

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

Representation Form from LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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.

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?

Don't assume that the status quo is going to persist for the entirety of the Plan, a degree of flexibility should be built in where at all possible.

Future planning should reflect the pandemic length for the foreseeable future and there may well even be a further pandemic so "pandemic mitigation" policies should be considered.

The home / work planning guidelines should seek to address the challenges highlighted by the crisis – for instance making sure that homes are built for home working, but ensure that this doesn't increase social isolation. Also ensure that the social infrastructure of internet and broadband are built to accommodate future planning.

A further consideration should be how this Plan will serve a 'lockdown' community.

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

The Parish felt this was better left to the trained professionals.

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?

The Parish believed that the plan had done a reasonable job of identifying the issues.

Affordable housing should have more focus and should be expanded beyond key workers as it doesn't address the needs surrounding developing a local community. The current process doesn't appear to provide enough social housing.

There is a great need for rented properties, both social and private housing and there is still a lack of smaller houses, both for those at the beginning of their property-owning tenure and as people down-size later in life.

It was felt that the current system of 'land banking' is also an issue.

Minimum standards should be designed for new housing with working from home in mind.

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

The Parish Council had no comment.

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?

Unlike Kidlington, the villages surrounding Bicester have no greenbelt protection to prevent coalescence with the main town and loss of individual identities. A form of green belt buffer zone needs to be agreed in order to prevent this coalescence and protect villages from encroachment.

Concern was also raised about the town centre together with the loss of a number of businesses, and the commercial rates.

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?

The Parish Council had no comment.

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?

The Parish Council had no comment.

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?

The Council strongly agreed with the issues raised.

As mentioned above, the prevention of coalescence between the major conurbations of Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington with the outlying villages is imperative.

The Council would welcome settlement boundaries.

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

Yes, the Key Themes are satisfactory and no others came to mind.

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?

Concern was raised about the Commercial Rates and the way retail is dying.

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?

No further comments.

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?

No further comments.

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?

One key priority should be having an integrated work place – not just infrastructure.

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.

No

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

The Parish Council did not have the opportunity to read the extremely lengthy document.

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)?

As with previous consultations, it should be remembered that in order to get the best from Parish Councils, future consultations should not include the month of August and consideration should be made that many Parish Councils do not meet in August and December; some only meet bi-monthly and all usually have a set schedule of meetings.

Please ensure that the future consultations do not correspond with holiday times.

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

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