

## Planning and Strategic Housing

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**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref:**

**Date: 30 October 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam

### West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043

I am writing to let you know that the District Council has today launched an 8-week public consultation to help shape how future growth is mapped out in our new West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043.

The Spatial Options consultation runs from **3 November to 22 December 2025** and will seek public feedback on four key areas:

- **Extending the Plan period:** Whether to move the end date from 2041 to 2043 to ensure a 15-year period post-adoption in line with national policy. This would raise the housing requirement to 16,290 homes, with an overall supply target of around 18,000 to provide flexibility.
- **Revised settlement hierarchy:** Following feedback from previous consultations, the revised hierarchy responds to residents' concerns and proposes to group towns and villages in a more logical way that better reflects the character and capacity of each place. As part of this, views will also be sought on the most appropriate levels of growth to plan for at each 'tier' of the hierarchy.
- **Previously allocated sites:** How to address existing allocations yet to be delivered, including Salt Cross Garden Village, West Eynsham, and sites at Witney and Carterton. The aim is to refresh and update those allocations to take account of relevant changes in circumstance since the previous Local Plan was adopted in 2018.
- **New potential development areas:** Options for future housing and employment growth, focusing on strategic-scale locations at Carterton and Witney, alongside smaller opportunities at Long Hanborough, Bampton, Standlake, Burford, Charlbury and Tackley. The Carterton Area Strategy sits within this wider approach, aiming to ensure sustainable growth supported by the right infrastructure from the outset.

To ensure the responses we receive are able to be easily analysed, we are encouraging all stakeholders to respond using our online digital platform, available at: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2043](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2043)

Alternatively, written comments can also be submitted as follows:

- Email: [planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk)
- Write to: Planning Policy Team, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 1NB

Please find a copy of the consultation poster enclosed with this letter for public display at your location. A hard copy of the consultation document will also follow to be made available to the public.

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To complement the digital consultation, we will also be running a number of 'in-person' consultation events, details of which are available below:

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Venue</b>                             | <b>Time</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuesday 11 November   | Chipping Norton (Glyme Hall)             | 4-7pm       |
| Thursday 13 November  | Tackley (Village Memorial Hall)          | 6-9pm       |
| Tuesday 18 November   | Witney (Corn Exchange)                   | 5-8pm       |
| Thursday 20 November  | Long Hanborough (Recreation Hall)        | 4-7pm       |
| Tuesday 25 November   | Brize Norton (Elderbanks Hall extension) | 4-7pm       |
| Wednesday 26 November | Bampton (Village Hall)                   | 4-7pm       |
| Tuesday 2 December    | Milton Under Wychwood (Village Hall)     | 4.30-7.30pm |
| Tuesday 9 December    | Standlake (Village Hall)                 | 4-7pm       |

If you have any questions relating to the consultation, please contact the Planning Policy team on [planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Thomson'.

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