

Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040
Planning for Cherwell to 2040 - A Community Involvement Paper
July 2020

Representation Form

Cherwell District Council has prepared a document called *Planning for Cherwell to 2040: A Community Involvement Paper* which is the first stage of consultation to inform a new district wide Local Plan.

We wish to engage with our local communities, partners and stakeholders. We want to ensure that a wide cross-section of views are obtained to help us identify, understand and examine the main social, environmental and economic needs that we will have to consider when we plan for Cherwell's future development needs. This Paper does not contain any proposals or policy options, but highlights needs and issues to stimulate discussion and debate.

We are also making a 'call for sites' and inviting comments on a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

These documents are available to view for comment from **Friday 31 July 2020 to 11.59pm Monday 14 September 2020.**

To view the Community Involvement Paper and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and Call for Sites form please visit www.cherwell.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultation.

We are currently unable to place hard copy documents for viewing at our normal deposit locations due to COVID-19 restrictions.

How to use this form

Please complete **Part A** in full.

Then complete **Part B** for each question you wish to comment on.

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 2040.

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.

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 return completed forms:

By Email to: PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Planning Policy, Conservation and Design, 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.

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PART A

	Details of the person / body making the comments	Details of the agent submitting the comments on behalf of another person / body (if applicable)
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PART B – Please complete Part B for each question you wish to comment on

Question 1: Purpose of this Document – What planning policies might we need to help us if COVID-19 persists? What lessons can we learn to help us plan for the future?

Question 2: Identification of Issues and Needs – What evidence do you think the Council needs to prepare the Cherwell Local Plan Review?

Question 3: District Wide Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the district-wide issues we have identified? Are there any others you would like to raise?

- Development
 - Sites at the “edges” of Bicester, continue to pass plans despite opposition, and existing phases are not reserved or occupied. Also these developments are all large scale facilities, no opportunities for microbusiness. Also low skilled employment.
 - Transport not upgraded and road networks not sufficiently expanded.
- Villages & large scale housing developments
 - Move towards management companies which residents have frequent complaints regarding the service received and upkeep and struggle to resolve these, and ask for Parish council support. This is despite the significant fees the management companies charge.
 - School capacity in the vicinity doesn’t appear to keep pace with demand from new developments, and the impact then on lack of transport from villages/developments to the nearest or offered school place.
 - No improvement in public transport in villages, frequency and hours transport runs, e.g. Ambrosden no bus from Bicester town after 7pm weekdays. This is at odds with the aim of reducing car journeys and pollution.
 - Need to support local villages with outdoor sporting facilities, in addition to the standard play areas, so accessible both distance and for informal use (not sports teams/clubs) particularly younger children, also given the lack of public transport available on an evening.
- Town Centres
 - Encourage independent shop keepers/businesses both retail and leisure, to offer variety and attract residents and footfall.
 - Encourage Market stallholders, again to attract residents and footfall.
 - The approval and expansion of out of town retail parks in Bicester appear to go against the desire to maintain and keep the town centre leisure and retail businesses.
- Highways & Transport
 - Upkeep of local roads including potholes and resurfacing, particularly through villages and accessing villages.
 - Cycle Paths – the expansion and the upkeep of existing paths.
 - Public Transport – Expensive, particularly train costs, circa £5k per annum for a season ticket to London.
 - Bus frequency and timetable start and end hours.
 - Bicester roads appear to be over capacity, particularly on certain routes A41, around Graven Hill, Bicester village.
- Housing
 - Increase in affordable and adaptable housing
 - Availability of environmentally and sustainable housing, and that is actually affordable. The price of houses in the Eco village in Bicester was higher per square foot than other new builds.

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- Employment
 - Encouraging and facilitating higher skilled, higher wage jobs, encouraging skills and training opportunities. A large percentage of developments appear to contradict this through increasing warehouses, retail, particularly in the Bicester area.
- Natural Environment
 - Within and on the outskirts of the towns the balance of development and natural environment appears to be weighted towards development, particularly on the “edges” of Bicester.
 - Warehouses and retail parks vs fields.
 - The impact of these ware houses and extended/24 hrs on light pollution

Question 4: Banbury Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the Banbury issues we have identified? Are there any others?

Question 5: Bicester Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the Bicester issues we have identified? Are there any others you would like to raise?

- Town centre – encourage independent shops, retail, leisure with careful planning of infrastructure to be able to support and manage with demand from 10,000 homes.
- Aesthetic of some of the new build commercial buildings eg the new hotel opposite Kingsmere. The houses are all attractive and in keeping with Oxfordshire the commercial buildings, retail and leisure are often of significant height and ugly.
- The employment offered through developments is low skill retail and warehouse

Question 6: Kidlington Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the Kidlington issues we have identified? Are there any others you would like to raise?

Question 7: Heyford Park Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the Heyford Park issues we have identified? Are there any others you would like to raise?

Question 8: Rural Area Planning Issues – Do you have any observations on the rural issues we have identified? Are there any others you would like to raise?



Question 9: Key Themes – Do you agree with the Key Themes identified? Are there other Key Themes the Plan should address?

Question 10: Maintaining and Developing a Sustainable Local Economy – Do you have any observations on the issues we have identified for this theme? Are there any others you would like to raise?

Question 11: Meeting the Challenge of climate change – Do you have any observations on the issues we have identified for this theme? Are there any others you would like to raise?

Question 12: Healthy Place-shaping – Do you have any observations on the issues we have identified for this theme? Are there any others you would like to raise?

Question 13: Establishing a Vision and Objectives – Do we need a new vision for the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040? What should be its key priorities?

Key Priorities:

- **Employment to support new residents from significant number of houses planned to be built**
- **Housing -suitable, sustainable, and a mix of housing types to offer affordable, adaptable, environmentally friendly. A range of housing to meet requirements of single people, couples, families and an elderly population.**
- **Transport & road infrastructure to meet the employment and housing demand.**
- **Facilities to achieve healthy lifestyles for both mind and body, including sporting, open spaces, maintain heritage and attractions for education and leisure.**

Question 14: Call for Sites – Do you wish to propose any sites for the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040? Please provide us with a location plan and details of your proposals. We have prepared a site submission form to help you.

Question 15: Preparing the Plan – Do you have any comments specifically on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report that accompanies this consultation paper?

Question 16: Methods of engagement – Are there any specific methods of engagement you would like us to consider in preparing the Local Plan and updating our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)?

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 11.59PM ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 BY EMAIL TO: PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE SEND BY POST TO:

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