7:00 AM · Oct 21, 2023 · 403 Views

#### Twitter insights

Impressions 379 Engagements 6 Engagement rate 1.6%



#### Facebook post



A reminder that there's just one week remaining to have your say on our draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040.

A Local Plan provides policies to help achieve sustainable development. The final Plan will guide the decisions we make when developers apply to us for planning permission.

We're keen to hear your views as we continue to work on this key document, so visit our Citizen Space platform to have your say before the consultation closes on Friday 3 November: https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/.../cherwell-local-plan...

#### Cherwell Local Plan 2040

#### Twitter post



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## Cherwell Local Plan 2040

Have your say on a draft vision for

#### Facebook insights

Post impressions (1) Post reach (1) Engagement (1)
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#### Twitter insights

Impressions 1,573 Engagements 31 Engagement rate 2.0%

#### 1 Nov

#### Facebook and Instagram posts



Our draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040 aims to guide future development so it helps build healthy and sustainable communities, creates opportunities for all, and improves the places we live, work and play.

There's just a couple of days left to take part in the current round of consultation on the emerging Plan.

At the end of the consultation we will consider all of your feedback, continue to gather further evidence, and work towards finalising the Plan by next autumn.

Read more and have your say www.cherwell.gov.uk/PlanConsultationClosing

### Cherwell Local Plan 2040

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#### Twitter post



Our draft Local Plan aims to guide future development so it helps build healthy and sustainable communities and improves the places we live, work and play.

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#### Facebook insights



#### Instagram insights

Reach 31 Engagements 0

#### Twitter insights

Impressions 624 Engagements 17 Engagement rate 2.7%

#### 2. Media relations and coverage

The council raised awareness of key consultation dates with timely press releases. These were successful in shaping local news coverage.

Date	Activity	Notes
16 Aug	Banbury FM: "Councillors to have their say on draft Local Plan consultation"	
5 Sept	<ul> <li>Press release issued: "Consultation on Draft Local Plan to proceed later this month".</li> <li>Banbury Guardian: "Banbury residents invited to have their say on future developments in the area"</li> </ul>	Coverage reflects council press release
12 Oct	Oxfordshire Independent: "More housing proposed for Kassam Stadium site"	
20 Oct	Banbury Guardian: "Chance for residents to have their say on development of Banbury"	Coverage reflects council press release
21 Sept	Planning Resource: "Local Plan Watch: Oxon council to consult on local plan after beefing up affordable housing commitments"	
22 Sept	<ul> <li>Press release issued: "Cherwell Local Plan consultation starts".</li> <li>Banbury Guardian: "Banbury residents invited to share thoughts on future development of town at council consultation".</li> </ul>	Coverage reflects council press release
31 Oct	Press release issued: "Final few days to have say on the Draft Local Plan".	

2 Nov	Oxford Mail: "Cherwell public invited to make final comments on local plan"	Coverage reflects council press release
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#### 3. Visual assets

The communications and marketing team worked with a graphic designer to create a suite of visual assets for use across digital and print channels. This work ensured that the consultation had a consistent look and feel and illustrations of some of the key themes within the Local Plan. These assets appeared on social media posts and on materials such as pull-up banners and leaflets which were deployed by officers at in-person events.





# **Appendix 13: Articles on Staff Intranet**

A key topic this week is planning-related - today we begin a six-week consultation on our draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040, and I encourage you, friends and family to help shape Cherwell's future.

The consultation runs until 3 November 2023, and you can share comments at cherwell.citizenspace.com

We also have four consultation events across Cherwell and at Woodstock, where all can view the draft plan and ask our amazing planning policy team questions.

The dates and locations are:

- Kidlington Football Club (OX5 1AT) on Wednesday, 4 October, 3pm to 8pm
- Bicester John Paul II Centre (OX26 6AW) on Friday, 13 October, 2pm to 7pm
- Woodstock Community Centre (OX20 1PB) on Tuesday, 17 October, 2.30pm to 6.30pm
- Lock 29, Castle Quay, Banbury (OX16 5UN) on Saturday, 21 October, 11am to 3pm

The Local Plan holds immense significance for Cherwell. It is pivotal in shaping responsible economic growth, creating thriving, healthy communities, addressing climate change, and safeguarding our precious environment.

I must congratulate the planning policy team for their massive effort in pulling this together. Fantastic work, well done, team!

Please share the news and encourage people to have their say.

# **Appendix 14: Cherwell Parish Bulletin Emails**

From: Parishes

**Sent:** 25 September 2023 18:55

**Subject:** Cherwell Parish Bulletin\_25 September 2023

**Attachments:** 06\_Cherwell Local plan Poster.pdf; 06\_Cherwell Local plan flyer.pdf; 06\_Warm

Welcome letter Sep 2023 Village Halls.pdf

**Importance:** High

#### To: All Cherwell Town Councils, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings – 25 September 2023

#### **Dear Colleagues**

This month's bulletin contains some items that will be of particular interest to village and community halls. We appreciate that for the most part these are not directly owned or managed by Parish councils, but they are often the social hub of a village, so there is usually a strong informal connection.

Here's a list of the items in this month's bulletin:

- Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 Consultation Starts
- Village Halls Grant Scheme launched
- Town & Parish Charter Event 26 October
- Community Food Organisation Grants
- Winter "Warm Welcome" Network
- Community Ownership Fund Update
- September Nature Notes
- CDC Council & Committee Meetings

I urge you to forward this update to all your councillors and encourage them to forward to any group or individual who might benefit from the information. We know how much correspondence Parish Clerks receive so we try to keep this bulletin brief and relevant. We always welcome your feedback on the format and content of Parish Bulletin.

The next scheduled Parish Bulletin will be on 30 October 2023.

Best regards
Natalie Sanchez
Healthy Communities Partner
Community Services
Cherwell District Council

DD: Email:

Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA

W: <u>www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk</u> F: <u>www.facebook.com/cherwelldistrictcouncil</u> T: @Cherwellcouncil



## Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 Consultation Starts

We have begun a six-week consultation on our draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 and are encouraging residents to have their say.

The consultation runs until 3 November 2023, with people signposted to <a href="https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft">https://cherwell.citizenspace.com/planning-policy/cherwell-local-plan-review-2040-consultation-draft</a> to share their comments.

We have sent each parish authority a draft Local Plan in the post and other information. This includes posters and flyers, which we hope you can display in your community. We have attached electronic versions of the flyer and poster so you can print more or share them through your digital channels, such as social media or email. We will promote it through our channels, but we would appreciate your help informing your community of the consultation.

Four consultation events are being held across Cherwell and at Woodstock, where residents can drop in, view the draft plan and ask our planning policy team questions.

The dates and locations are:

- Kidlington Football Club (OX5 1AT) on Wednesday, 4 October, 3pm to 8pm
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- Lock 29, Castle Quay, Banbury (OX16 5UN) on Saturday, 21 October, 11am to 3pm

We are also proposing to hold parish workshops during the consultation period, and we will be contacting you again shortly with details and invitations.

The final Local Plan will outline objectives and strategies for housing, infrastructure, and employment land up to 2040. It will introduce innovative policies to ensure the availability of affordable homes, reduce carbon emissions from development, and safeguard the district's natural and historic environments.

Now is the best time for everyone to get involved.

## **Village Hall Grant Scheme Launched**

CDC is today (25 September) launching a new Grants scheme for village and rural community halls (as trailed in the last two issues of Parish Bulletin). The scheme is funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

Grants of up to £25k will be available (on a match funding basis) for capital projects that can increase the sustainability or useability of a village Hall. All known village halls will be sent an application pack (please note, halls in Banbury and Bicester are not eligible to apply). For further detail please call Kevin Larner or email grants@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

#### **Town & Parish Charter Event – 26 October**

Watch out for the Oxfordshire Councils Charter event in Oxford on 26<sup>th</sup> October. You'll get a proper invitation soon but keep the date free...

## **Community Food Organisation Grants**

CDC's Community Food Organisation Grants, which opened towards the end of last year, will be coming to a close on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

We have been pleased to be able to support a wide range of community projects across Cherwell, increasing the provision of food for those in need.

We hope to be able to continue to support a variety of food related projects when we introduce our new food grant later this year. Please bring this to the attention of any community organisation in your parish that runs (or might be interested in developing) food related activities or services for people in need.

For more information email <u>healthyplaceshaping@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</u>

### Winter "Warm Welcome" Network

An opportunity has arisen for town and parish councils to express an interest in a scheme that Oxfordshire County Council are proposed to launch in the new year to install public EV charging facilities in rural Cherwell.

The proposed grant scheme will use central government funding to cover the cost of the EV charging equipment and installation at places like village halls and community buildings, providing community organisations an opportunity to provide much-needed EV charging to residents and visitors and to potentially generate a small income stream from the people who use the facility to charge their electric vehicle.

At this stage, Oxfordshire County Council are trying to establish how much appetite there is from town and Parish Councils and other community organisations and are asking interested parties to complete an expression of interest form. If you are interested in the scheme, you have until 15 September to submit an expression of interest, via Oxfordshire County Council's website <a href="https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ev-microhubs-eoi">https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ev-microhubs-eoi</a>.

Later in the year, the government will announce whether Oxfordshire has been awarded the funding and hopefully planning can then begin for working alongside town and Parish Councils to get the EV charging points installed.

## Community Ownership Fund re-opens for applications

Today (25 September), <u>DLUHC announced the latest round of allocations from the government's Community Ownership Fund.</u>

The Community Ownership Fund has now given £49.3 million for 195 projects across the UK. The fund is currently open again for bids and will close on 11 October, and voluntary and community groups are being encouraged to apply for up to £2 million in funding.

The funding will help community groups take ownership of local institutions that have fallen into disrepair or are under threat of closure and give them a new lease of life.

Recent changes to the fund have made it easier for voluntary and community groups to apply.

The government is providing funding over four years to support community groups in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost such as community centres, parks, pubs and post office buildings.

For further information and guidance on how to apply, the Community Ownership Fund: prospectus can be found online.

## **September Nature Notes**

As the first day of autumn approaches, it's a perfect opportunity to savour the final moments of summer. September is a month of great change for wildlife so keep your eyes open for fluttering butterflies, the hum of busy bees and the flight of birds overhead. Sit outside in the evening and you may see bats flying out of the rising darkness.

To find out more about seasonal wildlife and connecting with nature, go here - www.cherwell.gov.uk/connect-with-nature

A date for your diary - Wild Oxfordshire's Local Environment Groups Conference will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October (10-4) at Kirtlington Village Hall. More detail will be included here nearer to the time - <a href="https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/action/community-led-action">https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/action/community-led-action</a>

## CDC Council and Committee Meetings

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- Executive Committee at 6.30pm on Monday 2 October
- Planning Committee at 4.00pm on Thursday 5 October
- Shareholder Committee at 6.30pm on Thursday 12 October
- Full Council at 6.30pm on Monday 16 October
- Executive Business Planning Meeting at 4.00pm on Monday 23 October
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday 24 October
- Budget Planning Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday 31 October

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#### To: All Cherwell Town Councils, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings – 30 October 2023

#### **Dear Colleagues**

Please find below the latest update on issues that will be of interest to you or your residents. It is a busy time of year, so this is a jumbo edition, but please do take a few moments to read right through it.

Here's a list of the items in this month's bulletin:

- Parish Liaison Meeting 8 November 2023
- Code of Conduct Training 14 November
- Annual Review of Allowances Parish Survey
- Precept Setting Reminder
- Oxfordshire Councils Charter
- Final Few days to have say on the Draft Local Plan
- Meetings in November for Villages & Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- Annual Canvass 2023
- Banbury 2050 Update
- Elections Act 2022 Update
- 2 May 2024 Elections Review of Recharges
- CDC Management Structure Chart
- CDC Meeting Calendar 2024/25
- CDC Council & Committee Meetings

I urge you to forward this update to all your councillors and encourage them to forward to any group or individual who might benefit from the information. We know how much correspondence Parish Clerks receive so we try to keep this bulletin brief and relevant. We always welcome your feedback on the format and content of Parish Bulletin.

The next scheduled Parish Bulletin will be on 27 November 2023.

Best regards

**Natalie Sanchez** 

**Healthy Communities Partner** 

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## Parish Liaison Meeting – 8 November 2023

We are grateful to all the parishes that have already responded to the invitation. It will be helpful if everyone else can respond (whether yes or no) by next Monday (06 November).

On the agenda are: Leader of CDC's Update; Village Hall Grant Scheme, Oxfordshire Town & Parish Charter; Planning Update

We keenly invite your input to the Parish Liaison meeting. If you have questions in advance, or issues you would like to be addressed, please do let us know.

## Code of Conduct Training for Parishes, 4pm-6pm Thursday 14 November

The Monitoring Officer will be holding a virtual training session on the Code of Conduct for all parish councillors and clerks in the district. The Teams link will be sent to clerks to forward to your parish councillors. Please do attend yourself and encourage as many of your councillors to attend as possible. We will share the slides afterwards.

The session will include: overview of the Code; when it applies; interests; bias and predetermination; code of conduct complaints.

## Annual Review of Allowances – Parish Survey

You will have received a request from the Democratic and Elections Team to answer some questions regarding the payment of Member, Chairman, travel, and subsistence allowances. If you haven't already submitted your responses, please do reply by 15 November.

The Council's Independent Remuneration Panel will be meeting on 4 December 2023 to review the current (2023/2024) Members' Allowances Scheme, which includes Parish/Town Allowances. The Panel's recommendations will then be considered by the Council at the 26 February 2024 Full Council meeting. Parish/Town Councils will be sent a copy of the Panel's report in order to decide whether or not to adopt the recommendations.

## **Precept Setting Reminder**

We are aiming to circulate the Parish tax base figures w/c 11 December. These figures will be provisional and they are not finally confirmed until approval by the Executive Committee on 8 January 2024. However, we do not expect them to change, so precept requests can be made on the basis of them.

If you intend to set a precept, please reserve a slot in your Parish Council agenda. Your precept request should be submitted to the Council's finance team, by 12 January 2024. All precepts will be considered by CDC's full Council on 26 February 2024.

### Oxfordshire Councils Charter - Consultation

We're working with the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils, County and the other district councils, and town and parish councils and parish meetings to develop a shared charter. The charter will be a commitment of principles to support successful partnership working across all councils in Oxfordshire.

On 26 October, the partners held a successful event where representatives of our local councils were invited to share their reflections to help shape the content of the charter. We've now launched an online survey which asks the same questions, so that all councillors across the county can shape the priorities, aims and principles of the charter. Visit Let's talk Oxfordshire for all the details and to have your say.

## Final few days to have say on the Draft Local Plan

Residents just have a few days left to take part in the current round of consultation on a draft vision for the future of development in north Oxfordshire.

Cherwell District Council is running a six-week consultation on its draft Local Plan and people have until Friday 3 of November to have their say.

A Local Plan is the starting point for making decisions when developers apply to the council for permission to build new homes, places of work or infrastructure.

People can get involved by visiting the council's online consultation platform.

## **Meetings in November for Village Halls**

A reminder that there will be three or four meetings for Village Halls in November, the theme is EV charging points and solar panels. Thanks to those who have signed up already.

<u>'In Person' Meetings</u> will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Checkendon Village Hall (South Oxfordshire) from 7pm until 9pm and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Enstone Village Hall (West Oxfordshire) from 7pm until 9pm.

Online meetings will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the morning (TBC) and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the evening from 7pm until 9pm (confirmed). To book a place contact tessa.hall@communityfirstoxon.org

On hand to talk about the EV charge point roll out in rural Oxfordshire will be Jenny Figueiredo the EV Charging Project Manager from Oxfordshire County Council. Michael Esvelt from Oxford Brookes EiE will be talking about solar panels and how they can potentially benefit halls.

#### **Annual Canvass 2023**

We are coming to the final month of the 2023 annual canvass and the new electoral register will be published on 1 December 2023. To receive a copy and subsequent monthly updates for your Parish you must complete and return to <a href="mailto:elections@cherwell-dc.gov..uk">elections@cherwell-dc.gov..uk</a> a signed register request form. The form must be completed annually and the Democratic and Elections Team cannot send you a register if you haven't returned the form. Please contact the <a href="mailto:Democratic and Elections team">Democratic and Elections team</a> if you would like the form resending.

## **Banbury 2050 Update**

Banbury 2050 is a major programme that will shape and influence the town's future. It was launched earlier in the year, with the initiation of an engagement on the future of Banbury town centre. An online survey and series of workshops aim to reach a wider audience and as many people as possible in the local community.

In preparing for the launch of the survey, we invited you to a briefing session. For those of you who were unable to attend a recording of the session is available on request (please email <a href="mailto:Banbury2050@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">Banbury2050@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a>). This is the first steps to understanding what Banbury is like now and what it needs to become a thriving and

vibrant place. The approach is simple and straightforward. That's what will make this a success.

## **Elections Act 2022 Update**

You will already be aware of the requirement for electors to show an accepted form of photo ID in the polling station to be issued with a ballot paper, which came into force in May 2023. Further provisions of the Elections Act, relating to postal and proxy voting, are coming into force this week. Changes relating to overseas electors and EU voting and candidacy rights will be coming into force in 2024.

We are updating the Electoral Services pages on our <u>website</u> to reflect the changes and will keep these updated as changes come into force.

## 2 May 2024 Elections – Review of Recharges

On 2 May 2024, there are elections scheduled for one seat in each of the 16 Cherwell district wards and one third of parishes have scheduled elections. Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner will also be held on 2 May 2024. Details of the elections taking place on 2 May 2024 are attached. We will be in touch with clerks who have elections on 2 May with details of briefings, the first of which will be early 2024.

As part of the council's 2024/25 budget setting process, we are reviewing the district council's recharges to parish councils for running elections to ensure we recover the costs incurred. Whilst this will be subject to approval by Council as part of the 2024/2025 budget at the 26 February 2024 Council meeting, the Deputy Returning Officer will in the next couple of weeks send you the recharge levels that will go forward to Council to assist you in your own budget setting.

We are updating the Electoral Services pages on our <u>website</u> to include some key information about the elections. If you have any questions, please contact the <u>Democratic</u> and <u>Elections Team</u>.

## CDC Who is Who Management Structure chart

Please find attached the latest structure chart which shows you CDC's senior management team and who sits underneath them.

## CDC Meeting Calendar 2024/25

The CDC meeting calendar (including Member induction dates) for 2024/2025 was agreed at the 17 October Council meeting. All Council and committee dates have been added to our <u>website</u>. A copy is also attached, which includes the Member induction dates. Please do have regard to our meeting dates when scheduling your meetings, particularly after the May elections as there are mandatory Induction events which newly elected Councillors will be required to attend and mandatory Committee training.

## **CDC Council and Committee Meetings**

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- Budget Planning Committee at 6.30pm on Monday 31 October
- Personnel Committee at 6.30pm on Wednesday 1 November
- Planning Committee at 4.00pm on Thursday 2 November
- Executive Committee at 6.30pm on Monday 6 November
- Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8 November
- Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 November
- Personnel Committee at 6.30pm on Monday 20 November
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee at 6.30pm on Tuesday 28 November

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# **Appendix 15: Local Green Space Submissions**

#### **Local Green Space Submissions**

Site:	Town/Parish:	Proposed as:
Bicester Community	Bicester	Local Green Space
Wellbeing Garden	2.000.0	
Banbury Lane	Nethercote	Local Green Space
Stratfield Brake	Kidlington	Local Green Space
Church Street	Kidlington	Local Green Space
Conservation Area and	9	
setting of St Mary's		
Church		
Hanwell Sports Field	Hanwell	Local Green Space
Field between Park Farm	Hanwell	Local Green Space
and the Castle Grounds		·
Bury Moor Fields	Kidlington	Local Green Space
Avon Crescent	Bicester	Local Green Space
Bowmont Square	Bicester	Local Green Space
Browning Drive	Bicester	Local Green Space
Dove Green	Bicester	Local Green Space
Dangerfield	Bicester	Local Green Space
Derwent Green	Bicester	Local Green Space
Fane Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Hamilton Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Hudson Street	Bicester	Local Green Space
Isis Avenue	Bicester	Local Green Space
Kings Meadow	Bicester	Local Green Space
Recreation Ground		-
Loddon Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Meredith Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
St Mary's Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Trent Crescent	Bicester	Local Green Space
Tubb Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Tweed Crescent	Bicester	Local Green Space
Tweed Crescent 2	Bicester	Local Green Space
Tweed Crescent 3	Bicester	Local Green Space
Wear Road	Bicester	Local Green Space
Thames Avenue	Bicester	Local Green Space
Keta Field	Bicester	Local Green Space
Bicester School Fields	Bicester	Local Green Space
The Oval	Bicester	Local Green Space
Shelley Close	Bicester	Local Green Space
Leach Road Allotments	Bicester	Local Green Space
Evenlode Allotments	Bicester	Local Green Space
Colne Close Allotments	Bicester	Local Green Space
George Street	Bicester	Local Green Space