

Notice of a proposal to make a smoke control
order—Clean Air Act 1993 Section 18

[for publication, and posting in conspicuous places]

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSAL FOR A SMOKE CONTROL ORDER

To be made under Section 18 of the Clean Air Act 1993

- 1 Notice is given that Oxford City Council (the **Council**) of The Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX proposes to make an order, in the exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the Clean Air Act 1993, to declare its area to be a smoke control area AND to revoke the existing Smoke Control Orders:

| Smoke Control Order | Date | Area |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | February 1958 | Oxford Central |
| 2 | March 1961 | Oxford Central |
| 3 | July 1958 | Blackbird Leys |
| 4 | April 1964 | City of Oxford |
| 5 | November 1965 | City of Oxford |
| 6 | February 1967 | City of Oxford |
| 7 | April 1968 | City of Oxford |
| 8 | March 1969 | City of Oxford |
| 9 | March 1969 | City of Oxford |
| 10 | April 1970 | City of Oxford |
| 11 | October 1971 | City of Oxford |
| 12 | November 1972 | City of Oxford |
| 13 | September 1973 | City of Oxford |
| 14 | September 1973 | City of Oxford |
| 15 | October 1974 | City of Oxford |
| 16 | March 1975 | City of Oxford |
| 17 | May 1976 | City of Oxford |
| 18 | November 1978 | City of Oxford |
| 19 | April 1982 | City of Oxford |
| 20 | July 1983 | City of Oxford |
| 21 | June 1984 | City of Oxford |
| 22 | August 1985 | City of Oxford |
| 23 | July 1986 | City of Oxford |

- 2 The proposed order is entitled the Oxford City Council Whole Area Smoke Control Order 2024 and it is proposed that it would come into operation in 2024.
- 3 The area covered by the proposed Order is the entire governance area of Oxford City Council.
- 4 If, on any day after the proposed Order comes into operation, smoke is emitted from a chimney of any building within the area covered by the Order, the occupier of that building will be liable to a financial penalty in England, unless the occupier proves that the emission of smoke was caused by the use of an authorised fuel or appliance. In England, the list of authorised fuels and appliances for use in smoke control areas are published by the Secretary of State.

- 5 The effect of the proposed Order is applicable to all buildings or classes of buildings, fireplaces or classes of fireplaces, fixed boiler or industrial plant in the Smoke Control Area.
- 6 Full copies of the proposed Order, and of the map referred to in it, may be inspected free of charge at Oxford City Council, The Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX from 09:00 to 17:00 (Monday to Friday), during the period of eight weeks beginning on 4th December 2023. Or alternatively at: <https://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/policy-and-communications/smoke-control-area-expansion>. Copies of this notice and of the proposed Order will also be available at any of the 19 operational community centres in Oxford during the consultation period.
- 7 Within this eight-week period, any person who will be affected by the proposed Order may object to DEFRA. Any objections must be in writing and addressed to DEFRA at the postal address: Air Quality and Industrial Emissions, Defra, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF. Email: Air.Quality@defra.gov.uk.