

Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part 1)
Partial Review – Oxford's Unmet Housing Need
Regulation 19 Consultation - Proposed Submission Documents July 2017
Representation Form

The Proposed Submission Documents are available for inspection and comment from Monday 17 July 2017 to 5pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

Representations received after this date and time may not be considered.

The documents are available online at www.cherwell.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultation and at the locations specified in the Statement of Representations Procedure.

How to use this form

Please refer to the accompanying Guidance Notes.

Please complete **Part A** in full.

Then complete **Part B for each part of the document you wish to comment on.**

As well as the proposed Local Plan (Partial Review) this form can also be used to comment on the sustainability appraisal and other supporting documents.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANONYMOUS OR CONFIDENTIAL COMMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. YOUR NAME AND COMMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN THE CONSULTATION IS COMPLETE, BUT PERSONAL INFORMATION (SUCH AS YOUR ADDRESS OR EMAIL ADDRESS) WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Please return completed forms:

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

Or by post to: Planning Policy Consultation, Planning Policy Team, Strategic Planning and the Economy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA.

If you have any questions about completing the form, please telephone 01295 227985.

Your details will be added to our mailing list which means that you will be automatically notified of the submission of the local plan for independent examination, of the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out the examination, and of the adoption of the local plan. If you subsequently wish to be removed from our mailing list please contact us.

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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Please state how many Part B forms are submitted with this representation	3... in 3 separate documents because the format would not allow copy and paste of multiple section B's within one doc.
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PART B – Please complete a separate Part B form for each part of the document you wish to comment on

Name (to ensure the comments are correctly recorded from each form)	Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum
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1. To which document does this representation relate?

Proposed Submission Plan	YES
Policies Map within the Plan	PLEASE SELECT
Sustainability Appraisal Report	PLEASE SELECT
Other Document <i>(please specify)</i>	

2. To which part of the document does this representation relate?

Paragraph <i>(please specify)</i>	
Policy <i>(please specify)</i>	POLICY PR4a – Sustainable Transport
Table <i>(please specify)</i>	
Appendix <i>(please specify)</i>	
Other reference in document <i>(please specify)</i>	

3. Do you consider the Proposed Submission Plan to be:

Legally & Procedurally Compliant?	PLEASE SELECT
Compliant with the Duty to Cooperate?	PLEASE SELECT
<i>The 'tests' of Soundness:</i>	
Positively Prepared	NO
Justified	NO
Effective	NO
Consistent with National Policy	NO

4. Please provide the reasons if you have selected 'NO' to any part of Question 3 and consider the Plan to be uncompliant and/or unsound. Please make reference to the part of the document you have identified. Alternatively, please explain why you consider the Plan to be compliant and/or sound.

The policy has not been positively prepared, as existing roads approaching the north of Oxford are already at full capacity in peak periods. There are few indications that the work on the Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts has much improved traffic flow and the pollution levels are no doubt as high as before.

Oxfordshire County Council's Transport Plan relies heavily on the introduction of rapid transit buses and improved cycle lanes, and this policy expects that the County's Plan will be carried out on time. Highway improvements to be effective need to be more extensive than we have experienced so far and it is unrealistic to expect that they will be implemented in the necessary time scale in the present economic climate. Even if adequate improvements are planned there will be a mis-match between the speed of development and the rate of their completion. Buses approaching from out of city Park and Ride facilities will be unlikely to cope with all the increased demand resulting from the 4,400 dwellings planned much closer to the city.

The policy is not justified. The A4144 (Woodstock Road) and A4165 (Banbury Road) each currently carry over 17,000 vehicles every day and 46,000 people a day commute into Oxford to work. The developments proposed by Cherwell District Council to the north of the city seem to ignore the fact that the majority of the employment sites are to the south east of the city. It does not make sense to build in these northerly areas, simply encouraging workers to cross the city by car. In addition, the policy does not appear to take account of the likely effect on the roads of building on the Northern Gateway site, with thousands of employees and hundreds of residents. Currently, the Northern Gateway AAP allows for 90,000 sq.m of employment space, and 500 dwellings.

The policy is not considered to be effective, as it relies heavily on the implementation of the County Transport Plan. If this is not completed on time, the increase in traffic in north Oxford will just lead to even more congestion than already exists. The policy seems to ignore the fact that many people still prefer to drive their cars.

The policy is not in line with national policy, because its delivery is questionable, as explained above.

This response is from the Steering Committee of the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum representing the known concerns of the residents of the Forum area (population mid 2013 - 6037) as expressed in responses to a questionnaire and at meetings and workshops.

Please see the report on our website of the 375 respondents who took part in our 2015 questionnaire. http://www.wolvercotenf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/WNFQuestionnaire2015_AllAreas-1.pdf

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

5. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. Please provide any suggested wording or re-wording you consider necessary.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

6. If you are seeking a change to the Plan, do you wish to express an interest to participate in the Examination?

I wish to participate at the oral examination

YES

7. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum would wish to be represented at the examination because we represent a large number of local people who will be affected by any development in Cherwell near to the northern boundary of the city.

(Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Please note: the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the Examination.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 5PM ON TUESDAY 10 October 2017 BY EMAIL TO:

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