



West Oxfordshire District Council has today launched the statutory consultation on the Draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2043.

The consultation will run until 9 October 2026 and is open to all local residents, businesses, community organisations and other interested stakeholders.

The Draft Local Plan sets out:

- The Council's proposed planning policies for West Oxfordshire to 2043.
- The proposed strategy for accommodating future housing, employment and infrastructure needs.
- Proposed site allocations for housing, employment and other forms of development.
- Policies to help address climate change, support nature recovery, improve infrastructure, strengthen the local economy and protect the character of West Oxfordshire's towns, villages and countryside.

Unlike earlier consultation stages, which sought views on emerging ideas, policies and potential development locations, this consultation relates to the Council's proposed submission version of the Local Plan.

This is the final stage of public consultation before the Local Plan is submitted for independent examination. At this stage, comments should focus on whether the Plan is legally compliant and whether it is considered sound.

To make it as easy as possible to have your say, we encourage everyone to submit their comments using our online consultation platform:

www.westoxon.gov.uk/localplan2043

Alternatively, representations can be submitted by:

Email: planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy Team, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, OX28 1NB

Paper copies of the Draft Local Plan and supporting documents are available to view at the Council Offices and at deposit locations across the district.

Come along to one of our drop-in events

If you'd like to find out more or speak to members of the Planning Policy team, we're holding a series of drop-in events during the consultation:

- Tuesday 1 September 2026 at Corn Exchange; Witney from 4-7pm
- Wednesday 9 September 2026 at Town Hall; Carterton from 4.30-7.30pm
- Thursday 10 September 2026 at Town Hall; Chipping Norton from 4-7pm

Can't make our events?

Our virtual consultation room provides an alternative way to explore the draft Local Plan, view information on the proposals, ask questions, and submit your comments at a time that suits you.

Further information about the consultation, supporting documents and how to make a representation is available at:

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If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Policy Team at planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk.