

## **Oxford City Local Plan Examination 2040**

### **Matter 2 Duty to Cooperate**

#### **Respondent 190 – Cherwell District Council**

**May 2024**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at the Examination stage of the Oxford Local Plan 2040 (OLP 2040).

Up until the recent May local elections the district council had been a Conservative led administration for over 20 years. Now CDC has a Liberal Democrat led minority administration.

The Council submitted its response to the Regulation 19 consultation, our Chief Executive letter dated 8 March 2024 responding to the City's formal request to meet a proportion of its unmet needs (appended to COM.002), and the subsequent March 2024 Bi-lateral Statement of Common Ground COM.003 under the previous administration. These were informed by the best available evidence.

The new Council administration has not yet had the opportunity to formally consider its position on the emerging Cherwell Local Plan Review. There is a need for it to consider the responses to the most recent Regulation 18 consultation and the evidence prepared.

Before a draft of the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Cherwell Local Plan Review is presented to the Executive for consideration, it will also need to be considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Given these circumstances it is not possible to make further comments at this time.